

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1075351

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-05-05

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROMOTE THE BUDDHIST FAITH PRINCIPALLY THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES OF TEACHING, STUDY AND PRACTICE AND THE OBSERVANCE OF MORAL DISCIPLINE ALL WITHIN THE BUDDHIST TRADITION.

Activities: Buddhist religious services, meditation, counselling, Dhamma and Language teaching, Cultural activities, Multi faith collaboration

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-10-31	£37,006	£30,761	-	-
2023-10-31	£26,200	£32,473	-	-
2022-10-31	£34,356	£18,310	-	-
2021-10-31	£26,253	£15,042	-	-
2020-10-31	£34,574	£26,913	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Abeywardana M Siriwardana Abeysekara		2018-10-29
Dr Vidanage Sirimewan Palitha Serasinghe		2021-01-05
Dr Wahalathanthirige Don Gunawaradana		2021-01-05
Gamage Aruna N Perera		2021-01-05
MALLIKA PEARL NANAYAKKARA		
Prithie Renuka Perera		2018-10-29
Rev Pethigamuwe Hemaratana		
SUMANA HEMALATHA WIMALASUNDERA		2012-12-03

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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended
31 October 2024

Charity Information

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Trustees' Annual Report of the RBCC for the year 2023/2024

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- Mrs. Mallika Nanayakkara
- Mrs. Hema Wimalasundara
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Blessings for the new year

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Food Fair

In order to find necessary funds for the cost of New Year Festival, a food fair was held at the temple premises on 17th March 2024 from 3.00pm onwards. This was a very successful event attended by many devotees and well-wishers.

New Year Ceremony

The annual Sri Lankan New Year Ceremony holds significant importance within the Sri Lankan community in the UK. The event was held on 20th April 2024 at Woodbridge High School from 10.00am onwards attended by a very large gathering and devotee families and their children were able to partake in this year's celebration. The organising committee, alongside the children, parents, and teachers worked very hard to make this event a success. The collaborative effort of the children, parents, and organizers deserves high praise. Moreover, this initiative played a substantial role in restoring the emotional well-being of both children and adults, and wider community affiliated to the Vihara in their daily lives.

Wesak Day & Dansela (free food to the devotees)

Wesak full moon day stands as the primary occasion on the Buddhist calendar, dedicated to commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of Buddha. On May 26th, 2024 religious activities unfolded throughout the course of Wesak day. Typically, the observance of Sil (eight precepts) takes precedence and traditionally occurs at the temple. This programme was followed by a *Dansela* where free food was given to the large gathering of devotees at the temple premise.

Poson Day & Bakthi gee singing of religious songs)

Poson day religious activities were also held on 23rd June, 2024 with a large gathering of devotees at the Vihara followed by songs by children from the Sunday school and their parents and *Dansela* where free food was given to the large gathering of devotees at the temple premise.

Vas Aradhana (Invitation for Rain Retreat) and Offering Katina Robe to Maha Sanga (Katina Ceremony)

The invitation for venerable monks to partake in the Rain Retreat was held on July 21st, 2024. This event held at the Vihara premises with the participation of sponsors of this year Katina ceremony, while other devotees joined the occasion online.

The ceremony to present the Katina Robe took place on October 27th, 2024 at Loxford School hall with a huge gathering of devotees.

Special sermons and chanting by the venerable monks

This year saw the venerable monks fully attending and engaging in services for the religious requirements and emotional well-being of the devotees.

In this regard, the resident monks of the Vihara undertook various religious ceremonies, including conducting religious activities in funerals for devotee families, engaging in chanting and bestowing blessings upon those affected by ill health and sometimes visiting them personally. The Vihara played a crucial role in assisting bereaved families and victims, employing diverse strategies to help them navigate their challenging circumstances throughout the year.

Redbridge Faith Forum

The Head of the Vihara, Venerable P. Hemaratana Thero, remained engaged in the proceedings of the Redbridge Faith Forum. RBCC, in turn, played an active role in promoting harmony among the diverse faith communities by means of the forum's initiatives.

Regular Religious activities

Throughout the early months of 2024, the daily and weekend pujas (religious ceremonies) got back to pre-pandemic level as devotees started to come into the temple in person. As the year progressed, the Vihara totally resumed in-person gatherings for the public.

To ensure the protection and well-being of both devotees and the global community, the venerable monks undertook special Pujas and Pirith chanting. These devotional practices were aimed at safeguarding devotees and extending blessings to the wider world.

Dhamma School

The Dhamma school operated throughout the terms of the academic year and all the students were very eager to attend the temple in person which started from new academic year beginning in September 2023, lessons transitioned to being conducted within the Vihara premises, with students participating in person.

The commitment displayed by the Dhamma school coordinator and teachers is deeply acknowledged and valued. Their dedication played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful continuation of Dhamma School classes during this period.

Fundraising

Apart from the food fair in March, 2024 and sponsorships for the New Year Festival in April, we were unable to have any other fundraising events this year but were able to maintain the requirements with regular donations and the reserves of funds.

