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## Brief Profile of The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK).

Shree Mandhata Samaj UK is a community of Koli Patels originating from and around the areas near Navsari in Gujarat, India. Various community members had initially migrated to East Africa in the 1940 and 50's and had adopted the name "Mandhata Samaj". Subsequently, during the 1960 and 70's, the community members had resettled in the UK and continued with the adopted name, formed local Mandhata Samajs and Mandals in towns they had settled in.

In July 1972 the Association of Mandhata Samaj UK was established as an umbrella organisation of the various "Koli Patel Mandhata Samajs and Mandals" in the UK. AMSUK is a registered Charity Organisation.

AMSUK's aims are to foster unity, promote social welfare and preserve the social, cultural, and religious values of the Mandhata Community.

AMSUK's mission is to develop and maintain a strong, vibrant, and cohesive Mandhata Samaj that values and promotes our Hindu faith and cultural heritage.

At present the Mandhata community in the UK is estimated to be circa 7,000 families with a total of approximately 30,000 community members. It is one of the largest groups of ethnic groups in UK. The community across the UK has sizeable populations in Bolton, Bradford, Birmingham, Bilston, Dudley, Preston, East London and Essex, Leicester, Loughborough, Luton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Wembley, Wolverhampton, Coventry, Manchester, Stalybridge, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Rugby, and Peterborough amongst many others.

For further details about AMSUK, please log on AMSUK Website: [www.amsuk.org](http://www.amsuk.org)

### **2022/23 & 2023/24 AMSUK Executive Committee Members.**

President: Hasmukh S Patel (Dudley)	Vice President: Vinu C Patel (Bolton)
Hon. Secretary: Ashok R Patel (Leicester)	Asst. Secretary: Tejas D Patel (Bracknell)
Hon. Treasurer: Dilip M Jina (Leicester)	Asst. Treasurer: Manisha A Patel (Luton)
Auditor: Sharman Fielding	

### Committee Members:

Ashok U Patel (Ruislip), Roshni C Patel (Wolverhampton), Hamel D Patel (Walsall), Beena R Patel (Harrow), Darshana Patel (Walsall), Ramanlal C Patel (Leicester), Kokila Patel (Wolverhampton), Hema Patel (Leicester), Hasmukh K Patel (Dudley), Maganbhai B Patel (West Bromwich)

### Holding Trustees:

Aroon R Patel (Luton), Late Babubhai C Patel (Tipton), Mohanlal G Patel (Bolton), Mahesh H Karadia (Leicester), Dahyabhai K Patel (Dudley)

Women's Forum Convenor: Rekha L Shah (Maidenhead)

Youth Forum Convenor: Nailesh B Patel (Loughborough)

Singles Event Convenor: Darshana Patel (Walsall)



## 2024 AMSUK AGM/Community Event Invitation Letter.

10<sup>TH</sup> June 2024

Dear Member,

Namaste and Jai Shree Krishna.

It gives us great pleasure to invite you and your families to our 2024 AGM/Community Event hosted by the Association of Mandhata Samaj UK.

Please note that this Event is for the whole Community and an opportunity for Community members to get together, socialise, enjoy traditional food and cultural items of entertainment.

The event details are as follows.

**Day & Date:** Sunday, 01<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

**Venue:** Sitara Hall, Mander Street, Wolverhampton. West Midlands. WV3 0JZ.

**Programme:** 9.00 am to 10.00 am: Arrival & Registration

10.00 am to 12.30 pm: Annual General Meeting

Agenda:

- \* Prayer followed by a moment silence in memory of lost ones.
- \* Welcome by President of AMSUK.
- \* Approval of Minutes of 2023 AGM and matters arising.
- \* Annual Reports by Secretary, Treasurer, Women's Forum, Youth Forum and Singles Event Convenors.
- \* Approval of Amendments to the AMSUK Constitution.
- \* Any Other Business.
- \* Election of NEW Executive Committee.

**12.30 pm to 1.30 pm:** Lunch

**1.30 pm to 4.30 pm:** Cultural items of Entertainment.

**5.00 pm:** Raffle Draw, thanksgiving, prayer, and departure.

On behalf of AMSUK, we thank you all for your continued support we look forward to your participation in AMSUK Events.

*Hasmukh S Patel*  
**President – AMSUK (Tel: 07963 702416)**

*Ashok R Patel*  
**Secretary – AMSUK (Tel: 07545 115829)**



## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF AMSUK

### Let's Walk, Work, and Stay United.

Dear respected Members of Mandhata Samaj UK,

I hope this message finds you all in good health and high spirits. As the President of our cherished Mandhata Samaj community, I am honoured and humbled to address you and I would like to share some thoughts that I believe are essential for the continued growth and prosperity of our community.

First and foremost, let us remember that our community is not just an organization, but a family that has stood the test of time. Our traditions, values, and unity have been our pillars of strength, and it's incumbent upon all of us to nurture and strengthen these bonds.

I'd like to emphasize the power of "Walking Together, Working Together, and Staying United" for the betterment of our community. This message embodies our shared commitment to each other and to the well-being of Mandhata Samaj.

**Walk Together:** Let us move forward hand in hand, shoulder to shoulder. By walking together, we can achieve greater strides towards progress. We must support each other's endeavours, whether they be personal or community oriented. Every step we take collectively will contribute to our shared journey of growth.

**Work Together:** Unity is our greatest strength. When we work together, we can accomplish great things. Our community has a wealth of talent and expertise. Let's harness these resources to address the challenges we face and create opportunities for our members to thrive.

**Stay United:** In the face of adversity or change, staying united is of paramount importance. Our unity is our shield against division and discord. Let's resolve to embrace diversity and respect each other's opinions. In our unity, we will find resilience and the ability to overcome any obstacle.

As we move forward, we must keep our core values in mind: respect, inclusivity, and a commitment to our cultural heritage. These values are the cornerstone of our community, and they should guide our actions and decisions. I encourage every member to actively participate in our community's activities, share your ideas, and contribute your skills and knowledge. Let's create an environment where everyone feels valued and included, regardless of their background or beliefs.

In closing, I would like to express my gratitude for your continued support and dedication to the Mandhata Samaj, UK. Together, we have accomplished much, and together, we can achieve even more. Let us walk hand in hand, work tirelessly, and stay united in our pursuit of a stronger, more vibrant community.

Thank you and I look forward to working with all of you to realize our shared vision.

Warm regards,

**Hasmukh S Patel,**

President – The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK).



## AMSUK ના પ્રમુખ તરફથી સંદેશ ચાલો ચાલો, કામ કરીએ અને સંયુક્ત રહીએ....

માંઘાતા સમાજ યુ.કે.ના આદરણીય સભ્યો

હું આશા રાખું છું કે આ સંદેશ તમને બધાને સારા સ્વાસ્થ્ય અને ઉચ્ચ આત્મામાં શોધશે. અમારા આદરણીય માંઘાતા સમાજ સમુદાયના પ્રમુખ તરીકે, હું તમને સંબોધવા માટે સન્માનિત અને નમ્ર છું અને હું કેટલાક વિચારો શેર કરવા માંગુ છું જે મને લાગે છે કે અમારા સમુદાયના સતત વિકાસ અને સમૃદ્ધિ માટે જરૂરી છે.

સૌ પ્રથમ, આપણે યાદ રાખીએ કે આપણો સમુદાય માત્ર એક સંસ્થા નથી. પરંતુ એક પરિવાર છે જે સમયની કસોટી પર ઊભો રહ્યો છે. આપણી પરંપરાઓ, મૂલ્યો અને એકતા આપણી શક્તિના આધારસ્તંભ છે, અને આ બંધનોને પોષવા અને મજબૂત કરવા આપણા બધાની ફરજ છે. હું અમારા સમુદાયની સુધારણા માટે 'સાથે ચાલવું, સાથે કામ કરવું અને સંયુક્ત રહેવા'ની શક્તિ પર ભાર મૂકવા માંગું છું, આ સંદેશ એકબીજા પ્રત્યે અને માંઘાતા સમાજની સુખાકારી પ્રત્યેની અમારી સહિયારી પ્રતિબદ્ધતાને મૂર્ત બનાવે છે.

**૧. એક સાથે ચાલો :-** ચાલો હાથ જોડીને, ખભે ખભે આગળ વધીએ. સાથે મળીને ચાલવાથી આપણે પ્રગતિ તરફ વધુ આગળ વધી શકીએ છીએ. આપણે એકબીજાના પ્રયત્નોને સમર્થન આપવું જોઈએ, પછી ભલે તે વ્યક્તિગત હોય કે સમુદાય લક્ષી. અમે સામૂહિક રીતે લઈએ છીએ તે દરેક પગલું અમારી વૃદ્ધિની સહિયારી યાત્રામાં ફાળો આપશે.

**૨. સાથે મળીને કામ કરો :-** એકતા એ આપણી સૌથી મોટી તાકાત છે. જ્યારે આપણે સાથે મળીને કામ કરીએ છીએ, ત્યારે આપણે મહાન કાર્યો કરી શકીએ છીએ. અમારા સમુદાયમાં પ્રતિભા અને કુશળતાનો ભંડાર છે. ચાલો આપણે જે પડકારોનો સામનો કરીએ છીએ તેનો સામનો કરવા માટે આ સંસાધનોનો ઉપયોગ કરીએ અને અમારા સભ્યો માટે વિકાસની તકો ઊભી કરીએ.

