

BRITTANIA HINDU (SHIVA) TEMPLE TRUST
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30th July 2026

To: All Members of the Advisory Council, Britannia Hindu (Shiva) Temple Trust

NOTICE FOR ANNUAL ELECTIONS OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2026 FROM 10 am TO 8 pm

Election of office bearers for the following posts:

1. TRUSTEE (Three – year Term): To fill the vacancy that has been vacant since 24th September 2025. The newly elected Trustee will cease to hold office on 30th September 2029.
2. SECRETARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
3. ASSISTANT TREASURER
4. VICE CHAIRMAN:
 - 4.2 Religious Education Committee
 - 4.2 Membership Committee
 - 4.3 Construction Committee
 - 4.4 Social and Cultural Committee
5. ASSISTANT SECRETARY:
 - 5.1 Religious Education Committee
 - 5.2 Membership Committee
 - 5.3 Construction Committee
 - 5.4 Social and Cultural Committee
6. COMMITTEE MEMBERS – 6 POSTS

NOMINATION FOR THE POSTS

1. Nominations for the above posts are hereby requested from eligible members whose names appear in the approved Membership list authorised by BOT Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary Advisory Council, Membership Sub Committee Vice Chairman & Assistant Secretary.
2. Nominees wishing to contest in the election are required to undergo a **Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)** check. The **CRB certificate** must be dated **within 28 days** of your application submission date. Certificates issued earlier than this will not be accepted. The original CRB certificate must be enclosed with your election application.
3. Nominees shall not be employees of the Trust; employees are not eligible to contest.
4. Nominees are required to acquaint themselves with the duties and responsibilities attached to the posts they are contesting, any clarification of duties and responsibilities referred to, could be obtained from the Chairman of the Advisory Council.
5. Elected members shall be required to allocate sufficient time for the efficient discharge of their duties and fully participate in the Temple service activities, functions and festivals.
6. Any member having been elected to the Executive Committee fails to attend two consecutive meetings of the executive committee shall be deemed to have vacated his or her post to which he or she was elected.
7. Nominations shall be on the prescribed forms obtainable from the Temple office, proposed and seconded by members of the Advisory Council and signed by the nominee, giving the full name of the nominee and membership number.
8. Nominations not submitted on the prescribed forms will be rejected.
9. The Proposer and Secunder shall sign the form giving their full names in block letters and membership number.
10. A member submitting nominations for two posts should submit in separate forms.
11. All nominations are subject to the provision that no member shall submit nominations for more than two posts.
12. The Proposer and Secunder shall not propose or second more than one candidate for the same post and are prohibited to stand as a candidate for the same post.

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13. Members submitting their nominations for the post of Trusteeship should have been a fully paid up member for a minimum period of 5 years and shall have served in a responsible post of the Executive Committee. Responsible post shall exclude the executive committee membership. Nominees shall attach a short personal profile and a recent photograph along with their nomination. This is an important requirement, which shall be carefully adhered to please. The profile and photograph will be displayed on the Temple Notice Board. Any nomination without the profile attachment will be rejected.
14. Completed nomination forms in sealed envelopes addressed to the Chairman, BH(S)TT, 200A Archway Road, London N6 5BA, the top left-hand corner of the envelope marked as "Nomination for the Advisory Council Elections", should reach the Temple Office at 200A Archway Road, London N6 5BA before 8.00pm on Friday 18th September 2026
15. Receipt for the sealed envelopes will be acknowledged. However, it shall be the responsibility of the nominee to obtain the acknowledgement, and the Temple Administration will not be held responsible for any lapses under any circumstances.
16. All the nominees are required to meet the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at 8.30pm on Friday 18th September 2026 at 200A Archway Road, London N6 5BA to consider the provision that, if one candidate is elected uncontested he or she shall be required to accept the post of his or her choice.
17. Decisions arrived at this meeting with the Chairman shall be final and binding on all Nominees.
18. Nominees should note that any nomination not conforming to any of the aforementioned provisions would be rejected forthwith.
19. List of all candidates contesting for the posts will be displayed on the Temple Notice Board.

VOTING

1. Voting will take place on Saturday 26th September 2026 commencing at 10.00am and finishing at 8.00pm
2. Polling station is Temple Basement Hall, 200A Archway Road, London N6 5BA.
3. Members whose names appear in the approved fully paid-up membership List of the Advisory Council for year 2025/2026 shall be eligible to vote.
4. Ballot papers for all the posts that are to be contested will be issued together to bona fide members who present themselves.
5. Members must bring this letter with name; address and BHTT number as proof of their bona fide address. Please note that you must be required to produce proof of identity (Passport, Driving Licence, over 60 Freedom Pass)
6. Impersonation during voting is considered illegal and if detected appropriate action will be taken.
7. Ballot papers will be issued to the members after signing against their names in the approved membership list in the presence of the Election Officer.
8. Voters will cast their votes and place the ballot paper for the different posts into the respective ballot boxes.
9. The votes will be counted immediately after 8.00pm on 26th September 2026 in order of the posts in the Election Agenda. Candidates contesting for more than one post if elected for the first post contested will be required to either accept or reject the post before ballot papers for the subsequent post are counted. Having won the first post contested and the candidate accepts the post, then he or she will be eliminated from subsequent ballots and any votes polled will be discarded. In the event of tie the toss of coin will determine the winner.
10. Election for any vacant posts (except Trustee) will be strictly by open ballot at the AGM on Sunday 27th September 2026.
11. The elected officers will take office on 1st October 2026, officially taking over of all relevant committee reports and minutes book.
12. Since any queries about the voters list cannot be solved on the Election Day, it should be raised at least one week before the election date.

Please note that this is your temple and patronise it by attending at least once a week.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. S. Vickneswaran
Secretary, BH(S)TT Advisory Council