Special note

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment shown by the venerable monks and all devotees. Additionally, we are deeply thankful for the constant support extended by devotees from all quarters, even in the face of financial and other adversities.

Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre
20 December 2024

**Independent Examiner's Reports to
The Trustees of REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2024 which are set out on the page 7-10. My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning and such matters. In my examination, no such matters of concern has come to my attention.

In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	1	30,709	22,285
Other income from fund raising	2	6,297	3,915
Total income		<u>37,006</u>	<u>26,200</u>
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(4,692)	(13,320)
Travel and subsistence	6	(1,850)	(4,958)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	4	(10,344)	(8,893)
Repairs and maintenance	5	(4,493)	(131)
Telephone and other office expenditure	7	(1,642)	(1,194)
Legal and other professional fees	9	(6,034)	(300)
Office equipment and other equipment		(327)	(1,864)
Total expenditure		<u>(29,382)</u>	<u>(30,660)</u>
Total expenditure over income		<u>7,624</u>	<u>(4,460)</u>
Finance cost and other charges			
Interest charges	10	(1,379)	(1,388)
Depreciation		0	(210)
Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year		<u>6,245</u>	<u>(6,058)</u>

Balance Sheet
As at 31 October 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment		0	0
Freehold Land & Building.	10	297,673	297,673
		<u>297,673</u>	<u>297,673</u>
Total non-current assets			
Current Assets			
Receivables	11	252	0
Bank/building society balances		92,124	95,217
Cash in hand		2,127	1,500
		<u>94,503</u>	<u>96,717</u>
Net current assets			
		392,176	394,390
Total assets			
Loans due after more than one year		(9,225)	(17,683)
		<u>382,950</u>	<u>376,707</u>
Total Net Assets			
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		376,705	382,980
Net Movement For the year		6,245	(6,273)
		<u>382,950</u>	<u>376,707</u>
Total Funds			

Notes on pages 8 to 11 are form part of this financial statements. The financial statements have been approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Trustee



Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Note 1		
Income from donations		
	20,872	20,283
Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	8,636	0
Donation - Katina ceremony	1,201	556
Other donations from devotees & visitors	0	1,445
Donation - Felicitation ceremony	<u>30,709</u>	<u>22,284</u>
	2024	2023
	£	£
Note 2		
Income from other fund raising		
	3,307	1,425
Fund raising at cultural events	2,128	1589
Fund raising - foods stall	751	840
Raffle draw at new year festival	113	61
Other income - refunds, interest and other	<u>6,297</u>	<u>3,915</u>
Note 3		
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses		
	1,240	2200
Hall & Marquee Hire	0	9055
Felicitation ceremony	3,204	1985
Cultural & religious event expenses	248	80
Sundry - other expenses	<u>4,692</u>	<u>13,320</u>
Note 4		
Utilities, services and insurance expenses		
	1,494	517
Cleaning services	5,735	4993
Gas and Electricity	1,281	1209
Insurance - property	190	179
Licensing Cost, security & alarm	775	693
Water rates/charges	871	1302
Security & alarm	<u>10,344</u>	<u>8,893</u>
Note 5		
Repairs and maintenance		
	393	163
Sundry Repairs	4,100	69
Boiler and heating system	<u>4,493</u>	<u>232</u>
Note 6		
Travel and subsistence expenses		
	1,850	4958
Air tickets, travelling and accommodation	<u>1,850</u>	<u>4,958</u>

Note 7 Telephone and other office expenditure	2024	2023
	£	£
Postage	318	163
Stationery and printing	139	69
Telephone, fax and broadband services	1,185	962
	<u>1,642</u>	<u>1,194</u>

Note 8 Finance cost	2024	2023
	£	£
Interest paid on mortgage	1,257	1257
Bank charges	122	131
	<u>1,379</u>	<u>1,388</u>

Note 9 Legal and other professional fees	2024	2023
	£	£
Preparation of guests Monk's visa and health surcharges	4,534	0
Preparation and registration of Trust Deed	1,500	300
	<u>6,034</u>	<u>300</u>

Note 10. Property, plant and equipment

	Land & Building	Furniture & Equipment	Library Books	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation					
At 1 November 2023	297,673	14,573	1084	539	313,869
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>313,869</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 November 2023	0	14,573	1,084	539	16,196
Charge for the year	0	0	0	0	0
At 31 October 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>16,196</u>
Net book value					
At 31 October 2023	297,673	0	0	0	297,673
At 31 October 2024	<u>297,673</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>297,673</u>

Note 11 Receivables	2024	2023
	£	£
Claim due from HSBC	252	0
	<u>252</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 12. Trustees and committee members benefits

The trustees and committee members of RBCC render their service on voluntary basis and there were no payment made to the trustees or committee members during the year

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- Rev P. Hemaratana
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- Mrs. Hema Wimalasundera
- Mr. Bandusiri. Perera
- Mrs Renuka Perera
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Activities & Achievements of the Charity

The following activities were carried out to achieve the objectives of the charity during the year 2022/2023.

