

# **AASHIANA NEWSLETTER 2024**

Thank you everyone for your support for our charity throughout 2024. Aashiana continues to try its best for your donations to reach the right people who need it most, either in UK or abroad.

Ashok Puri, Chairman



On 22nd January 2024, Indian PM inaugurated Ayodhya Ram Mandir in India with Hindus across the world lighting divas to mark this historic event. Aashiana Charity also marked this auspicious occasion at Shri Pashupatinath Mandir Shani Dham U.K., Blackheath. Aashiana donated £401, including 162 divas, to the temple. The charity thanks the temple for giving us the chance to organise the event.





 ↑ Aashiana donated food to Foodbank
Manna House Pantry on 15th February →

BETHEL PANTRY CHURCH BLACKHEATH re Road, Blackheath are Road, Blackheat e CIO Charity Reg No:1188732 shiana Charity 16th February 2024 Dear Chairman, Trustees and Members A big 'thank you' I am writing on behalf of Bethel Church, Blackheath to thank you for your recent rous donation to our Manna House Pantry Of £500 of mixed food items. Our aim at the Manna House is to provide support to local families who are struggling with poverty, especially during this time where the cost of living remains so high. Currently, we are helping around 110 to 120 families each week with their grocery & household shopping. For regular updates please follow us on: Twitter @YLPMannaHouse Instagram @ylp\_mannahouse or Facebook. Your continued support for our work in the local community is very much appreciated. Kind regards, Anne Shelton

on behalf of Bethel Church

In February, our charity raised and donated £250 to The British Red Cross who provide humanitarian relief, assisting with search and rescue and providing food and blankets for people affected by natural disasters and war →

2024



## THANK YOU

### Hi Aashiana,

Just to say we've processed your gift of  $\pounds 250.00$ . And I'd like to add a very brief **thank you.** 

We never want anyone to feel overburdened by supporting us and our work, and we never take support for granted. Especially at a time like this, when things are difficult for so many of us.

So to be candid about it, this means an awful lot to the people we work with and help – and to us here at British Red Cross too.

Time and time again when things are really tough (as they have been so many times this year), people like you are moved to help. It's remarkable, really.

If you've given us permission to keep in touch, I'll be in contact again to let you know how gifts like yours are making a difference.

Until then, thank you again for your kindness. We all really appreciate it.

Katie Johnson British Red Cross

# Certificate of thanks Thank you

### Ashok Puri

Your donation will help plant trees in the heart of National Trust landscapes, helping nature thrive long into the future. Thank you for supporting our goal to plant 20 million trees by 2030, and for creation beautiful arene spaces for future energations to eniov.

Nature, beauty, history. For everyone, for ever.

Harry Bowell | Director of Land and Nature | National Trust

In July 2024, Aashiana donated £1000 towards geriatric care to Bilga General Hospital Trust UK

← In April, we donated £250 to the National Trust, in support of their goal towards planting millions of trees across the country over the next few years. Trees play an important part in our lives to replenish the natural environment and humanity





On 23 June 2024, the inaugural Aashiana Charity Cup Junior Tournament was held at Quarry Bank Tennis Club Brierley Hill. Benches donated by Aashiana were unveiled with speeches from Chairman Steve Jasper and Aashiana member Aman Puri. There was keen competition for the sparkling nickel trophies on offer to winners and runner's up. Aashiana members provided 'jal seva' complimentary cool mineral water bottles for all who attended and this was well-received. Trophies were presented by Deputy Lieutenant Mr Ninder Johal along with Aashiana members Ashok Puri, Santosh Puri, Shanta Sadier, Manohar Sadier, Gurdial Singh Sanghera and Mrs Sanghera. It was an honour to welcome such a distinguished guest to head our trophy presentation which took place against the backdrop of a beautiful blue sky.





We have pledged to continue running this tournament for children on an annual basis. Quarry Bank Tennis Club is a well-run local club with excellent coaching. The children all played and trained at the club. Manohar Sadier delivered Aashiana's vote of thanks with characteristic flair. Chairman Ashok puri told the club members our support will continue. Everyone enjoyed the BBQ, cakes and of course the Bar. Cheers to the future of this competition which will help to nature local tennis talent

















On 18th July, Aashiana members enjoyed a day trip to Barry Island. The weather was kind with overcast clouds and no rain. Thanks to Mr and Mrs Harjinder Singh Sanghera and family, and Mr and Mrs Harminder Singh Bahra and family for sponsoring water, samosas, spring rolls and ladoo's for the coach trip.







On 25th August 2024, Aashiana proudly organised the charity's Annual 5km Walkathon at Himley Hall and Park, Dudley, West Midlands. Our walk was attended by all ages and backgrounds, joined by Deputy Lieutenant Nick Venning, Zoe Roberts BHF Fundraising and the inspirational brother Manny Singh Kang who is a prolific charity fundraiser. Our charity promotes health and fitness, and supports a different good cause every year, with this year's walkathon donations totalling £1700 going to British Heart Foundation (BHF).



Throughout November and December 2024, our charity distributed blankets to various villages and shelters across the states of Punjab, Haryana, and Uttar Pradesh in India. Thanks to Swami Avisheshanand Ji for his support, and all donors for their contributions.

























Every year, around Christmas time, we donate Hampers to the Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Regis, Blackheath. This year, Mr Jas Wouhra of Lioncroft Wholesale donated the hampers, which were presented by Mr Inderpal Wouhra and his wife Mrs Sandeep Wouhra presenting, along with Aashiana members. Mr Inderpal Wouhra thanked everyone at the Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Age Concern and Aashiana members.







↑ Terri was overwhelmed with her hamper, particularly as she sadly lost her husband over 12 months ago

Hamper donated to Manna House Pantry, Blackheath ↓





↑ Eunice and Des celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary this year





# Ashiana

# Charity



Certificate of appreciation presented to Mahmood Ahed & Co



Certificate of appreciation presented to Heritage Banqueting

# Event









Our charity's first formal event since it's conception in 2017 was attended by Mr Gurinder Singh Josan, MP, Smethwick; Councillor Jagdip Singh, Blackheath, Ashish Chauhan ASO CGI Birmingham; Balvinder Kaur from British Heart Foundation, Ramesh Kumar Sharma, West Midlands Police. We successfully raised approx. £13,000 in donations on the night. Thank you everyone for joining and making the event a successful one

























Aashiana distributed books and pens to 1300 children in need at DAV college Jalandhar, Punjab, organised by Shri Vijay Chopra Director Punjab Kesari Hind Samachar group on behalf of Aashiana on 15th December 2024







# **Trustees**

Sandeep Tewari Amit Puri Amit Bakshi

# **Committee Members**

 Chairman: Ashok Puri Vice Chairman: Dev Dutt Tewari Secretary: Hina Pathak • Assistant Secretary: Manoher Sadier Treasurer: Shanta Sadier Assistant Treasurer: Vinod Balla Soni

**Gurdial Singh Sanghera** Harmesh Pal Sonu Chand Santosh Puri (co-opted) Reva Tewari (co-opted) Meenakshi Pathak (co-opted) To donate via bank transfer, use our details below, stating your name as your reference.

Name: Aashiana **Bank: Santander** Account number: 21893889 Sort code: 09-01-29

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Trustees and Committee members of Aashiana thanks everyone for their donations and continuous support

# Support us to support you...

Membership is open to any individual over 18, irrespective of their background to help with the charity's continuous work with charities UK and abroad.

# Membership subscriptions

- Adult: £100 per year
- Senior Citizen / Unemployed: £60 per year or direct debit of £5 per month