**૩. યુનાઈટેડ રહો :-** પ્રતિકૂળતા અથવા પરિવર્તનનો સામનો કરવા માટે, એકતા રહેવાનું સર્વોચ્ચ મહત્વ છે. વિભાજન અને વિખવાદ સામે આપણી એકતા આપણી ઢાલ છે. ચાલો વિવિધતાને સ્વીકારવાનો અને એકબીજાના અભિપ્રાયોને માન આપવાનો સંકલ્પ કરીએ. અમારી એકતામાં, અમને સ્થિતિસ્થાપકતા અને કોઈપણ અવરોધને દૂર કરવાની ક્ષમતા મળશે. જેમ જેમ આપણે આગળ વધીએ છીએ તેમ, આપણે આપણા મૂળ મૂલ્યોને ધ્યાનમાં રાખવા જોઈએ. આદર, સર્વસમાવેશકતા અને આપણા સાંસ્કૃતિક વારસા પ્રત્યે પ્રતિબદ્ધતા. આ મૂલ્યો આપણા સમુદાયનો પાયાનો પથ્થર છે, અને તેઓએ આપણા કાર્યો અને નિર્ણયોને માર્ગદર્શન આપવું જોઈએ. હું દરેક સભ્યને અમારા સમુદાયની પ્રવૃત્તિઓમાં સક્રિયપણે ભાગ લેવા, તમારા વિચારો શેર કરવા અને તમારી કુશળતા અને જ્ઞાનનું યોગદાન આપવા પ્રોત્સાહિત કરું છું. ચાલો આવું વાતાવરણ બનાવીએ કે જ્યાં દરેક વ્યક્તિ તેમની પૃષ્ઠભૂમિ અથવા માન્યતાઓને ધ્યાનમાં લીધા વિના મૂલ્યવાન અને સમાવિષ્ટ અનુભવે.

અંતમાં, હું માંઘાતા સમાજ, યુ.કે.ને તમારા સતત સમર્થન અને સમર્પણ માટે આભાર વ્યક્ત કરવા માંગુ છું. સાથે મળીને, અમે ઘણું બધું સિદ્ધ કર્યું છે, અને સાથે મળીને, અમે હજી વધુ હાંસલ કરી શકીએ છીએ. ચાલો આપણે સાથે મળીને ચાલીએ. અથાક કામ કરીએ અને વધુ મજબૂત વધુ ગતિશીલ સમુદાયની શોધમાં એક થઈએ.

તમારો આભાર અને હું અમારા સહિયારા વિઝનને સાકાર કરવા માટે તમારા બધા સાથે કામ કરવા આવું છું. હાર્દિક સાદર.

**હસમુખ એસ. પટેલ :** પ્રમુખ - માંઘાતા સમાજ યુકે (AMSUK).



## SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

**Namaste All, Jai Shree Krishna.**

After the AGM/Sammelan event in Wolverhampton on Sunday, August 6th, 2023, there was a strong sense of optimism about the progress anticipated for the years 2023 and 2024. The Committee Members expressed great enthusiasm for revitalizing participation in AMSUK events and activities.

### **2023 AMSUK AGM/Sammelan Event**

Since NONE of our 15 Affiliated Towns volunteered to host the 2023 AGM/Sammelan Event, the Association of Mandhata Samaj, UK hosted the Event on Sunday 6th August 2023 at "Sitara Hall", Mander Street, Wolverhampton. WV3 0JZ. West Midlands.

The morning session of the event began with prayers, followed by a minute silence in memory of beloved members of our community who are no longer with us and sadly missed by us all. AMSUK President, Hasmukhbhai, in his address welcomed all the attendees and said that we have a very rich cultural heritage and throughout the last fifty-one years, AMSUK has endeavoured to provide social and cultural support to our community. He expressed his gratitude to our founder members of the past for their vision, passion, dedication, and voluntary commitment for building the foundation of our Samaj. However, he questioned whether we really have built on that foundation and progressed as much as we should have. Should we be doing a lot more than we are at present to sustain our cultural identity?

He emphasised that the future our Samaj is very much dependable upon active participation of the present and future generation members in the mainstream of umbrella organization AMSUK and its Affiliated Towns.

We all, therefore, need to think and think hard, of ways on how best we can rejuvenate our members and particularly our Affiliated Towns for active interaction and participation in AMSUK's events and activities.

In conclusion, Hasmukhbhai urged the AMSUK Management Committee, Affiliated Towns representatives and Gaam Mandals representatives to get together regularly and strategically review where we want to take our Mandhata Community and set short to medium term goals. He thanked the AMSUK Management Committee and all the Community members for their continued support.

The formalities of the AGM were completed before lunch around midday.

Morning refreshments and delicious afternoon lunch was prepared by the GA Wolverhampton Ladies and enjoyed by all. Our thanks to the ladies and volunteers.

The chair yoga led by Naina from Coventry was enjoyed by the participants and set the scene for the afternoon session.

The afternoon presentations on Prostate Cancer by Dr Jyotiben Shah, Mental Health & Wellbeing by Bhavna Patel, and Ayurveda by Sureshbhai Rajpura were very informative and educational and were appreciated by all.

The sensitive talks on Prostate Cancer and Mental Health & Wellbeing are little talked about in our community and has stigma attached. It was therefore appropriate to raise awareness

amongst our community members on the importance of recognising the symptoms at an early stage and taking appropriate actions.

The Sammelan event was enjoyed by an audience of over 250 attendees. The whole community social spirit was there for all to see and reflected what our community can achieve with the help and support of our community members.

#### **AMSUK Golf Tournament on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 at Beedles Lake Golf Club in Leicester**

Having held the first AMSUK golf tournament in 2018 near Luton, the second, third and fourth in Leicester in 2019, 2021 and 2022, the fifth tournament was again held in Leicester on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 at Beedles Lake Golf Club.

It attracted over 50 golfers and non-golfers from all AMSUK affiliated towns and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Sincere thanks to Vinay and others from Leicester for their help in carrying out all the administration and running around before and during the day.

After the golf, the carvery meal and dessert at the Beedles Golf Club were enjoyed by all.

The results of the tournament were as follows;

Winning Team – Bolton B Team with score of 131

Runners Up – Coventry & Warwick with score of 128

Third Place – Bolton A Team with a score of 124

Best Stableford Score – Satchit Dayal from Leicester B Team with score of 43 points

Nearest to the Pin – Praful from Leicester B team

Longest Drive – Kirit from Bolton A Team

#### **Bollywood Musical Social Event – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

The vibrant celebration of Diwali through the Bollywood Musical Event, organized by The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK) in collaboration with Birmingham Handsworth Lions Club on Saturday, 25 November 2023, was a success, bringing together over 160 enthusiastic participants.

The Musical Band “Bollywood Beats” from India proved to be the heart of the evening, enchanting everyone with a fusion of nostalgic golden oldies and the latest Bollywood chart-toppers. The melodies resonated, transcending boundaries, and captivating every soul present. Participants indulged in a delightful 3-course meal, savouring the flavours while gracefully dancing away the night to iconic Bollywood tunes, etching unforgettable moments into the tapestry of their memories.

The surplus funds of £1000, graciously contributed by our attendees, were shared equally between AMSUK and Birmingham Handsworth Lions Club. The Lions Club’s portion will be dedicated to supporting Diabetes UK Charity, while AMSUK plans to allocate its share towards funding future AMSUK Events, nurturing the continuity of cultural celebrations and community engagement.

Heartfelt appreciation extends to every individual who played a role in orchestrating this magical evening – our dedicated organizers, generous sponsors, talented performers, and each person present, contributing their energy and enthusiasm.

#### **AMSUK Singles Event**

The Singles Event, previously known as the Matrimonial Event, have been successfully organised for over 20-years. The Management Team has evolved the structure over time to fit with modern



culture and lifestyles. These well-structured events are an opportunity for single people to meet each other in a well-organised environment, with the aim to find a potential life-partner. The Singles Events are modern themed, have a relaxed atmosphere, with everyone in casual/smart-casual attire.

The Annual Report on AMSUK Singles Event is included in this publication.

#### **AMSUK Youth Forum**

The AMSUK Youth Forum is a collective of like-minded individuals and town youth leaders to help bridge the generation gap and host events and topics of interest to the AMSUK youth of today. The Annual Report on Youth Forum Activities is included in this publication.

#### **AMSUK Women's Forum**

Since its revival in April 2018 the Women's Forum (WF) has been a proactive group aiming to provide our community with informative and engaging events.

The Annual Report on Women's Form Activities is included in this publication.

#### **AMSUK Constitution**

A report on the proposed amendments to the AMSUK Constitution is included in this publication.

#### **AMSUK Website – [www.amsuk.org](http://www.amsuk.org)**

Having launched the new fully functional AMSUK website in June 2020, we still need content from all towns and community members to make it an interesting website for information and communication for all our community members. This will keep everyone updated in what is happening in all the towns as well as nationally at the AMSUK level. This will hopefully also encourage the younger generation to interact and take more active part in our communities around the UK.