This year brought a full relaxing of gatherings and for the first time in several years, we were able to hold most of the events outdoors and external venues. As the year progressed, we completely moved the activities and events to be similar to before the COVID pandemic.

Blessings for the new year

On January 7th, 2023 from 7.00 to 11.00 pm the customary Pirith chanting was held at the Vihara. This event aimed to bestow blessings upon devotees and their families through a restricted in-person gathering. Moreover, a multitude of individuals joined virtually to invoke the genuine and exceptional virtues of the Triple Gem. The Ratana Sutra, renowned as a protective chant, was regularly recited by the Maha Sanga at the temple. This recitation served to bestow blessings upon all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and those confronted with any manifestation of adversity, negativity, illness, or the fear of death. The event was also broadcasted via online platform forums.

Obituary of Trustee – Mr. Bandula Perera

It is with great sadness we learned the death of Mr. Bandusiri Perera who passed away in February. He was one of the founding members of the Vihara and his funeral took place on 24th Feb, 2023 at Forrest Park Crematorium.

Food Fair

In order to find necessary funds for the cost of the forthcoming New Year Festival, a food fair was held at the temple premises on 26th March 2023 from 3.00 pm onwards. This was a very successful event attended by many devotees and well-wishers.

New Year Ceremony

The annual Sri Lankan New Year Ceremony holds significant importance within the Sri Lankan community in the UK. This year we were lucky to have this event outdoor/external larger venue for the first time after the COVID pandemic. The event was held on 29th April 2023 at Woodbridge High School from 11.00 am onwards and attended by a very large gathering and devotee families and their children were able to partake in this year's celebration. The organising committee, alongside the children, parents, and teachers worked very hard to make this event a success. The collaborative effort of the children, parents, and organizers deserves high praise. Moreover, this initiative played a substantial role in restoring the emotional well-being of both children and adults, especially in the aftermath of disruptions caused by the pandemic to their daily lives.

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Posson Day & Bakthi Gee (singing of Buddhist Devotional songs)

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Awarding of Credentials/ Felicitation Ceremony to Ven. P Hemaratana Thero

On July 1st, 2023 at 3.00 pm, a ceremony was held at the Woodbridge High School to facilitate Ven. P. Hemaratana Thero following the official event (present of Akta Patra) held at Kotte Raja Maha Vihara in Sri Lanka marking this significant occasion. Venerable Pethigamuwe Hemaratana thero, who serves as the Head of the Vihara and the President of the Executive Committee of Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre, was granted the prestigious title of Chief Prelate (Sanganayake) of England by the Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagree Dharma Maha Sanga Sabha. Following this recognition, a welcome ceremony took place at the Molligoda Prawachanodaya Piriven Vihara, attended by devotees and well-wishers, with a substantial gathering of participants.

Vas Aradhana (Invitation for Rain Retreat) and Offering Katina Robe to Maha Sanga (Katina Ceremony)

The invitation for venerable monks to partake in the Rain Retreat was held on July 30th. Subsequently, the ceremony to present the Katina Robe took place on November 19th 2023, at Loxford School Hall. The event saw the participation of a huge gathering of devotees as this was the first time this event was organised outside of the temple after the COVID-19 disruptions.

Special sermons and chanting by the venerable monks

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Special note

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment shown by the venerable monks and all devotees. Their understanding and patience during the challenging times of post-pandemic restrictions were truly commendable. Additionally, we are deeply thankful for the constant support extended by devotees from all quarters, even in the face of financial and other adversities experienced by them throughout this unparalleled post-pandemic period.

Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre

16 December 2023

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 October 2023**


	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	1	21,728	33,475
Other income from fund raising	2	4,472	882
Total income		26,200	34,357
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(13,320)	(4,384)
Travel and subsistence	5	(4,958)	(2,760)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	4	(8,893)	(6,509)
Repairs and maintenance		(346)	(1,517)
Telephone and other office expenditure	6	(1,194)	(1,368)
Legal and other professional fees		(300)	(100)
Office equipment and other equipment	8	(1,864)	0
Total expenditure		(30,875)	(16,638)
Total expenditure over income		(4,675)	17,719
Finance cost and other charges			
Interest charges	7	(1,388)	(1,350)
Depreciation		(210)	(323)
Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year		(6,273)	16,046


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Balance Sheet
As at 31 October 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	10	-	210
Freehold Land & Building.	10	297,673	297,673
Total non-current assets		297,673	297,883
Current Assets			
Receivables	9	-	5,463
Bank/building society balances		95,216	104,949
Cash in hand		1,500	260
Net current assets		96,716	110,672
Total assets		394,389	408,555
Loans due after more than one year		(17,683)	(25,575)
Total Net Assets		376,707	382,980
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		382,980	366,933
Net Movement For the year		(6,273)	16,046
Total Funds		376,707	382,980

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Rev. P. Hemaratana Thero
Trustee


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BENTOTAGE P. R. PERERA
Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2023**

