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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

| Trustees' Annual Report for the period |     |       |      |                 |     |       |      |
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| Period start date                      |     |       |      | Period end date |     |       |      |
|                                        | Day | Month | Year |                 | Day | Month | Year |
| From                                   | 30  | Sep   | 2024 | To              | 30  | 09    | 2025 |

Reference and administration details

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|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Charity name                    | Goan Community Aberdeen |
| Other names charity is known by | GCA                     |
| Registered charity number       | SC052584                |
| Charity's principal address     | 49F Fonthill Road       |
|                                 | Aberdeen                |
|                                 |                         |
|                                 | Postcode AB11 6UQ       |

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

|    | Trustee name          | Office (if any)    | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1  | Mr Sydon Fernandes    | President          | 11 Jan 2023 - Current             |                                                               |
| 2  | Mr Aloysius Rodrigues | Event Co-ordinator | 11 Jan 2023 - Current             |                                                               |
| 3  | Mrs Laura Ferns       | Secretary          | 11 Jan 2023- Current              |                                                               |
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## Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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## Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution

Trustee recruitment and appointment

GCA recruits trustees who are committed to the charity's mission of promoting Goan art, heritage, and culture. Trustees are appointed based on their skills, experience, and willingness to contribute to the governance and development of the charity.

## Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Founded in 2013, the Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) is a vibrant, non-profit group of over 100 families dedicated to preserving and promoting Goan art, culture, and heritage in Scotland. Through music, dance, drama, food, and festivals, we bring the spirit of Goa to Aberdeen, fostering inclusion and cultural appreciation.

In June 2023, GCA proudly registered as a charity, unlocking access to vital benefits like tax relief, funding opportunities, and increased public trust. This milestone allows us to reach wider audiences and deepen our impact locally and beyond.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

### Our Focus Areas:

- **Arts:** Visual and performing arts including Tiatr (Konkani theatre), singing, dancing, and monologues.
- **Heritage:** Celebrating traditional festivals like Carnival, Sanjao, Diwali, Christmas, and more.
- **Culture:** Promoting Goan language, music, food, fashion, and crafts.

We host events year-round, welcoming the local community and dignitaries to share in our rich traditions. Join us in keeping the Goan legacy alive!

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### Achievements and performance

#### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Donations made to the Food Bank at The Lighthouse Pennan Road Tillydrone Aberdeen AB24 2UD

Held Event to help people learn about different cultures, build social connections and foster a sense of belonging within the wider community.

### Financial review

#### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) – Reserves Policy  
1. Purpose of the Policy  
This policy outlines GCA's approach to maintaining financial reserves to ensure the sustainability and continuity of its charitable activities. Currently Nil  
Reserves to be used:  
To bridge short-term funding gaps ,To invest in strategic development  
To respond to urgent community needs.

#### Details of any deficit

Monitoring and Review  
The reserves level deficits if any will be reviewed annually by the trustees as part of the budgeting process. Any significant changes will be documented and justified.  
Transparency  
GCA will report its reserves position in its annual accounts and explain any deviations from the target level once achieved.

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

none

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### Other optional information

#### Community Events

The Goan Community of Aberdeen (GCA) proudly hosts a diverse range of cultural and social events throughout the year, open to both members and non-members. These gatherings are often graced by esteemed guests including the **Lord and Lady Provost of Aberdeen**, **Bishop Hugh Gilbert**, and **Depute Provost Steven Delaney**, reflecting the strong ties GCA has built within the wider community.

#### Annual & Special Events Include:

- **World Goa Day**
- **Easter Bring & Share**
- **Children's Day**
- **Diwali – Festival of Lights**
- **Monthly Praise & Worship**
- **Coffee Mornings**
- **Musical Drama (Regional Language)** These events celebrate Goan heritage, promote intercultural dialogue, and foster a sense of belonging for all who attend.

These events are designed to bring people together, celebrate our heritage, and create joyful, meaningful experiences for all.

#### Looking Ahead

We aim to continue raising funds through community events to support local parishes, charities, Food Banks and individuals in need. GCA remains committed to promoting Goan culture and contributing to a vibrant, diverse society.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

#### Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

|                                                                            |                     |                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Signature(s)</b><br><i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i> | <i>S.Fernandes</i>  | <i>L.Ferns</i>     |
| <b>Full name(s)</b>                                                        | Mr Sydon Fernandes  | Mrs Laura Ferns    |
| <b>Position (e.g. Chair)</b>                                               | President / Trustee | Secretary/ Trustee |
| <b>Date</b>                                                                | 06 Aug 2026         | 06 Aug 2026        |