#### **Virtual on-line "Zoom" and Face-to-Face EC Meetings.**

On-line "Zoom" EC Meetings were held on; 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Face-to Face EC Meetings were also held on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – The following are under discussion.

- Strategic review of AMSUK and its future
- Review of the Constitution of AMSUK
- AMSUK Mainstream Events/Activities during 2023/2024
- AMSUK Youth Forum Events/Activities during 2023/2024
- AMSUK Singles events during 2023/2024
- How best we can rejuvenate our members for active participation in AMSUK events and activities.
- Effective liaison and communication with AMSUK Affiliated Towns and active participation in their respective Towns' Events/Activities.

Once again, I would sincerely like to thank Hasmukh, our President, for his support and guidance during the year and sending out communications when I was busy travelling or tied up with work deadlines to meet.

Wishing you all good health, happiness, and success for the coming year.

Kind regards,

**Ashok R Patel**, Secretary – AMSUK



## AMSUK Treasurer's Annual Accounts.

**DRAFT 2023/2024 Accounts (Excluding Youth Forum)**

	Income	Expense	Net Profit/(Loss)
<b>Membership</b>	425	-	425
<b>Donations</b>			
Walsall	1,001	(1000)	1
<b>Events</b>			
Bollywood Night	2,385	(1,835)	550
International Womens Day	2,815	(2,815)	-
Golf Day	3,013	(3,013)	-
Singles Event	925	(570)	355
AGM	2,426	(2,835)	(409)
<b>Koli Patel Mitra</b>	600	(1,653)	(1,053)
<b>Other miscellaneous</b>			
EC Meeting expenses	-	(510)	(510)
Grant Applications fees	-	(900)	(900)
Public Liability Insurance	-	(710)	(710)
Postage, Zoom etc	-	(336)	(336)
<b>Interest Received</b>	702	-	702
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,292</b>	<b>(16,177)</b>	<b>(1,886)</b>
Fund Balances b/f			58,044
<b>Fund Balances c/f</b>			<b>56,156</b>

**Balance Sheet**

@31-Mar-2024

Debtors & Prepayments	1,950
Cash & Intra accounts	55,033
Creditors & Accruals	(824)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>56,159</b>



## ANNUAL REPORT

AMSUK Women's Forum Committee of 2022 -2024 are a 21 strong group of enthusiastic members, from AMSUK affiliated towns. We are an integral part of AMSUK, with representation on its Executive Committee. A committee which continues to support us with all our endeavours, for which, we are ever grateful. We too, are here to help and to support the AMSUK Committee and the AMSUK Youth Forum in all that they do to keep our AMSUK Community progressive and vibrant.

Our aim is to touch the lives of people, particularly the women of our community, in a positive way. How can we do this? Well, the obvious answer is that we keep connected as much as we can. Our role is to reach out to our AMSUK Community, family and friends included, and interest them in what we do, which is to inform, educate and entertain, thereby empowering women. This means us planning and executing events that not only interest our women but also have a positive impact upon them. No mean task for us, given that the WF committee members are spread out around the country! In the main, committee members meet via Zoom where we discuss possible events and how best to manage and deliver them. We are fortunate to have a range of skills between us, making for a well thought out, balanced event to deliver. All we need for the viability of our events is the support, in terms of attendance, of those we do this for!

Our first event after the AMSUK Sammelan was on the evening of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 in celebration of Janmashtami. Renditions of beautiful bhajano by our talented singers felt like we were transported to Gokul Dham itself! We even had a professional singer from Toronto, Ishverbhai, who joined us especially – a pleasure indeed, to hear him. Being Rakshbandhan, we also had a couple of dedications to our beloved brothers! A truly enjoyable and uplifting hour and a half was had by all who attended this very special session, via Zoom.

We had planned a Raas-Garba event for mid September 2023. Unfortunately, we had to cancel this due to lack of ticket sales by the set date, for obvious reasons. This was very disappointing, to put it mildly. Given the success of our previous events, the decision to cancel the event that we were so looking forward to sharing with everyone, was a blow to us and all those who had been beavering away most enthusiastically, to make a success of the event.

It is important to mention this, as it highlights the fact that the success of our events and of us as a Women's Forum group, is heavily dependent upon the enthusiasm and support of you, our members. A heartfelt plea – so that this does not happen again, please do respond to us and purchase your tickets for our events by the due date stipulated. This helps us with our planning and delivery of the very best that you most certainly deserve from us, your representatives. With the busy festival months of October, November and December, apart from committee

meetings, we thought it best to let our members enjoy family time, as well as attend their own town events that are always on offer during these months. All the while, plans were afoot for events in the New Year.

Our first event of 2024 was on the 28<sup>th</sup> January. A celebration of India's Republic Day (26<sup>th</sup>) and the commemoration of Gandhi Nirvan Din (30<sup>th</sup>), a reminder of our roots. This was conducted via the 'connecting power' of Zoom! Members contributed with beautifully sung, heartwarming, patriotic songs with powerful readings about the struggles and sacrifices of our freedom fighters and of course, paying tribute to the Father of our Nation, for the part he played in the long struggle for Independence. All in all, an enjoyable and memorable Sunday morning, showcasing the wonderful talent of our members.

We have been celebrating International Women's Day (8<sup>th</sup> March) for a few years now and this year was no exception. We had a very special day planned! The event was held on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

We were extremely fortunate to celebrate at the stunning Keythorpe Manor, Leicester, courtesy of the owners, fondly known as "The Keythorpe Family". The venue was breathtaking, with the backdrop of rolling hills and the perfect countryside setting. A very special thank you to Minaben, Bharatbhai, Krish, Nayha and Arjun for their amazing generosity and unwavering support in making this very special event become a reality for us. We are indebted to them and most grateful for all their help leading up to the event and of course on the day too.

Additionally, we had the big hearted support of Jayantibhai Patel from Wembley, whose generous donation in memory of his beloved late wife Indiraben, a dedicated supporter of women's causes, made our event possible. A huge thank you to Jayantibhai.

We also received generous donations from attendees on the day, for which we are most grateful. In keeping with our ethos of helping to inform and educate, our aim was to raise awareness of subjects that are still not talked about enough, are still taboo, still have a stigma attached. To this end, we invited specialist NHS Staff from Leicester to talk to us about Breast and Bowel Cancer. Our special thanks to them all, for taking the time to attend and at no cost at all, to deliver expert information to us, despite it being a Sunday!

The knowledgeable professionals communicated their information powerfully and held our interest. Although time was a limiting factor, some questions too, were satisfactorily answered. We also heard from members who spoke candidly about the experience of their personal journeys with cancer and how it made them stronger and more grateful for every moment they have with loved ones.

Minaben Bharatbhai, Minal Kundanbhai and Sushma Vinodbhai spoke about having had Breast Cancer and Taraben Jayantibhai spoke about having had Bowel Cancer. We are most grateful to them for standing bravely before us and reliving their experiences and emotions, which cannot

have been easy. Their words touched us all, as we listened in awe and with admiration for their strength and determined resolve in overcoming their cancer.

There was also a poignant article from Saijal and Kajal, the daughters' of Hansaben Bharatbhai, who sadly lost their mother to Bowel Cancer before her 50th birthday.

The NHS staff also had display tables with various relevant and informative leaflets to help gather further understanding of the subject matter of the day. There was the added opportunity to ask questions personally, which proved very popular.

Lunch was provided and catered for by Desi Bites of Leicester. The food was complimented on and went down a real treat! Thank you to Riteshbhai, the excellent caterer and his efficient team.

The afternoon saw Vaishali & Sunilji entertain everyone with popular Bollywood numbers. Some took to the stage to sing too! Of course, there was plenty of dancing and merriment, not to mention the Garba, without which, a gathering of Gujaratis never seems complete!

A wonderfully joyous afternoon of friendship and fun was had. The event came to an end far too quickly but then, time does fly when we're all having a good time!

Roshaniben, our Vice-Chairperson, did the honours of thanking everyone for attending and supporting the event. A special thank you was given to those who played apart in bringing the event together and contributing to its success.

Thank you to our AMSUK President, Hasmukhbhai for his message of encouragement, which was read out by Ashokbhai, our AMSUK Secretary, in his absence.

We missed those of you who were unable to attend. There will definitely be a 'next time'.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped out and to all who attended and made our International Women's Day so special. We celebrate and salute all women. Let us together, reshape the conversation and make our voices heard, in the best possible way - "there is no limit to what we as women can accomplish".

Please know that we welcome all members of our Samaj to our events, not just the women. After all, it takes the whole family to affect change and progress. You are all the driving force that spurs us on, to serve and to deliver the very best that we can.

**Yours in friendship,**

**AMSUK Women's Forum**



## ANNUAL REPORT

### Reflecting on a Year of Challenges and Triumphs: Community Resilience in 2023-24

#### Embracing Adversity, Celebrating Achievements, and Building Towards a Brighter Future

In the whirlwind of life, the period spanning from 2023 to 2024 has been a testament to the resilience and determination of our community. Amidst demanding work and unforeseen challenges, we found moments of joy, reaped the rewards of our efforts, and persevered through setbacks with unwavering resolve.