Note 1	Income from donations	2023	2022
		£	£
	Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	20,283	21,665
	Donation - Katina ceremony	0	11,184
	Other donations from devotees & visitors	0	625
	Donation - Felicitation ceremony	1,445	0
		<u>21,728</u>	<u>33,475</u>
Note 2	Income from other fund raising	2023	2022
		£	£
	Fund raising at cultural events	2,265	880
	Food fair	1,589	0
	Other income - refunds, interest and other	618	2
		<u>4,472</u>	<u>882</u>
Note 3	Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	2023	2022
		£	£
	Hall & Marquee Hire	2,200	300
	Felicitation ceremony	9,055	3490
	Subscriptions	0	228
	Cultural event expenses	1,985	0
	Sundry - other expenses	80	367
		<u>13,320</u>	<u>4,384</u>
Note 4	Utilities, services and insurance expenses	2023	2022
		£	£
	Cleaning services	517	231
	Gas and Electricity	4,993	3644
	Insurance - property	1,209	1135
	Licensing Cost, security & alarm	179	374
	Water rates/charges	693	648
	Security & alarm	1,302	477
		<u>8,893</u>	<u>6,508</u>

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Note 5	Travel and subsistence expenses	2023	2022
		£	£
	Air tickets, travelling and accommodation	4,958	2760
		<u>4,958</u>	<u>2,760</u>
Note 6	Telephone and other office expenditure	2023	2022
		£	£
	Postage	163	95
	Stationery and printing	69	52
	Telephone, fax and broadband services	962	1221
		<u>1,194</u>	<u>1,368</u>
Note 7	Finance cost	2023	2022
		£	£
	Interest paid on mortgage	1,257	1257
	Bank charges	131	93
		<u>1,388</u>	<u>1,350</u>
Note 8	Equipment purchases	2023	2022
		£	£
	Re usable marquee	1,395	0
	Laptop and other equipment	469	0
		<u>1,864</u>	<u>0</u>
Note 9	Receivables	2023	2022
		£	£
	Claim due from EE limited	0	5463
		<u>0</u>	<u>5,463</u>

Note 10. Property, plant and equipment

	Land & Building	Furniture & Equipment	Library Books	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation					
At 1 November 2022	297,673	14,573	1084	539	313,869
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>313,869</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 November 2022	0	14,573	1,084	329	15,986
Charge for the year	0	0	0	210	210
At 31 October 2023	0	14,573	1084	539	16,196
	<u>0</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>16,196</u>
Net book value					
At 31 October 2022	297,673	143	0	210	298,026
At 31 October 2023	297,673	0	0	0	297,673
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>297,673</u>

Note 11. Trustees and committee members benefits

The trustees and committee members of RBCC render their service on voluntary basis and there were no payment made to the trustees or committee members during the year

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1075351

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REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended
31 October 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report of the RBCC for the year 2021/2022

The Annual General Meeting was held on 18th December 2021 to appoint the executive committee members and the trustees of the RBCC for the year 2021/2022. The following members served as the trustees of the charity:

- Venerable P. Hemaratana
- Mrs. Mallika Nanayakkara
- Mrs. Hema Wimalasundara
- Mr. Bandula Perera
- Mrs Renuka Perera
- Dr Siri Abeysekera
- Dr Palitha Serasinghe
- Mr Aruna Perera
- Dr W D Gunewardhana

Activities & Achievements of the Charity

The following activities were carried out to achieve the objectives of the charity during the year 2021/2022.

Given the prevailing post-pandemic circumstances, the well-being and safety of both the venerable monks and the devotees remained paramount. This emphasis persisted throughout the year. Our approach involved maintaining a reduced presence of devotees, while actively promoting their engagement with online platforms for religious and cultural pursuits, particularly in the early months of 2022. As the year progressed, we gradually eased these limitations on gatherings, eventually opening the Vihara to the public for their religious activities by the latter part of 2022.

Blessings for the new year

On January 8th, 2022, the customary Pirith chanting occurred at the Vihara. This event aimed to bestow blessings upon devotees and their families through a restricted in-person gathering. Moreover, a multitude of individuals joined virtually to invoke the genuine and exceptional virtues of the Triple Gem. The Ratana Sutra, renowned as a protective chant, was regularly recited by the Maha Sanga at the temple. This recitation served to bestow blessings upon all those impacted by the coronavirus pandemic and those confronted with any manifestation of adversity, negativity, illness, or the fear of death.

New Year Ceremony

The annual Sri Lankan New Year Ceremony holds significant importance within the Sri Lankan community in the UK. Once again, RBCC orchestrated this event online on April 9th. Devotee families and their children were able to partake in this year's celebration. The

organising committee, alongside the children, parents, and teachers, embraced innovation by arranging a pre-recorded performance by the Dhamma School children. This endeavour proved to be both challenging and demanding for our Media and IT team, who worked tirelessly to create the video presentation. The collaborative effort of the children, parents, and IT team deserves high praise. Moreover, this initiative played a substantial role in restoring the emotional well-being of both children and adults, especially in the aftermath of disruptions caused by the pandemic to their daily lives.

