

Khalsa Centre: CC 289347

A Message to Members from the Interim Manager

On 3rd October 2013 the Charity Commission appointed me Interim Manager of the Khalsa Centre which means that I have overall control of the administration and management of the Centre. My particular role however is to ensure that an accurate Register of Members is produced so that a new Board of Trustees can as quickly as possible be elected to take over the Centre's management.

My intention is to have the Register produced by the New Year and to have an Election at a General Meeting in February 2013. All existing members will be asked to re-register on a form I will produce and pay their outstanding subscriptions and without doing so they will not be eligible to vote. New members have not been formally registered since 2011 and they will be asked to register and pay their subscriptions; new members will also be asked to come to the Centre at times which I will arrange in order to have their identities confirmed.

To achieve this I will need the co-operation of all Members of the Centre; having talked already to some of the volunteers and former trustees of the Centre, I am confident that this help will be available. Although I am appointed by the Charity Commission, I am conscious that my fees are payable by the Centre, so that if there are unnecessary delays in completing the Register of Members or in arranging the Election, that will inevitably increase to the cost to the Centre.

I will shortly be writing to all Members on the current Register, explaining how to re-register and how new members can register. Copies of my letter and the form can also be obtained by emailing darrenhooker@stoneking.co.uk in case the register is out of date and you do not receive your letter. Please make sure that you comply with the time limits which I set so that the Election of Trustees can go ahead without delay.



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As the Charity Commission have also asked me to review the Centre's Accounts for past years and to have Accounts for 2012 prepared, I have asked Sudhir Singh a chartered accountant to assist me in that task. I am also assisted by two of my colleagues from Stone King LLP: Reema Mathur who will be in charge of the Election ballot and Darren Hooker whose task is to establish the Register of Members.

I will be arranging two meetings to take place in the Gurdwara: on a Saturday evening in December, when I hope to meet many of the Congregation and explain my role, and on a Sunday morning in February, when the Election will take place. I will confirm the dates and times later. You will appreciate that I cannot promise to answer detailed questions from individuals but, if there are obvious concerns shared by many members, I will endeavour to answer them in meetings or in general advice left in the Centre.

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