#### A Journey of Resilience and Growth

Life's journey is rarely straightforward, and the past year was no exception. As we navigated through obstacles both within our community and in our professional lives, we embraced the twists and turns that made our path memorable. Though our destination remains clear, we recognise that our journey is only half complete - a journey marked by laughter, tears, and the unparalleled satisfaction of reaching our goals.

#### Trials and Triumphs: A Year in Review

The journey began with the fiercely competitive Indoor Cricket Tournament in Birmingham - a showcase of skill and determination that culminated in the victory of the Coventry team. Despite contentious umpiring decisions, their triumph served as a testament to the resilience of our athletes.

Subsequently, the planned football tournament in January 2024 was wisely cancelled, acknowledging seasonal considerations. Undeterred, we pivoted to a new initiative led by Hanesh - a careers online seminar featuring accomplished professionals. This platform provided invaluable insights to guide our youth in shaping their futures.

#### Adaptability in the Face of Adversity

Despite encountering setbacks, such as the cancellation of Racquet Day due to town-related issues, our community remained resilient. The profound impact of the pandemic prompted reflection and realignment of priorities, underscoring the importance of unity and perseverance in times of crisis.

#### Looking Ahead: Building Towards a Brighter Future

The Sports and Community Festival scheduled for August 2024 symbolises our commitment to fostering engagement and inclusivity. Beyond sporting activities, we aim to cultivate a vibrant community atmosphere, celebrating our diversity and shared experiences.

Our dedication extends beyond into events to honouring our elders through hosting local Chai and Chats in our towns across the UK - facilitating intergenerational connections and fostering a sense of appreciation for our heritage.

#### Join Us on the Journey

As we navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, we invite you to join us on this

journey of growth and community enrichment. Together, we are stronger, united in our commitment to serving and uplifting one another.

In the face of adversity, our community stands resilient, poised to overcome any obstacle that comes our way. As we forge ahead, let us remember that the decision to participate is yours - a choice that holds the power to shape our collective future.

**“Together we are stronger.”**

**Nailesh Patel, AMSUK Youth Forum Convenor.**

### **Celebrating Our Elders: A Heartfelt Tribute from the AMSUK Youth Forum Committee**

In a world that constantly looks forward, it is essential to pause and honour those who paved the way for our present and future. As representatives of the Youth Forum Committee, we feel a profound duty to express our deepest gratitude to our elders, both those with us and those who continue to guide us from beyond.

Your relentless hard work and sacrifices have created the foundation upon which we stand today. The opportunities we enjoy and the freedoms we cherish are a direct result of your dedication and perseverance. Your love and guidance have shaped us into the individuals we are, instilling values and wisdom that will carry us through life's challenges.

To our elders, we say THANK YOU. Thank you for the countless ways you have supported us, nurtured us, and believed in us. Your legacy lives on in our actions and achievements. We owe our successes and our resilience to you, and for this, we will be eternally grateful.

As we navigate our paths forward, we do so with the knowledge that we are standing on the shoulders of giants. Your contributions are not just a part of our history; they are the bedrock of our future. We honour you today and every day, with the promise to uphold the values you have instilled in us and to carry forward the torch of your enduring spirit.

### **અમારા વડીલોની ઉજવણી:- યુવા મંચ સમિતિ તરફથી હૃદયપૂર્વકની શ્રદ્ધાંજલિ**

સતત આગળ જોતી દુનિયામાં, આપણા વર્તમાન અને ભવિષ્ય માટે માર્ગ મોકળો કરનારાઓને વિરામ અને સન્માન આપવું આવશ્યક છે. યુથ ફોરમ કમિટીના પ્રતિનિધિ તરીકે, અમે અમારા વડીલો પ્રત્યે, અમારી સાથેના લોકો અને જેઓ આગળથી અમને માર્ગદર્શન આપતા રહે છે, તેમના પ્રત્યે અમારી ઊંડી કૃતજ્ઞતા વ્યક્ત કરવાની અમે ગહન ફરજ અનુભવીએ છીએ. તમારા અવિરત પરિશ્રમ અને બલિદાનો એ પાયો બનાવ્યો છે જેના પર આજે આપણે ઉભા છીએ. અમે જે તકોનો આનંદ માણીએ છીએ અને અમે જે સ્વતંત્રતાઓની કદર કરીએ છીએ તે તમારા સમર્પણ અને દ્રઢતાનું સીધું પરિણામ છે. તમારા પ્રેમ અને માર્ગદર્શને અમને એવા વ્યક્તિઓમાં આકાર આપ્યો છે જે આપણે છીએ. મૂલ્યો અને શાણપણ કેળવ્યું છે જે આપણને જીવનના પડકારોમાંથી પસાર થશે.

અમારા વડીલોને, અમે કહીએ છીએ આભાર, તમે અસંખ્ય રીતે અમને ટેકો આપ્યો છે, અમને પોષણ આપ્યું છે અને અમારામાં વિશ્વાસ કર્યો છે તે બદલ આભાર. તમારો વારસો અમારી ક્રિયાઓ અને સિદ્ધિઓમાં જીવે છે. અમે અમારી સફળતાઓ અમારી સ્થિતિસ્થાપકતાના ઋણી છીએ, અને આ માટે અમે સદાકાળ આભારી રહીશું. જેમ જેમ આપણે આપણા માર્ગો આગળ નેવિગેટ કરીએ છીએ, તેમ આપણે તે જ્ઞાન સાથે કરીએ છીએ કે આપણે દૈત્યોના ખભા પર ઉભા છીએ. તમારું યોગદાન આપણા ઇતિહાસનો માત્ર એક ભાગ નથી. તેઓ આપણા ભવિષ્યનો આધાર છે. તમે અમારામાં જે મૂલ્યો ઠાલવ્યા છે તેને જાળવી રાખવા અને તમારી સ્થાયી ભાવનાની મશાલને આગળ ધપાવવાના વચન સાથે અમે આજે અને દરરોજ તમારું સન્માન કરીએ છીએ.



## SINGLES EVENTS ANNUAL REPORT.

Team: Darshana Patel, Beena Patel, Hema Patel and Niki Patel.

We had organised two events at The Actress and Bishop in Birmingham. West Midlands.

Event 1 – 21 April 2024, for ages up to 39.

Event 2 – 02 June 2024, for ages over 35 - Unfortunately, we had to cancel Event 2 due to low participation of females.

Event 1 - We had 18 male participants and 14 female participants. All participants had a great time at the event, with many describing it as the most enjoyable one they've been to. The venue's central location made it convenient for everyone to attend. The venue was also commended for its inviting ambiance, contributing to the overall positive experience. Attendees unanimously expressed their appreciation for the life coach session.

The coaching session played a pivotal role in preparing all attendees for the speed dating segment of the event. It provided comprehensive guidance on what to ask and how to ask, equipping participants with the tools needed to engage effectively during their interactions. Beyond its immediate relevance to the event, the coaching offered valuable insights that extend far beyond the realm of dating. It emphasized skills such as active listening, empathy, and communication, which are essential not only in forming connections with potential partners but also in navigating various aspects of life.

By addressing fundamental principles applicable to interpersonal relationships, the coaching session laid a foundation for personal growth and development that transcends the confines of the event. Attendees left the session feeling empowered with newfound knowledge and skills that have the potential to positively impact their lives in diverse contexts beyond simply finding a life partner.

The speed dating element was highly regarded for its effectiveness in facilitating connections among participants. Attendees valued the opportunity to connect with others who shared similar interests, turning it into an opportunity to talk to others. The icebreaker activity effectively transitioned into the speed dating segment, especially beneficial for first timers, easing any initial nervousness about attending a singles event. The event was praised for its meticulous organisation and the opportunity to interact with a diverse array of individuals. The life coach session was particularly engaging and inspiring all.

The event received positive feedback for its well-thought-out structure and enjoyable activities, such as the icebreaker games, Coaching session, and speed dating. Despite any past experiences, attendees felt this event surpassed their expectations. Some of the comments



received from the attendees were that they would like this event to be open to other samaj communities. I received multiple phone calls from parents of other samaj's asking if they could register their son/daughter, but it was explained that it was open to Koli Samaj only. An email was received from a parent asking if future events could open to other samaj's too. Overall, the first event fostered a relaxed atmosphere with no pressure, allowing attendees to simply enjoy themselves. They appreciated the inclusive approach to planning activities and felt welcomed by the warm and friendly demeanour of the AMSUK Singles Events Team.

**Darshana Patel,**

Singles Events Convenor.



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### **AMSUK CONSTITUTION – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS.**

The AMSUK Constitution was initially passed during a Special General Meeting on 13 June 1993 in West Bromwich. It incorporates the amendments made at the EGM on 18 February 1996. The Constitution was retyped in June 2023 to include amendments approved at the AGMs on 14 September 1997 and 04 August 2019.

The retyped Constitution is the Current Working Constitution, signed by the President and Secretary at the AGM on 06 August 2023.