Wesak Day

Wesak full moon day stands as the primary occasion on the Buddhist calendar, dedicated to commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of Buddha. On May 15th, religious activities unfolded throughout the course of Wesak day. Typically, the observance of Sil (eight precepts) takes precedence and traditionally occurs at the temple. However, this year, due to constraints, the event was conducted with a restricted assembly at the Vihara.

Awarding of Credentials to Ven. P Hemaratana Thero

On June 4th, 2022, an official ceremony held at the Kotte Raja Maha Vihara in Sri Lanka marked a significant occasion. Venerable Pethigamuwe Hemaratana thero, who serves as the head of the Vihara and the President of the Board of Trustees of Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre, was granted the prestigious title of Chief Prelate (Sanganayake) of England by the Sri Jayawardhanapura Kotte Sri Kalyani Samagree Dharma Maha Sanga Sabha. Following this recognition, a welcome ceremony took place at the Labugama Sri Dhamma Rakkhitaramaya, attended by devotees and well-wishers, with a substantial gathering of participants.

Poson Day

Poson day religious activities were also held in the month of June with a limited gathering at the Vihara.

Vas Aradhana (Invitation for Rain Retreat) and Offering Katina Robe to Maha Sanga (Katina Ceremony)

The Rain Retreat and Katina procedures commence on the full moon day of July. In the current year, just as in the past, multiple families of RBCC devotees took on the role of main Dayakas (sponsors) for this virtuous undertaking. The invitation for venerable monks to partake in the Rain Retreat was extended on July 13th. Additionally, the ceremony to present the Katina Robe took place on October 23rd, 2022. The event saw the participation of a small contingent of devotee representatives at the Vihara premises, while other devotees joined the occasion online.

Special sermons and chanting by the venerable monks

Despite the challenges posed by post-pandemic constraints and disruptions to daily life events, the venerable monks persisted in their efforts and took an additional step to offer guidance and services for the religious requirements and emotional well-being of the devotees.

In this regard, the resident monks of the Vihara undertook various religious ceremonies, including conducting funerals for devotee families, engaging in chanting and bestowing blessings upon victims of COVID-19. This multifaceted approach aimed to provide solace and support during these trying times. The Vihara played a crucial role in assisting bereaved families and victims, employing diverse strategies to help them navigate their challenging circumstances throughout the year.

Redbridge Faith Forum

The Head of the Vihara, Venerable P. Hemaratana Thero, remained engaged in the proceedings of the Redbridge Faith Forum. RBCC, in turn, played an active role in promoting harmony among the diverse faith communities by means of the forum's initiatives.

Venerable P. Hemaratana Thero, alongside several committee members, took proactive involvement in the Annual Peace Walk held on October 16th in Ilford. RBCC demonstrated its support for this event by participating actively. The Peace Walk team was greeted with a warm welcome during their journey, and a brief meeting and refreshments were arranged by RBCC members at the Vihara.

Regular Religious activities

Throughout the early months of 2022, the daily and weekend pujas (religious ceremonies) were seamlessly conducted online, without experiencing any disruptions. As the year progressed, the Vihara gradually resumed in-person gatherings for the public, but with certain limitations by the end of the year.

To ensure the protection and well-being of both devotees and the global community, the venerable monks undertook special Pujas and Pirith chanting. These devotional practices were aimed at safeguarding devotees and extending blessings to the wider world.

Dhamma School

The Dhamma school continued its operations through Zoom until July 2022. Subsequently, for the new academic year beginning in September 2022, lessons transitioned to being conducted within the Vihara premises, with students participating in person.

The commitment displayed by the Dhamma school coordinators and teachers is deeply acknowledged and valued. Their dedication played a pivotal role in ensuring the successful continuation of Dhamma School classes during this period.

Fundraising

We were unable to have any special fundraising events this year but were able to maintain the requirements with regular donations and the reserves of funds.

Special note

We wish to express our sincere gratitude for the unwavering commitment shown by the venerable monks and all devotees. Their understanding and patience during the challenging times of post-pandemic restrictions were truly commendable. Additionally, we are deeply

thankful for the constant support extended by devotees from all quarters, even in the face of financial and other adversities experienced by them throughout this unparalleled post-pandemic period.

Board of Trustees
Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre
27 August 2023

Independent Examiner's Reports to

The Trustees of REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2022 which are set out on the page 8 -11. My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning and such matters. In my examination, no such matters of concern has come to my attention.

