

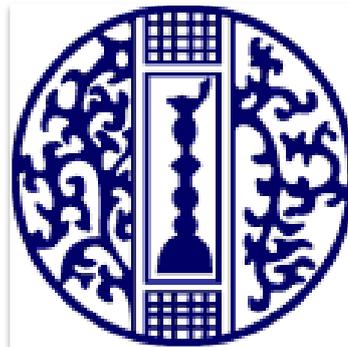
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# Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow

## Trustees' Annual Report

1.4.2017 to 31.3.2018



## Charity contact information



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## Charity Trustees

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## Trustee recruitment and appointment

There has been no change in the year 2017-8.

## Structure, governance and management

### Type of governing document

A charity's governing document is the written statement that sets out its purpose, structure and describes how it will operate. BSP has a written constitution and the charity complies with its governing document. The document is freely available to the public and uploaded on the BSP website.

## Objectives and activities

The aims and objectives of the organisation:

- To bring together Bengali speaking residents in and around Glasgow in the organisation and also those residents who wish to participate in all forms of Bengali cultural activities to maintain their heritage.
- To promote social and cultural interests through social gatherings and to create an active interest in all humane problems affecting the members of the organisation.
- To develop friendly relationship with host community and promote racial harmony and integration.
- To promote social cohesion and supportive environment for aging population.
- To encourage the advancement of education for both our senior and junior members
- To promote advancement of health to the community

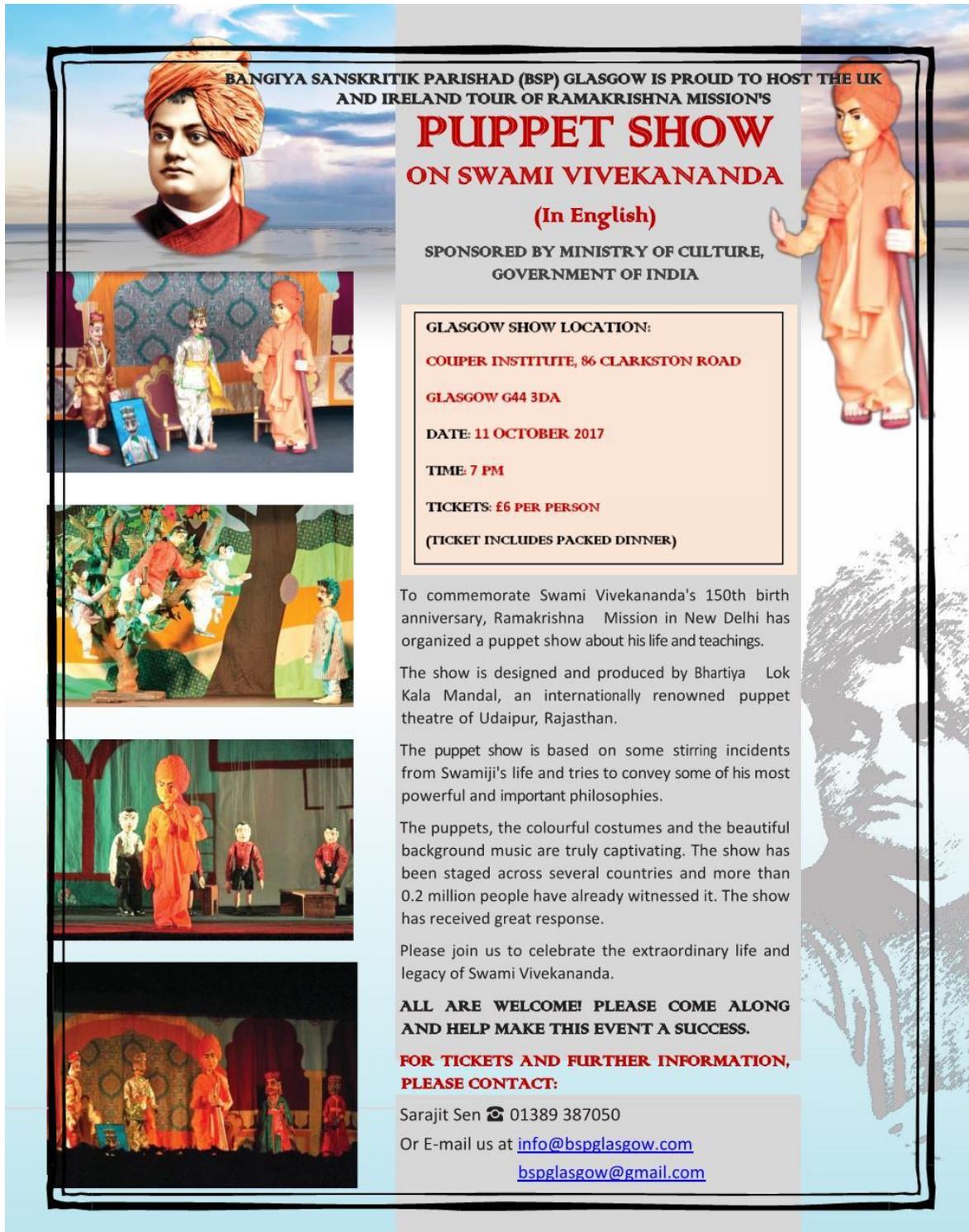
These objectives will be achieved by:

- The advancement of education,
- The advancement of health,
- The advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science,
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended,
- The promotion of religious or racial harmony,
- The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage

Beneficiaries: Children / young and older people, people with disabilities or health problems, of a particular ethnic or racial origin, benefit of the community, other charities / voluntary bodies

## Achievements and performance

A summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period is given below with the flyers of the events.



**BANGIYA SANSKRITIK PARISHAD (BSP) GLASGOW IS PROUD TO HOST THE UK AND IRELAND TOUR OF RAMAKRISHNA MISSION'S**

# **PUPPET SHOW**

## **ON SWAMI VIVEKANANDA**

**(In English)**

**SPONSORED BY MINISTRY OF CULTURE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

**GLASGOW SHOW LOCATION:**  
**COUPER INSTITUTE, 86 CLARKSTON ROAD**  
**GLASGOW G44 3DA**

**DATE: 11 OCTOBER 2017**

**TIME: 7 PM**

**TICKETS: £6 PER PERSON**  
**(TICKET INCLUDES PACKED DINNER)**

To commemorate Swami Vivekananda's 150th birth anniversary, Ramakrishna Mission in New Delhi has organized a puppet show about his life and teachings.

The show is designed and produced by Bhartiya Lok Kala Mandal, an internationally renowned puppet theatre of Udaipur, Rajasthan.

The puppet show is based on some stirring incidents from Swamiji's life and tries to convey some of his most powerful and important philosophies.

The puppets, the colourful costumes and the beautiful background music are truly captivating. The show has been staged across several countries and more than 0.2 million people have already witnessed it. The show has received great response.

Please join us to celebrate the extraordinary life and legacy of Swami Vivekananda.

**ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE COME ALONG AND HELP MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS.**

**FOR TICKETS AND FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:**

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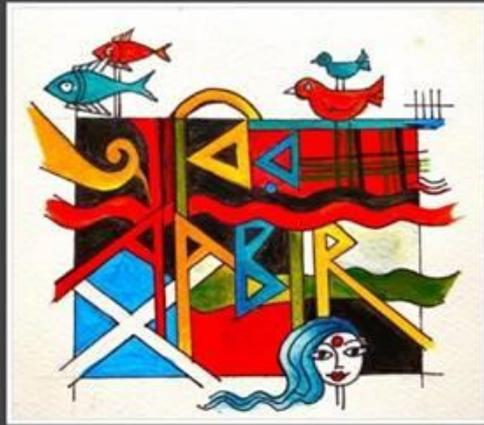
## Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad

Charity No. SC047561

Presents



LOTTERY FUNDED



Colours of Bengal

Please come and share with us, our rich culture of food and fabulous fantasia. A fun filled family day out with delectable street food and a variety show extravaganza sourcing local and professional talent. Come and delight in the music, dance and drama, from the magical land of West Bengal.



**6 pm ~ 10 pm: Eastwood Theatre**

- Dance & Musical Programme
- Hutcheson's Junior School Choir
- Chitragada - Tagore's Dance Drama by Moksha, London



*Chitragada, inspired by the epic Mahabharata*

## AABIR

### Festive Colours of Bengal

Venue: Eastwood Park Theatre

Date: Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018

Time: 2 pm ~ 10 pm

#### Entry

£7.50 / person

under 12 free

(packed dinner included)



**2 pm ~ 5 pm: Carmichael Hall**

- Art Workshop on Jamini Roy – register your names (only 15 places)
- Saree Draping Studio / Ethnic Jewellery Craft
- Bengali Street Food



Rituparna Sengupta - 07766771522; Sanjeet Bhattacharya – 07941420550; Sarajit Sen - 07884442900



BANGIYA SANSKRITIK PARISHAD

Presents

Manoj Mitra's

## KOTHAY JABO?

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**DATE: 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE 2017**