A sub-committee, led by Ashok U and including Ashok R, Bipin, Nailesh, Vinu, and Hasmukh S, was tasked with reviewing, amending, and updating the Retyped Constitution for clarity. After several Zoom meetings, the sub-committee completed their task on 08 May 2024.

The proposed amendments to the Constitution were discussed and approved at the EC Meeting on 09 June 2024. These amendments will next seek approval from the Charity Commission and ratification by the members at the AMSUK AGM on 01 September 2024.

**NOTE:           The Proposed Amendments to the AMSUK Constitution can be found on Pages 31 to 45 of this Publication"**



## THE ASSOCIATION OF MANDHATA SAMAJ, UK.

Established 1972 Registered Charity No. 1055169

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### CONSTITUTION - DRAFT

*(Retyped in June 2023)*

#### CLAUSE 1 TITLE:

The name of the Institution shall be “THE ASSOCIATION OF MANDHATA SAMAJ, UK.” (Hereinafter referred to as “AMSUK ~~Mandhata Samaj~~”).

#### CLAUSE 2 HEADQUARTERS:

Until the Association acquires a suitable place for its office and various activities, the residence of the Secretary shall be the official Headquarters.  
The official language of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ shall be both Gujarati and English and shall be used when and where applicable.

#### CLAUSE 3 OBJECTS:

The objects of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ shall be:

- a) To develop and maintain a strong and cohesive Community. ~~to advance Hindu religion and education~~
- b) To value and promote Hindu Faith and Cultural Heritage.
- b) To develop and support all AMSUK Affiliated Organisations and Associations. ~~to —relieve the effects of poverty and sickness~~
- e) ~~to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare for recreation and other leisure —time~~
- c) ~~occupation with the object of improving the conditions of life of the youthful members —of the Hindu community in accordance with the traditions of the Hindu faith and,~~
- d) Tto promote any other charitable purpose, which AMSUK ~~the trustees~~ may in it's ~~their~~ absolute discretion determine in the United Kingdom and elsewhere.

#### CLAUSE 4 POWERS:

As ancillary thereto and in furtherance of the above objects AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ may:

- (a) Offer facilities as necessary ~~for religious functions and the performing of all religious —rites connected with births, marriages, and deaths.~~
- (b) Provide a forum for lectures, discussions, concerts, functions, and other activities ~~film shows and other activities to foster interest and participation for the achievement of the above objects.~~
- (c) Provide a library of books and periodicals.

- (d) Provide, endow, furnish and fit out with all necessary furniture and other equipment and maintain and manage such buildings and other premises as may from time to time be required for the purposes of the Mandhata Samaj.
- (e) (c) Acquire, erect, establish, conduct, provide and manage centre or centres in furtherance of the aforesaid objects.
- (f) (d) Subject to such consents as may be required by law to acquire, manage, erect, lease, let, hire, mortgage any such property(ies) as appropriate.
- (g) (e) Solicit from individuals, government departments, local authorities, other national and International organisations, donations, gifts, contributions, legacies, grants, fees, subscriptions and movable and immovable property.
- (h) Raise, invest, re-invest, provide scholarships, (give financial assistance) or other financial securities as appropriate.
- (i) (f) Undertake, executive, manage or assist any trusts which may lawfully be undertaken, executed, managed or assisted by AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj in accordance with the rules and regulations as laid down in the Trusts Acts and Charities Acts at the time.
- (j) (g) Raise, spend and invest funds on any of the aforesaid powers provided that they are solely for the attainment of objects of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj and provided that AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj shall not undertake any permanent trading activities in raising funds for its charitable objects.
- (k) (h) Affiliate to other organisations and encourage other organisations to affiliate to AMSUK Mandhata Samaj in order to promote the aforesaid objects.
- (l) (i) Undertake all such lawful things, as may be necessary for the attainment of the said objects, or any of them, or the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution.
- (m) (j) The Association shall not engage in direct political activities except those permissible under its charitable status, ie in furtherance of its charitable objects.

## CLAUSE 5 RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF FUNDS AND PROPERTY

The income and property of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj and no member of its Executive Committee shall be appointed to any office of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj paid by salary or fees or receive any remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth from the AMSUK Mandhata Samaj.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent any payment in good faith in AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj:

- (a) of reasonable and proper remuneration to any member, officer or employee of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj (not being a member of its Executive Committee) for any services rendered to AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj;
- (b) of interest on money lent by any member of the Mandhata Samaj or of its Executive Committee at a reasonable and proper rate per annum not exceeding 2% less than the published base rate of a clearing bank to be selected by the Executive Committee.

~~(c) of reasonable and proper rent, the premises demised or let by any member of the Mandhata Samaj or of its Executive Committee.~~

~~(d) of fees, remuneration or other benefit in money or money's worth to any company of which a member of the Executive Committee may also be a member holding not more than 1% (1/100) part of the capital of that Company.~~

~~(e) (b) to any member of its Executive Committee of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.~~

## CLAUSE 6 MEMBERSHIP

Definition of eligibility –

Individual Life Membership - Membership shall be open to INDIVIDUALS who belong to the Mandhata Koli Patel Community above the age of 18 years and who endorse the Objects of AMSUK and who pay the agreed subscription as approved by the AMSUK Annual General Meeting.

Affiliated Organisation Life Membership – affiliation to AMSUK shall be open to like-minded organisations who endorse the objects of AMSUK and who pay the agreed subscription as approved by the AMSUK Annual General Meeting.

Membership Subscription

(a) Individual Life Member £25

(b) Affiliated Organisation Life Membership £100

~~Membership shall be open to all members of the Mandhata Community (ie. Koli Patel) above the age of 18 years and who endorse the objects of the Mandhata Samaj and who pay the agreed subscription as approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Mandhata Samaj.~~

~~The Mandhata Samaj shall consist of members called:~~

<del>(a) Patrons (Life Members)</del>	<del>£251.00</del>
<del>(b) Donors (Life Members)</del>	<del>£151.00</del>
<del>(c) Life Members (1) Individual</del>	<del>£25.00</del>
<del>(2) Institutional</del>	<del>£100.00</del>
<del>(d) Annual Members (1) Institutional</del>	<del>£25.00</del>
<del>(2) Individual</del>	<del>£5.00</del>

~~Such Annual Members shall be deemed to be a member for the financial year in which payment is made and shall continue to remain so long as he/she/it pays the subscription fee within nine months from the beginning of each financial year.~~

~~(e) Honorary Members~~

~~Honorary Members may be elected by the Executive Committee as a token of appreciation of his/her distinguished services to the Association. He/she pays no subscription, has no vote and shall not be eligible to hold any office in the Association.~~

~~(f) Overseas Members~~

~~It is open to individuals, institutions, organisations, associations, groups and/or societies wishing to be kept in touch with the work of Mandhata Samaj. The subscription fee for such membership may be decided by the Executive Committee.~~

~~The subscription fee for all categories of membership shall be determined by the Executive Committee. However, the subscription will be reviewed once every three years at an annual general meeting.~~

**CLAUSE 7 ADMISSION FORM**

Any person or affiliated organisation~~institution~~, wishing to become a member of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~, shall have to fill in, and sign the prescribed form and submit the same along with the required subscription fee to the Secretary. The Secretary shall present all such applications to the Executive Committee. All rejected applications will be returned to the applicants and it shall be the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee whether to show cause of such rejection. However, such applicant(s) can appeal to the Holding Trustees ~~Annual General Meeting~~ against such rejection and their decision will be final.

**CLAUSE 8 ENTITLEMENTS**

1. ~~(1)~~ — Membership shall entitle members to participate in the work of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ at the local, regional, national and/or international levels. They have the right and privilege to attend and participate in all open meetings of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.

~~2. (2)~~ — Members shall have individual voting rights at all public meetings of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.

3. ~~(3)~~ — Affiliated Organisations' ~~Institutional~~ representatives ~~members~~ shall have the right to exercise atwo votes at such meetings.

~~4. meetings.~~

~~(4) Overseas members shall not have voting rights.~~

~~(5)~~ — Members have a right to seek any office in the Association providing they meet the eligibility criteria as set out in Clause 11.

5. ~~(6)~~ — Members have a right to inspect books and records of AMSUK ~~the Samaj~~ on giving 30 days notice at a mutually agreed place and time.

**CLAUSE 9 TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

The Executive Committee shall have the right, for good and sufficient reason, to terminate the Membership of any individual or institution, provided that:

(a) ~~(a)~~ — Written notice of the proposal to expel the member shall be given to them ~~to him/her/it~~ at least ~~fourteen~~~~seven~~ days prior to the meeting of the Executive Committee at which it is to be considered.

~~They~~

~~b)~~ — ~~He/she/it~~ shall be given an opportunity to be heard before a decision is made thereon

(b)

(c) ~~(c)~~ — They have the ~~He/she/it~~ has a right to appeal to the decision of the Executive Committee to the Holding Trustees ~~Annual General Meeting~~ whose decision shall be final.

(d) ~~(d)~~ — Any fees paid or donations made ~~contribution made~~ by such a member will not be refunded ~~except loan~~.