In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2022

Sarath Jayaratne BA(Hon) FCCA

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29 August 2022

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE-CHARITY NO:1075351

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 October 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	1	33,475	22,068
Other income from fund raising	2	882	4,185
Total income		34,356	26,253
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(4,384)	(1,381)
Travel and subsistence	5	(2,760)	(1,010)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	4	(6,508)	(5,184)
Repairs and maintenance		(1,517)	(467)
Telephone and other office expenditure	6	(1,368)	(1,750)
Legal and other professional fees		(100)	(536)
Gift and donation towards community support	8	0	(3,105)
Total expenditure		(16,637)	(13,433)
Total income over expenditure		17,719	12,820
Finance cost and other charges			
Interest charges	7	(1,350)	(1,314)
Depreciation		(323)	(295)
Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year		16,046	11,211

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE-CHARITY NO:1075351

Balance Sheet

As at 31 October 2022

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipments	10	210	532
Freehold Land & Building.	10	297,673	297,673
Total non-current assets		297,883	298,205
Current Assets			
Receivables	11	5,463	-
Bank/building society balances		104,949	101,549
Cash in hand		260	256
Net current assets		110,672	101,805
Total assets		408,555	400,010
Loans due after more than one year		(25,575)	(33,077)
Total Net Assets		382,980	366,933
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		366,933	355,723
Net Movement For the year		16,046	11,211
Total Funds		382,980	366,933

Notes on pages 10 to 11 are form part of this financial statements. The financial statements have been approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Ven. P Hemaratana
Trustee



Mrs Renuka Perera
Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2022**

Note 1	Income from donations	2022	2021
		£	£
	Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	21,665	19,653
	Donation - Katina ceremony*	11,184	460
	Other donations from devotees & visitors	625	1,955
		<u>33,475</u>	<u>22,068</u>
	*Katina donation for the year 2021 and 2022 received in the current financial year.		
Note 2	Income from other fund raising	2022	2021
		£	£
	Fund raising - cultural events	880	570
	Donation other - Towards community support	0	3565
	Donation other - Lottery & vihara development	0	50
	Bank interest	2	0
		<u>882</u>	<u>4,185</u>
Note 3	Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	2022	2021
		£	£
	Hall & Marquee Hire	300	-
	Awarding of Credentials ceremony	3,490	-
	Raffle Prizes and Gifts	-	20
	Subscriptions	228	180
	Sundry - other expenses	367	1,181
		<u>4,384</u>	<u>1,381</u>
Note 4	Utilities, services and insurance expenses	2022	2021
		£	£
	Cleaning services	231	216
	Gas and Electricity	3,644	2,350
	Insurance - property	1,135	1,157
	Licensing Cost, security & alarm	851	726
	Water rates/charges	648	735
		<u>6,508</u>	<u>5,184</u>
Note 5	Travel and subsistence expenses	2022	2021
		£	£
	Air ticktes, travelling and accomodation	2,760	1,010
		<u>2,760</u>	<u>1,010</u>
Note 6	Telephone and other office expenditure	2022	2021
		£	£
	Postage	95	121
	Stationery and printing	52	56
	Telephone, fax and broadband services	1,221	1,573
		<u>1,368</u>	<u>1,750</u>
Note 7	Finance cost	2022	2021
		£	£
	Interest paid on mortgage	1,257	1,314
	Bank charges	93	-
		<u>1,350</u>	<u>1,314</u>

Note 8	Gift and donation towards community support expenditure	2022	2021
		£	£
	Funeral expenses paid - devotees	-	3,150
		<u>0</u>	<u>3,150</u>
Note 9	Receivables	2022	2021
		£	£
	Claim due from EE limited	5,463	-
		<u>5,463</u>	<u>0</u>

Note 10. Property, plant and equipments

	Land & Building	Furnitures & Equipments	Library Books	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation					
At 1 November 2021	297,673	14,573	1084	539	313,869
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>313,869</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 November 2021	0	14,430	1,084	150	15,514
Charge for the year	0	143	0	180	323
At 31 October 2022	<u>0</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>329</u>	<u>15,837</u>
Net book value					
At 31 October 2021	297,673	143	0	389	298,205
At 31 October 2022	<u>297,673</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>298,032</u>

Note 11. Trustees and committee members benefits

The trustees and committee members of RBCC render their service on voluntary basis and there were no payment made to the trustees or committee members during the year

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1075351

Accounts

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Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended
31 October 2021

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Trustees' Annual Report of the RBCC for the year 2020/2021

The Following members served as the Trustees of the charity:

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Mrs. Hema Wimalasundara
Mr. Bandula Perera
Mrs Renuka Perera
Dr Siri Abeysekara
Dr Palitha Serasinghe
Mr Aruna Perera
Dr W D Gunewardhana

Three new trustees were appointed following the amendment of the governing document to increase the maximum number of trustees to nine at the last annual general meeting. The record of this amendment was lodged with the Charity commission for the approval.

Activities & Achievements of the Charity

The following activities were carried out to achieve the objectives of the charity during the year 2020/2021.

Health and safety of the venerable monks as well as the devotees continued to be the highest priority of this year too due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic situation. We continued to minimise the number of devotees attending and encouraged to join on online platforms for the religious and cultural activities.

Blessings for the new year

The annual pirith chanting was held on the 9th of January to bless the devotees and to bless the humanity to overcome the pandemic where the devotees joined via online platforms. Ratana sutra which is well known as a powerful chanting to overcome such situations was specially chanted regularly at the temple.