**6:15 PM FOR 6:45 PM**

CLARKSTON HALL  
CLARKSTON ROAD, G77 8NE

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Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad (BSP) Glasgow cordially invites you and your family to their annual drama evening. This year we proudly present Manoj Mitra's critically acclaimed drama **Kothay Jabo**. We are also very excited to present the young talents of the community, in a children's drama,

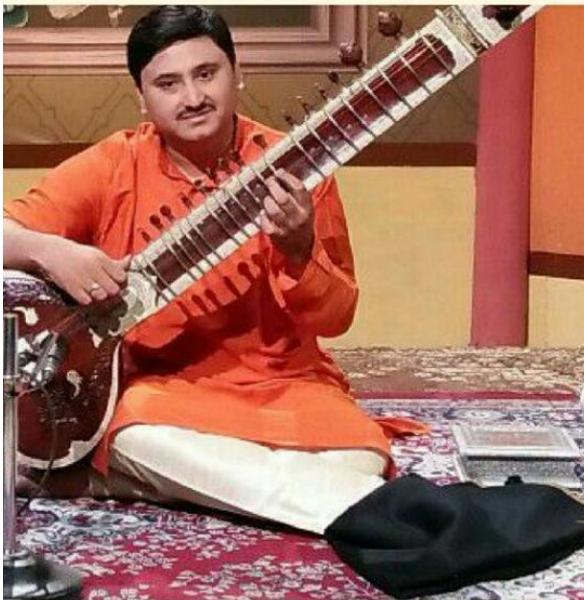
**GOLAPIBABU.**

**TicketS:** £8 for non-members, £6 for members. Free for Children under 12 .  
The event will be followed by **mini Indian style takeaway dinner**

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BANGIYA SANSKRITIK PARISHAD GLASGOW  
DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE PRESENTS

**SHASTHI SITAR RECITAL**  
Tuesday, 26th September at 8:00 PM



**Soumya Adhya**

Sitar Artist



**Subrata Dandapata**

Tabla Player

COUPER INSTITUTE, CLARKSTON ROAD  
GLASGOW

For More Information visit [www.bspglasgow.com](http://www.bspglasgow.com) or  
contact Sheela Mukherjee at 01355 248849

BANGIYA SANSKRITIK PARIKSHAD GLASGOW DURGA PUJA COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

# MUSICAL DASHAMI

30TH SEP  
2017

*Debanjali Lily  
Live*

**COUPER INSTITUTE**

**CLARKSTON ROAD**

**GLASGOW**

A summary of the achievements of the BSP:

- BSP received a grant of £ 9500 from “Awards for All” against an application made to celebrate the Bengali New Year through traditional cultural programme, Bengali theatre and the usual festivities. The planning and preparation of the grand event, **AABIR – Festive Colours of Bengal** and a **Bengali Drama** were taken up in full earnest for a whole day affair in April and June 2018 respectively. The hall hire, advance payments for the artistes and food were made before the end of the financial year but the actual event occurred in the next financial year.
- An excellent opportunity arose when Bangiya Sanskritik Parishad, Glasgow, was chosen to host the entire Puppet Show tour of United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland by Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal, Udaipur between 6<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The show on the **life's teachings and philosophy of Swami Vivekananda**, one of the greatest philosopher and spiritual icons of India, was organized by Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi and sponsored by Ministry of Culture, Government of India. This troupe has performed all around the world with excellent reviews.

One out of the eleven shows during the tour was held at the Couper Institute in Glasgow in the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The day will be forever etched in the memories of many Glasgow Indian and Scottish people. We have had excellent reviews about the show and our expectations were very high to start with, but as the light dimmed and the show started, we were transported into a completely different world that none in the audience had experienced before. It was simply-magical, magnificent, enthralling and mesmerizing.

The master puppeteers from Udaipur brought to life through the simple and well known stories, the message that Swami Vivekananda imparted onto mankind all those years ago. The choreography, the puppets and their costumes, props, dialogue were par excellence and indeed, when it was over, everyone in the audience wanted an encore.

Despite being a weekday, the hall was full to its capacity (200

persons in the audience) and the show was captivating to all age group - from very small children to ageing grandparents - it was loved by everybody. The audience also got to meet and hear Swami Shantatmananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission, New Delhi, who in turn introduced the cast and crew of Bharatiya Lok Kala Mandal.