**CLAUSE 10 REPRESENTATIVES:**

An institution, organisation or association accepted by the Executive Committee

as a member, must submit to the Secretary a statement in writing and signed by a duly authorised person, the name of ~~two names~~ of it's representatives along with the contact detail ~~addresses~~. If, ~~for any of them may~~, however, the organisation at any time make a change in the person(s) being their representatives, such change must be notified in writing and signed by a duly authorised person to the Secretary of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~. The ~~Any~~ representative duly appointed shall serve as a member of the Executive Committee ~~official representative for 2 year Term of Service~~.

**CLAUSE 11 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

The Executive Committee will consist of the Office Bearers, Womens' Forum and Youth Forum coordinators and 5 elected members, all of whom shall be individual life members of AMSUK and include, as per Clause 10, one representative from each of the affiliated organisations.

(A) ~~Honorary~~ Office Bearers:

The Office Bearers of AMSUK shall consist of the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer ~~Executive Committee of the Mandhata Samaj shall consists of the President, the Vice President, The Secretary, Assistant Secretary/ies, the Treasurer, Assistant treasurer/s, Internal Auditor, 5 Trustees, 14 elected Members of whom a minimum of 4 will be ladies and 2 representatives of the Affiliated Associations from the other UK cities.~~

(1)

President

The President ~~highest office in the Mandhata Samaj shall be that of the President, who,~~

- (a) Shall chair all Executive Committee Meetings and sign the Minutes as confirmed by the Meetings.
- (b) Shall endeavour to establish liaison with various like-minded groups, associations, and organisations.
- (c) Shall uphold the Constitution and guide AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ in realising its objects.
- (d) Shall be responsible for the observance of the objects of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ together with rules and regulations implemented by the Executive Committee.
- (e) Shall also be one of the signatories to operate and manage the account or accounts with the Bank or such institutions on behalf of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.
- (f) Shall have a second or casting vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee and the General Meetings, in the case of an equality of votes.
- (g) Shall undertake all such steps as seen to be necessary in furtherance of the aforesaid objects.
- (h) Have power to spend as prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time, a sum of money for any specific urgent business of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ without the prior consent of the Executive Committee; but shall account for such expenses in the

- immediate Executive Committee.
- (2) Vice President  
The Vice President shall assume duties and responsibilities in the absence of the President and assist the President in carrying out the his/her duties and responsibilities.
- (3) Secretary  
The Secretary shall, besides exercising a general supervision of the detailed working of the rules of the Constitution of the Mandhata Samaj, shall also be responsible for the welfare of the Mandhata Samaj and the dignity of the institution.
- (a) Keep and record in the Minute Book minutes of the Executive Committee and the General Meetings of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj.
- (b) Issue Notice of the meetings to all members and also inform the general membership of all the events, activities and functions organised by AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj. All such notices posted, shall be deemed to have been received.
- (c) Conduct correspondence and put the decisions of the Executive Committee Meetings into execution
- (d) Keep in safe custody the files, Minutes Books, Register of all Members, copies of the Constitution, The Mandhata Samaj Seal and anyall other records of the AMSUK Mandhata Samaj.
- (e) Prepare and submit for the approval of the Executive Committee the his/her annual report of the AMSUKMandhata Samaj's activities for presentation to the Annual General Meeting.
- (f) Shall be one of the signatories to operate and manage the account or accounts with the Bank or such institutions on behalf of AMSUKthe Mandhata Samaj.
- (g) Have power to spend as prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time, a sum of money for any specific urgent business of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj without the prior consent of the Executive Committee; but shall account for such expenses in the immediate Executive Committee meeting.
- (h) Carry out such other functions, duties and responsibilities as are delegated to him/her by the Executive Committee
- (i) Shall undertake all such things as seen to be necessary in furtherance of the aforesaid objects.
- (4) Assistant Secretary/Secretaries
- (a) The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in carrying out the his/her duties and responsibilities.
- (b) Shall undertake all such things as seen to be necessary in furtherance of the aforesaid objects.
- (5) Treasurer
- (a) The Treasurer shall keep general control over the finance of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj.
- (b) Shall keep such books and accounts as may be required and shall be responsible for the correct accounting of the receipts and payments and of the safe custody of the funds of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj.

- (c) Shall deposit all monies received within good time ~~ten days~~ into the Bank or Financial Institution approved by the Executive Committee and as per the Up-to-date Roll of Members shall collect subscriptions and dues from members.
- (d) Shall authorise and issue receipts for all incomes received by AMSUK ~~him/her on behalf of the Mandhata Samaj~~.
- (e) Shall prepare and present before the Executive Committee, management accounts, budgets, and financial accounts of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ as and when required. Shall ~~He/she will~~ also submit, for the approval of the Executive Committee, Annual Audited Accounts for the presentation at the Annual General Meeting(s).
- (f) Shall operate and manage jointly with the President and the Secretary the accounts with the Bank or such institutions on behalf of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.
- (g) Have power to spend as prescribed by the Executive Committee from time to time, a sum of money for any specific urgent business of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ without the prior consent of the Executive Committee; but shall account for such expenses in the immediate Executive Committee Meeting.
- (h) Shall advise the Executive Committee through the President of any financial transactions being negotiated by AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.
- (i) Shall transact the financial business of AMSUK ~~the Samaj~~ in such manner as the Executive Committee may direct from time to time.
- (6) Assistant Treasurer/Treasurers
- (a) The Assistant Treasurer(s) shall assist the Treasurer in carrying out the ~~his/her~~ duties and responsibilities.
- (b) Shall undertake all such things as seen to be necessary in furtherance of the aforesaid objects.
- (7) Internal Auditor
- (a) ~~To check the books of accounts from time to time and to prepare and sign the Income and Expenditure Statement of the Mandhata Samaj with relevant comments and forward this account to the Secretary or the Treasurer for approval by the AGM:~~
- (b) ~~To advice the President/Treasurer/Executive Committee in connection with the state of the finances of the Samaj.~~
- (B) Duties Common to All Office Bearers/Trustees
- On relinquishing their office for whatever reason, all documents or property belonging to AMSUK ~~Mandhata Samaj~~ shall be handed over to their respective successor or to the President/Trustee within six weeks.
- (C) Functions and Powers of the Executive Committee:
1. To manage, control and supervise all the affairs, activities, the trusts administered by AMSUK ~~the Samaj~~ and of all things necessary for and incidental to the carrying out of all the objects of the Samaj, except such as



may have been expressly reserved by the general body:

2. No member of the Executive Committee shall be employed by the ~~Mandhata Sama~~AMSUKj.

3. AMSUK individual life members shall ~~All categories of members, who have been such members for a continuous period of one year prior to the date of election of the Executive Committee,~~ shall alone be eligible for membership of the Executive Committee.

4. The Executive Committee shall be elected for a 2 year Term of Service. At the expiration of the ~~2one~~ years, all the members of the Executive Committee shall, ~~including Office Bearers shall~~ *ipso facto* be deemed to have resigned; such members shall be eligible for re-election.

5. The Executive Committee shall have power to set up sub-committees and working parties as necessary to conduct the work of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to select members of such sub-committees and working parties from suitably qualified and experienced persons. All acts and proceedings of any such sub-committees shall be reported back to the Executive Committee as soon as possible. The coordinators and working partners of the sub-committees shall be elected for a 2 year Term of Service.

6. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to make by-laws for the purpose of carrying out the objects of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~, but not inconsistent with any of the rules of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ or any resolutions of the Annual General Meeting(s).

7. The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee during the terms of office in compliance with (5). However, the vacancy occurred by resignation, death and/or expulsion of the President cannot be filled by the Executive Committee. This vacancy will have to be filled by a specially called Extraordinary ~~Annual~~ General Meeting.

8. Shall receive and determine any application for membership of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.

9. Shall review membership subscription provisions, fees and charges from time to time for recommendation to the Annual General Meeting.

10. The Executive Committee shall meet at least four times a year.

11. The Executive Committee may ask any individual or official of any statutory authority to attend its meetings as an observer, if required for a particular meeting, who shall NOT have any power to vote.

12. Shall appoint and/or terminate the services of any employee(s) of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~.

13. Shall call a special and/or extra-ordinary General Meeting.

14. Shall adopt, issue, and put into operation the Standing Orders and/or rules and regulations of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~, subject to review by the Annual General Meeting and shall not be inconsistent with the

provisions of the Constitution.

15. Shall administer the finance of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ in conformity with the objects of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ and the general direction of the Annual General Meeting and to keep true and accurate accounts thereof.

16. Any organisation or individual requiring the services of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~, shall make an application in writing to the Secretary, which shall first have to be approved by the Executive Committee, who shall arrange to give its best possible service on merit and in the light of the prevailing circumstances.

17. The quorum at meetings of the Executive Committee shall be one-half of the members of the Executive Committee. If within 15 minutes of the appointed time of commencement a quorum is not established, the members present may commence the proceedings, but shall not take any policy decision which may affect the objects of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~. However, members present may decide to adjourn such properly constituted meeting which shall stay adjourned until the day, time and place to be decided by those present at the meeting.. ~~Such an adjourned meeting shall not require a quorum, provided a written notice of such an adjourned meeting has been given to the members of the Executive Committee.~~

~~If any properly constituted meeting, having partially disposed of the agenda, stands adjourned to a date agreed by the members present, shall not require a quorum at that adjournment to carry on with the remaining business on the Agenda of the meeting.~~

18. Any fifteen members of the Executive Committee, may, in writing, request the Secretary to call a meeting of the Executive Committee. Within 14 days of the receipt of such request, the Secretary shall convene the Executive Committee Meeting.