New Year Ceremony

The annual Sri Lankan new year ceremony that is held in the month of April is one of the major events for the Sri Lankan community living in Essex. This was held online for the first time on the 18th of April. The organising committee, the children, parents, and the teachers took an innovative step to conduct a pre-recorded performances of the children of the Dhamma school. This was a challenging and strenuous task for our Media and IT team to produce the video presentation. The children, parents and the IT teamwork is highly commendable. This also has contributed significantly to uplift the emotional wellbeing of both the children and the adults during the lockdown period.

Wesak Day

Wesak full moon day is the main day of the Buddhist calendar where the birth, enlightenment and the passing away of Buddha is commemorated. Religious programmes were held throughout the Wesak day on the 26th of May. Observing sil (eight precepts) is the main religious activity usually takes place at the temple but this year both the venerable monks and the devotees experienced a different approach where they observed sil in their respective houses.

Poson Day

Poson day religious activities were also held mainly online on the 27th of June.

Vas Aradhana (Invitation for Rain retreat)

Rain retreat and the katina procedures commence on the full moon day of the month of June. This is year fifteen families were the main dayaka (sponsors) of this meritorious activity and the invitation for the venerable monks was held on the 24th of July with a participation of a small number of representatives of the devotees.

Special Sermons and Chanting by the venerable monks

Despite the challenges due to the pandemic the venerable monks continued and even went one step further to offer their services guide through the religious needs and uplifting the mental status of the devotees.

As such religious ceremonies were conducted for five funerals, chanting, and blessing for the COVID 19 victims. Supporting the families of COVID 19 victims in various ways to overcome the difficult situation and raising donations from the devotees to support the funerals were of significant service.

Redbridge Faith Forum

The Head of the Vihara, Venerable P. Hemaratana thero continued to participate in the zoom meetings of the Redbridge Faith Forum and the charity actively contributed to the harmony among the different faith communities through the activities of the faith forum.

Regular Religious activities

The daily and weekend puja (religious ceremonies) were conducted without any interruption virtually via facebook and zoom. Special puja and pirith chanting were performed by the venerable monks for the protection of the devotees and the whole world.

Dhamma School

The Dhamma school was also conducted via zoom platform and the dedication of the dhamma school coordinators, and the teachers are highly appreciated for the success of the continuation of the dhamma school classes.

Fundraising

We were unable to have any special fund-raising events but were able to maintain the requirements with the regular donations and the reserves of funds.

Special note

We would like to appreciate the dedication of the Venerable Monks and all the devotees who were fully understanding and for their patience during the time of restrictions and difficulties. Moreover, for their continuous support despite the hardship during this unprecedented pandemic,

Board of Trustees
Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre
05 September 2022

Independent Examiner's Reports to

The Trustees of REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2021 which are set out on the page 7-10. My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning and such matters. In my examination, no such matters of concern has come to my attention.

In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2021

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**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 October 2021**

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	1	22,068	30,177
Other income from fund raising	2	4,185	4,397
Total income		26,253	34,574
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(1,381)	(922)
Travel and subsistence	5	(1,010)	(4,550)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	4	(5,184)	(11,666)
Repairs and maintenance		(467)	(1,562)
Telephone and other office expenditure	6	(1,750)	(1,150)
Legal and other professional fees		(536)	(765)
Gift and donation towards community support	8	(3,105)	(4,200)
Risk Management expenditure		0	(240)
Total expenditure		(13,433)	(25,055)
Total income over expenditure		12,820	9,519
Finance cost and other charges			
Interest charges	7	(1,314)	(1,713)
Depreciation		(295)	(145)
Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year		11,211	7,661

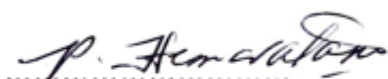
REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE-CHARITY NO:1075351

Balance Sheet

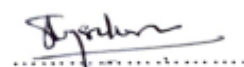
As at 31 October 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	9	532	288
Freehold Land & Building.	9	297,673	297,673
Total non-current assets		298,205	297,961
Current Assets			
Bank/building society balances		101,549	98,065
Cash in hand		256	266
Net current assets		101,805	98,331
Total assets		400,010	396,292
Loans due after more than one year		(33,077)	(40,569)
Total Net Assets		366,933	355,723
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		355,723	348,062
Net Movement For the year		11,211	7,661
Total Funds		366,933	355,723

Notes on pages 8 to 10 are form part of this financial statements. The financial statements have been approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Ven. P Hemaratana
Trustee