- The **annual drama 'Kothay Jabo'** was a hilarious comedy that was staged by the members at Clarkston Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2017 and was well attended and was an instant success.
- However, what caught the audience's attention the most was the **children's drama 'Onker Sir, Golapibabu O Rupkotha'** an adaptation of a short story by Satyajit Ray, famous Honorary Academy Award (OSCAR) winning Bengali film director. This was first such performance by some of the kids and their performance was exemplary. Involvement of children in learning the art and culture of their ethnic backgrounds has always been a hallmark of BSP's endeavour towards maintaining cultural ties between Scottish born second generation Indian children with India.
- In May 2017 we celebrated **Poyla Boishakh** in Clarkston Hall. Poyla Boishakh heralds the first day of the Bengali calendar which for hundreds of years have been celebrated in the Indian sub-continent. The evening started with the children's programme and finished with the guest musical group from Edinburgh. This was the first time we had the in-house cooking with an able team of volunteers. This was enjoyed and appreciated by all who attended.
- A Day-out was arranged for a **BBQ party at Mugdock Country Park**, Milngavie allowed both the senior members and the young kids to spend a delightful day together and even the unpredictable west of Scotland weather couldn't dampen their spirits. It was day filled with fun and frolic especially for some of our senior citizens who took active part in preparing the food.

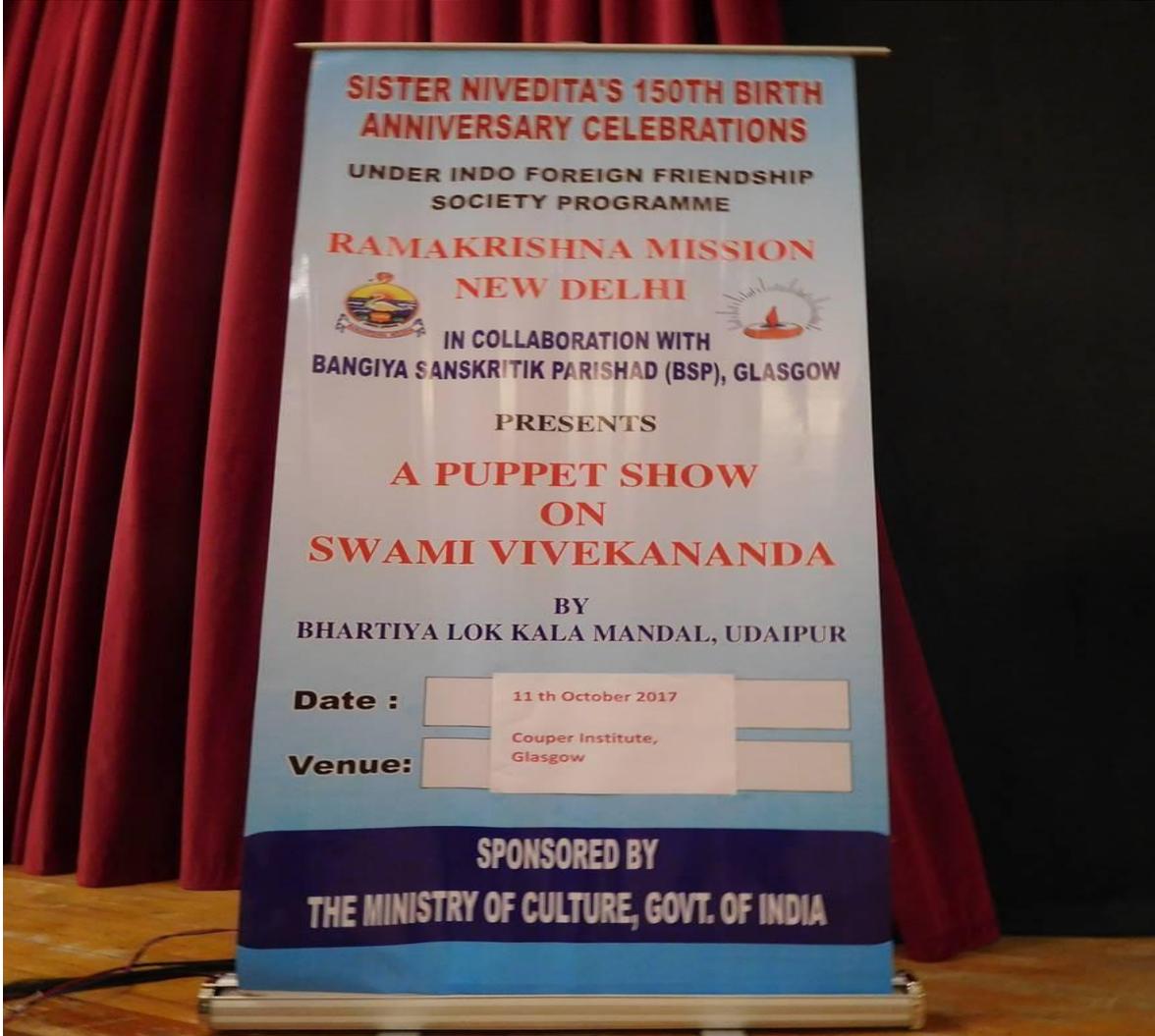
- Although **Durga 'Puja'** literally means 'worship' and is a religious event in the Hindu calendar but in essence it is a socio-cultural bondage that all Bengalis share wherever in the world they are. Durga puja in Glasgow has been organized for more than four decades now and brings together Bengalis who celebrate the event with local Scottish Christians, Muslims and all other religions since it transcends boundaries of religion. The Durga puja event is attended by thousands and all members of the community young and old join hands to make this 5 day event a joy for everyone. This is usually attended by the local Councilors and MPs as representatives of the government. Durga puja is by far the biggest event of any Bengali calendar and BSP makes special effort to ensure participation of older members of the community who otherwise would have managed to take part by arranging transportation etc. To cook for thousands of people over the few days need a Herculean effort from its volunteers and the visitors were not disappointed by the variety of special Bengali delicacies that were served each night.
- A special '**sitar and table recital**' by eminent artists from Kolkata during the inaugural evening of the Durga puja was organised that promoted classical Indian music which is always highly appreciated by the audience.
- A **Live musical night** with Debanjali Lily from London made everyone tap their toes. This was the great finale to the intense yet thoroughly enjoyable five days of the Durga Puja event.
- '**Kali Puja**' is **Diwali** – the festival of Light which was celebrated by the community which comes immediately following the Durga puja which means right upto Christmas the community remains busy in celebrations that send warmth in what is otherwise a cold and dreary time of the year heralding the advent of winter.
- '**Saraswati puja**' is celebration of the goddess of Learning which is special to the young members of the community and just like the other events brings together the community in best spirits.