19. All motions put to any of the meetings of the Executive Committee, shall be decided upon by a simple majority of votes.

20. A resolution or a decision approved or taken by an Annual General Meeting and Special or Extra-Ordinary Meeting cannot be overruled by the Executive Committee.

21. The Executive Committee may decide to affiliate to any charitable institution, association, group, organisation, society, or authority, having similar objects.

22. In case of any dispute regarding the interpretation of the provision of this constitution, or any matter not provided herein, the Executive Committee shall decide, and its decision shall be final.

(D) Disqualification of Members of the Executive Committee:

The office of a member of the Executive Committee shall be vacated:

(a) If a member is found to be in breach of the standards outlined by

the Executive Committee in it's Code of Conduct receiving order is made against him/her or he/she makes any arrangements or composition with his/her creditors.

- (b) If a member he/she becomes of unsound mind.
- (c) If a member he/she ceases to be a member of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj.
- (d) If, by notice in writing to the AMSUK Mandhata Samaj, a member he/she resigns their his/her office.
- (e) If a member he/she ceases to hold office by reason of any orders made under the Charities Act.
- (f) If a member he/she fails without satisfactory written explanation to be present from three

consecutive Executive Committee meetings. However, the Executive Committee has to inform such disqualification to the Annual General Meeting.

(g) In addition, and without prejudice to the provisions of the Charities Act, the AMSUK Mandhata Samaj members may, by Extra Ordinary Resolution remove any member of the Executive Committee and may by an ordinary resolution appoint another qualified member in his stead.

Any change of Executive Committee Members in any circumstances, the relevant official AMSUK documents/paperwork shall be returned to AMSUK.

(h) Change of office bearer in any circumstances, should submit all the relevant documents;

## CLAUSE 12 GENERAL BODY MEETINGS:

- A. Annual General Meeting:
  - Each year, not later than 30<sup>th</sup> during the month of August/September, the Executive Committee shall convene an Annual General Meeting of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj by giving at least 21 days notice in writing, where all members shall be entitled to attend for the following purposes:
    - (1) To receive and approve the annual report from the Secretary.
    - (2) To receive and approve the audited Statements of Accounts and budget for the ensuing year presented by the Treasurer.
    - (3) ~~When due~~, to appoint an External Auditor or Auditors for a 2 year Term of Service.
    - (4) ~~When due~~, to elect the office bearers and fourteen other members of the Executive Committee and sub-committee coordinators for a 2 year Term of Service.
    - (5) Any other business, with the permission of the Chair.
    - (6) Decision taken by the Executive Committee can be modified or rejected in the Annual General Meeting.
    - (7) A resolution or a decision approved or taken by an Annual General Meeting or Special or Extra-ordinary Meeting cannot be over-ruled for a period of six months.
- B. Special General Meeting:

A Special General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee for the transaction of any urgent business and a written notice of such a meeting shall be given to the members at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting. No other business may be transacted at a special general meeting other than the purpose for which it has been convened by the Executive Committee.

C. Extra-Ordinary General Meeting:

An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be convened by the Executive Committee within four weeks after receipt of written requisition duly signed by at least 100 or one-third of the members (whichever is the lesser) and stating the purpose of the requisition.

All members shall be notified in writing at least 14 days prior to the date of the meeting.

~~However, should the Executive Committee fail to convene a meeting within four weeks from the date of the receipt of the request, then the Trustees should be approached, and if they too fail to call an Extra-ordinary Meeting the requisitionists themselves may call the meeting giving not less than 14 days notice to all members, and the decision taken at such a meeting shall be conclusive and binding on all. No subject, other than the specific subject for which the meeting is convened, shall be discussed at the meeting.~~

**CLAUSE 13 GENERAL PROCEDURES AND POWERS:**

1. A member can attend any General, Annual or Extra Ordinary meeting personally or by proxy, provided that the document of proxy shall be deposited at the headquarters of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ at least 48 hours before the date and time of the meeting and provided further that the proxy shall be a member of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ competent to vote according to the rules for the time being in force and provided further that, no vote shall be recorded for purposes of election on behalf of persons present by proxy.

2. All motions put to any of the meetings shall be decided upon by a simple majority of votes unless otherwise specified in the Constitution. The Chairman shall have a casting vote ~~distinct from his/her ordinary vote.~~

3. Votes shall be counted by "show of hands" only unless the Meeting decides by a majority to vote by ballot.

4. Any resolution for consideration at the Annual General Meeting must be received by the Secretary, duly seconded in writing for consideration by the Executive Committee at least 21 days in advance of the Annual General Meeting.

5. No members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting unless all money presently payable by him/her to AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ has been paid. However, the Executive Committee will have the power to waive this restriction in view of any special circumstances that may be brought to their attention.

6. ~~One~~<sup>Two</sup> representatives of every affiliated organisation shall also have the right to vote provided the names of such persons have been submitted to the Secretary well in advance in writing.

7. A resolution put to the vote of the meeting shall be decided on the show of hands, unless a secret ballot is demanded by a majority of members present at the time of the meeting. A ballot may also be directed by the President. In the absence of any such deliberations the President shall declare whether a particular resolution has been carried either unanimously or by a majority of vote or lost, and ~~minuted an entry to that effect shall be made conclusively in the Minute Book.~~

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Every voting member and delegate of an affiliated organisation present in person shall have one vote.

~~8. In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, the President shall be entitled to a second or casting vote.~~

9. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over the meeting. In the absence of both of them the members present shall elect a chairperson for the meeting.

10. The quorum for any General Meeting shall be one third of the total membership. If a quorum at the aforesaid meeting is not formed for 15 minutes from the time of the meeting, the members present who shall number at least 50 may commence the proceedings, or may adjourn the meeting, to any convenient day and time for which reasonable notice shall be given to the absent members. Business may be transacted without quorum at the adjourned meeting.

11. If any properly constituted meeting, having partially disposed of the agenda, stands adjourned to a date agreed by the meeting then it shall require no quorum at the adjournment to carry on with the remaining business of Agenda. No other subject than the agenda will be discussed at the adjourned meeting.

#### **CLAUSE 14 ELECTION PROCEDURE:**

(a) A notice shall be served upon all members and affiliated organisations at least 21 days before the election day, calling for nominations for the various office bearers and members of the Executive Committee, to be duly seconded and submitted in writing so as to reach the secretary not less than 5 days before the election day. En bloc nominations shall not be permitted.

(b) All nominations should be in accordance with a duly completed nomination form ~~accompanied by a written consent from the nominated person.~~

(c) If the number of nominations (including those made at the meeting) does not exceed the number of vacancies to be filled, the persons nominated shall be declared to have been elected at the ~~qualified~~ Annual

General Meeting.

(d) In case the number of nominations exceed the number of vacancies voting shall take place by a show of hands or ballot paper as decided by the Annual General Meeting.

(e) The required number of candidates (to fill the vacancies) obtaining the highest number of votes shall be declared elected. In the event of a tie, a second vote shall be conducted between the tied candidates to elect one of those tying for it shall be taken for that position.

(f) The election shall be conducted by a representative the Chairperson of the Holding Trustees who, He/she may appoint scrutinizer(s) for the purpose of such election(s).

#### **CLAUSE 15 INDEMNITY**

In the execution of the Trusts hereof no Executive Committee member shall be liable for any loss to the property of AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj arising by reason of any improper investment made in good faith (so long as he/she shall have sought professional advice before making such investment) or for the negligence or fraud of any agent employed by him or by any other Executive Committee member hereof in good faith (provided reasonable supervision shall have been exercised) although the employment of such agent was strictly not necessary or by reason of any mistake or omission made in good faith by any Executive Committee member hereof or by reason of any other matter or thing other than wilful and individual fraudulent wrong doing or wrongful omission on the part of the Executive Committee member who is sought to be made liable.

#### **CLAUSE 16 SPECIAL POWER**

The President and/or the Executive Committee, Trustee or the Holding Trustees may be removed at any time during term of office at an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting called for that purpose by a simple majority. On such removal, a new President, Executive Committee, Trustee or Trustees shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

#### **CLAUSE 17 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

Except where otherwise provided any provisions of this Constitution may be amended or revoked by a Resolution passed by two-third majority of the members present at the qualifying General Meeting, but any proposal to alter the rules for the time being in force, must be communicated to the Secretary and must be specific and in writing. The Secretary shall put the same to the Executive Committee for its information and thereafter circulate the same to all the members at least 28 days before the meeting at which the proposal is to be moved. No amendment shall be made which would cause AMSUK the Mandhata Samaj to cease to be a Charity in Law. Provided that no amendment to Clause 3, this Clause or Clause 23 shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained.