- A **Christmas night out** was organised which although had less participation than intended, was not short of fun and games with authentic Christmas dinner followed by opening of the dance floor. This is a real celebration of the Bengalis immersing themselves with the greatest event of the Scottish calendar. One learning point was that it maybe difficult to get good participation since the weeks in December are usually busy for all and senior citizens have difficulty regarding transportation in cold weather in the night.







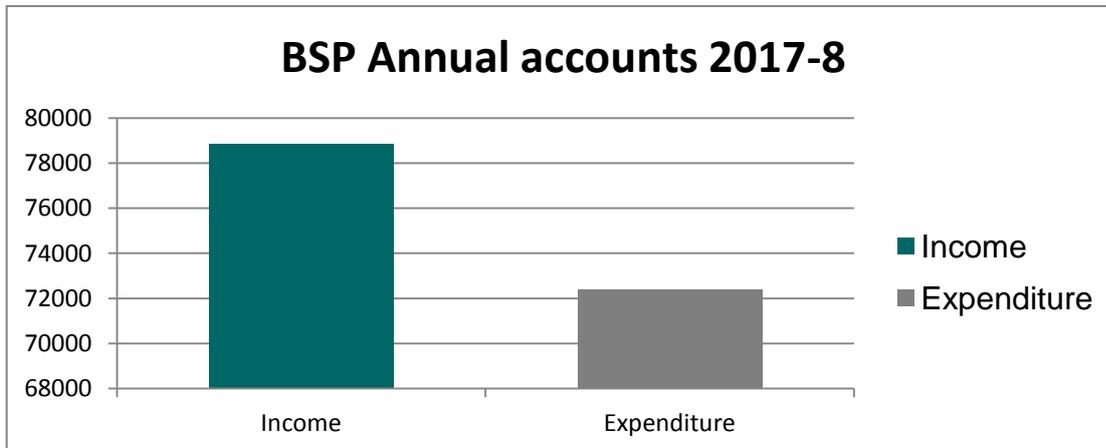












## Financial review

### Statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The annual profit of £6460 is held in reserve in the designated bank accounts to fund future programmes of the BSP. Almost all of BSP's funds are from donations, subscriptions and grants and there is no steady income from any source. However, there are no fixed expenditure like staff monthly salaries etc so the trustees can ensure there is no significant debt and the finances remain robust in the future. All future programmes and events are based on the income generated and care is taken to remain within the proposed budget for which regular financial review is carried out.

### Future plans

Based on the enormous success of the BSP towards fulfilling their aims and objectives in the inaugural year as a charitable organisation, albeit the organisation dates back to 1971, our aim would be to continue and maintain our performance to work for the community and endeavour to achieve even greater heights in future years.

**Declaration**

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees:

*Santanu Acharya*

Print name

DR SANTANU ACHARYA

Designation

TRUSTEE

Date

29<sup>th</sup> December, 2018