**CLAUSE 18 EXTERNAL AUDIT**

(1) Once every year the financial statements prepared by the Treasurer ~~Accounts, Books and relating records~~ shall be examined, audited and approved by the AMSUK Auditor ~~the correctness of the Accounts prepared by the Treasurer ascertained by the Mandhata Samaj's Auditor(s)~~. All supporting records and documents shall be provided.

(2) The Auditor (s) shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting in pursuance of the Charities Acts and Charities legislation and their duties should be in accordance therewith.

**CLAUSE 19 FINANCIAL YEAR**

The Financial year of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ shall be from the 1st April to 31st March.

**CLAUSE 20 HOLDING TRUSTEES AND TRUST PROPERTY**

Five individual life members of AMSUK ~~senior members of the Samaj~~ shall – ~~patrons, donors, or life members~~ – be elected to the Management Committee to serve for a period of four ~~five~~ years as Holding Trustees who will be named in any Documents of Title of AMSUK ~~the Samaj~~:

(1) ~~Subject to the provisions of Sub-clause (2) of this clause,~~ the Executive Committee shall cause the ----title to :

(a) all land held by or in trust for the charity which is not vested in the Official Custodian for Charities; and

(b) all investments held by or on behalf of the charity.

be vested either on a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee or in not less than three individuals appointed by them as holding trustees. Holding trustees may be removed by the Executive Committee at their pleasure and shall act in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive Committee. Provided they act only in accordance with the lawful directions of the Executive Committee, the Holding Trustees shall not be liable for the acts and defaults of its members.

~~(2) If a corporation entitled to act as custodian trustee has not been appointed to hold the property of the charity, the Executive Committee may permit any investments held by or in trust for the Charity to be held in the name of a clearing bank, trust corporation or any stockholding company which is a member of the International Stock Exchange (or any subsidiary of any of the stockbroking company) as nominee for the Executive Committee, and may pay such a nominee reasonable and proper remuneration for acting as such.~~

**CLAUSE 21 COPY OF RULES**

Every member shall have a right to a copy of the Constitution and Audited Accounts of the AMSUK ~~Mandhata Samaj~~ passed during the year at a prescribed cost.

**CLAUSE 22. STANDING ORDER**

The Executive Committee shall have power to adopt and issue Standing Orders

and/or Rules for the operation of Projects/Schemes. Such Standing Orders and Rules shall come into operation immediately, provided always that they shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

**CLAUSE 23. DISSOLUTION**

AMSUK ~~The Mandhata Samaj~~ may at any time be dissolved by a Resolution passed by three-fourth majority of Members present and voting at such a General Meeting of which at least 28 clear days written notice shall have been given to all members. Such Resolution(s) may give instructions for the disposal of any assets held by or in the name of AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ PROVIDED THAT if any ASSETS remain after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities such ASSETS shall not be paid or distributed amongst the members but shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to some or all of the objects of AMSUK~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ as AMSUK ~~the Mandhata Samaj~~ may, with the approval of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction, determine.

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**NOTES:**

- 1) *The above constitution was passed by a Special General Meeting called for the purpose on 13th June 1993 held at West Bromwich. It incorporates the amendments passed at the EGM on 18th February 1996*
- 2) *The above constitution was subsequently retyped in June 2023, and it incorporates the amendments approved at AGM on 14.09.1997 and 04.08.2019*
- 3) *The above RETYPED Constitution is the Working Constitution and formally signed by the President and Secretary of AMSUK at the AGM on 6 August 2023.*
- 4) *Draft version 2.01 incorporating proposed amendments and substitution of the "Mandhata Samaj" with AMSUK.*
- 3)5) *Amendments made at review meetings 16th and 22nd November. Then on 10th December 2023. Updated from page 7 item 18 onwards on 8th May 2024 for review and approval by the Executive Committee.*

**President: Hasmukh S Patel**

Signature:

Date: 6 August 2023

**Secretary: Ashok R Patel**

Signature:

Date: 6 August 2023





## APPLICATION FOR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP

The Association of Mandhata Samaj UK (AMSUK) is a registered charity established to promote social welfare of the Mandhata Hindu community. Individuals, over the age of 18 years, from the Mandhata community are eligible to become Individual Life Members in accordance with Clauses 6 & 7 of the AMSUK Constitution.

### CLAUSE 6 MEMBERSHIP

Membership shall be open to all members of the Mandhata Koli Patel Community above the age of 18 years and who endorse the objects of the Mandhata Samaj and who pay the agreed subscription as approved by the Annual General Meeting of the Mandhata Samaj.

### CLAUSE 7 ADMISSION FORM

Any person wishing to become a member of the Mandhata Samaj, shall have to fill in, and sign the prescribed form and submit the same along with the required subscription fee to the Secretary. The Secretary shall present all such applications to the Executive Committee. All rejected applications will be returned to the applicants, and it shall be the absolute discretion of the Executive Committee whether to show cause of such rejection. However, such applicant(s) can appeal against such rejection.

**I wish to become a member of the AMSUK. If accepted, I shall abide by the AMSUK Constitution and its objectives.**

**Title: ..... First & Middle Names: .....**

**Surname: .....**

**Address (No. & Street Name): .....**

**Town: .....County: ..... Post Code: .....**

**Home Tel. No.: ..... Mobile No. ....**

**E Mail address: .....**

**Village in India: .....**

**Subscription Fee for INDIVIDUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP: £ 25.00**

**Payment:**

**EITHER by; Bank Transfer: Lloyds Bank PLC; Account No: 03686673; Sort Code: 30-99-83**

**OR : Cheque, made payable to "Association of Mandhata Samaj UK"**

**Please return the completed form to:**

**Ashok R Patel – AMSUK Secretary, 1 Barrington Road, Leicester. LE2 2RA**

**E-mail: ria@ashok.u-net.com**

**For Office use**

**Form Number: .....**

**Issued by: .....**

**Received by: .....**

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**Application registered: .....**

**Applicant informed: .....**

## NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR 2 YEARS TERM OF SERVICE

### CRITERIA FOR AMSUK ELECTION NOMINATIONS

1. All AMSUK members can nominate another member of the community provided that:
  - (a). The nominee agrees to be nominated, and will complete and sign the Nomination form.
  - (b). The nominee and the nominator both have to be paid-up members of AMSUK.
  - (c). If the nomination is for the Office bearer's position, then the nominated person should either:
    - i. Be a serving member of the Executive of AMSUK
    - or
    - ii. Must have served AMSUK or one of the towns/cities for more than three years.
  - (d). In the event no nominations are received or do not meet the criteria set in (c) above, then the Trustees can accept a nomination for the Office Bearer's post from the members present at the AGM on the day.
2. A nominator can nominate for any of the Office bearers' positions provided that the conditions at 1 (a), (b) and (c) are met and each nomination is made on a separate nomination form.
3. The Nominee if elected, will serve for 2 years Term of Service.

If any of the elected EC Member fail to attend 3 consecutive EC Meetings without reasonable explanation in writing, then they will be removed as EC Member.

4. All Nomination forms should be sent to the AMSUK Secretary in a sealed envelope clearly marked "AMSUK Election Nomination Form" together with the sender's Name/Address on reverse of the envelop if an acknowledgement is required.
5. The AMSUK Secretary should receive all the nominations 5 days prior to the date of AGM. Late nominations could be considered but only if received **before** commencement of the AGM on the day of the Elections. Those Nominations received after commencement of the AGM will be considered void.
6. All nominations received by the AMSUK Secretary will remain in the sealed envelopes and be handed over to the AMSUK Holding Trustees on the day of the Elections. The sealed envelopes will be opened by the Holding Trustees before the commencement of the AGM.



## NOMINATION FORM FOR ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (EC) consists of: President, Vice-President, Hon. Secretary, Asst-Secretary, Hon. Treasurer, Asst-Treasurer, Youth Forum Co-ordinator, Women's Forum Co-ordinator, and Five (5) elected members, all of whom shall be Individual Life Members of AMSUK.

PLEASE REFER TO CRITERIA FOR ELECTION NOMINATIONS.

Nomination for the position of:

### 1. Details of Nominee (person standing for the position).

Title: .....First & Middle Names: .....

Surname: .....

Full Address: House No. & Street Name: .....

Town/City: .....County: .....

Post code: .....

Home Tel. No: .....Mobile:.....Email: .....

Experience (brief details of any previous position(s) held with AMSUK or affiliated town)

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### 2. Details of Nominator:

Title: .....First & Middle Names: .....

Surname: .....

Full Address: House No. & Street Name: .....

Town/City: .....County: .....

Post code: .....

Home Tel. No: ..... Mobile: .....Email: .....

I wish to nominate the Nominee for position on the Executive Committee of AMSUK for 2 years Term of Service. I am a life member of AMSUK and the Nominee is a life member of AMSUK.

I have consulted the nominee who has agreed to stand for the nominated position.

Signed by Nominator: ..... Date: .....

Signed by Nominee: ..... Date: .....

Please refer to the nomination criteria and return the completed Nomination Form to:

The AMSUK Secretary, 1 Barrington Road. Leicester. LE2 2RA e-mail: ria@ashok.u-net.com

The Nomination Forms should be sent in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the front "AMSUK Election Nomination" and to reach the Secretary 5 days prior to the AGM