Dr Siri Abeysekara
Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2021**

Note 1	Income from donations	2021	2020
		£	£
	Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	19,653	19,270
	Gift Aid	0	2,981
	Vihara Donation Box	0	823
	Donation - Katina ceremony	460	5,653
	Other donations from devotees & visitors	1,955	1,450
		<u>22,068</u>	<u>30,177</u>
Note 2	Income from other fund raising	2021	2020
		£	£
	Fund raising - cultural events	570	500
	Fund raising - religious events	0	685
	Fund raising - Sunday school & other	0	17
	Donation other - Towards community support	3,565	1665
	Donation other - Lottery & vihara development	50	1530
		<u>4,185</u>	<u>4,397</u>
Note 3	Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	2021	2020
		£	£
	Hall & Marquee Hire	-	549
	Raffle Prizes and Gifts	20	200
	Subscriptions	180	173
	Sundry - other expenses	1,181	-
		<u>1,381</u>	<u>922</u>
Note 4	Utilities, services and insurance expenses	2021	2020
		£	£
	Cleaning services	216	1,055
	Gas and Electricity	2,350	8,227
	Insurance - property	1,157	1,081
	Licensing Cost, security & alam	726	681
	Water rates/charges	735	621
		<u>5,184</u>	<u>11,666</u>
Note 5	Travel and subsistence expenses	2021	2020
		£	£
	Air ticktes, travelling and subsistance	1,010	4,550
		<u>1,010</u>	<u>4,550</u>

Note 6 Telephone and other office expenditure	2021	2020
	£	£
Postage	121	121
Stationery and printing	56	30
Telephone and fax	1,573	1,000
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>1,150</u>
	<u><u>1,750</u></u>	<u><u>1,150</u></u>
Note 7 Finance cost	2021	2020
	£	£
Interest paid on mortgage	1,314	1,713
	<u>1,314</u>	<u>1,713</u>
	<u><u>1,314</u></u>	<u><u>1,713</u></u>
Note 8 Gift and donation towards community support expenditure	2021	2020
	£	£
Funeral expenses paid - devotees	3,105	1,200
Other gifts	-	3,000
	<u>3,105</u>	<u>4,200</u>
	<u><u>3,105</u></u>	<u><u>4,200</u></u>

Note 9. Property, plant and equipments

	Land & Building	Furnitures & Equipments	Library Books	IT Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or revaluation					
At 1 November 2020	297,673	14,573	1084	539	313,869
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>539</u>	<u>313,869</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 November 2020	0	14,285	1,084	0	15,369
Charge for the year	0	145	0	150	295
At 31 October 2021	0	14,430	1084	150	15,664
	<u>0</u>	<u>14,430</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>150</u>	<u>15,664</u>
Net book value					
At 31 October 2020	297,673	288	0	0	297,961
At 31 October 2021	297,673	143	0	389	298,205
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>389</u>	<u>298,205</u>

Note 10. Trustees and committee members benefits

The trustees and committee members of RBCC render their service on voluntary basis and there were no payment made to the trustees or committee members during the year

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1075351

Accounts

REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
CHARITY NO:1075351



Annual Report and Accounts
For the year ended
31 October 2020

Charity Information

President

Ven. Pethigamuwe Hemaratana – Chief Incumbent

Hon. Joint Secretaries

Mr Bennet Samarakoon

Mr Manoj Fernando

Hon. Joint Treasurers

Mr Mangala Kannangara

Mr Thilak Mudalige

Board of Trustees

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Mrs Sumana Hemalatha Wimalasundera

Mrs Mallika Pearl Nanayakkara

Mr Bandu Jay Perera

Dr Siri Abeysekera

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Registered Charity No: 1075351

Trustees' Annual Report of the RBCC for the year 2019/2020

The Following members served as the Trustees of the charity:

Venerable P. Hemaratana
Mrs. Mallika Nanayakkara
Mrs. Hema Wimalasundara
Mr. Bandula Perera
Mrs Renuka Perera
Dr Siri Abeysekara

Activities & Achievements of the Charity

The following activities were carried out to achieve the objectives of the charity during the year 2019/2020.

This year has been a great challenge of achieving the regular charity activities in the usual manner due to the unprecedented global pandemic of COVID -19. We have followed the government guidelines with national and local restrictions, lockdown and health and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. But we have attempted our best to provide the religious and supportive activities virtually via facebook and zoom platforms.

On the 11th January, the annual pirith chanting ceremony was held at the premisses of the vihara and this was the only physical gathering that we were able to have during this year.

The New Year celebration was planned to be held on the 18th April, but this was cancelled due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. We also had scheduled to draw the raffle in aid of the building fund on the same day at the time of the ceremony. Initially we postponed this lottery draw to the Katina ceremony day on the 18th October and the lottery was cancelled due to further extension of the COVID-19 restrictions. We consulted Redbridge Council in the cancellation procedure of the lottery. A special thank is mentioned to those who supported the lottery.

A special sub-committee was appointed to do risk assessments and make recommendations to follow according to the government guidelines.

The daily and weekend puja (religious ceremonies) were conducted without any interruption virtually via facebook and zoom. Special puja and pirith chanting were performed by the venerable monks for the protection of the devotees and the people of the world.

The Dhamma school was also conducted via zoom platform and the dedication of the dhamma school coordinators and the teachers are highly appreciated for the success of the continuation of the dhamma school classes.

One of the special activities this year was to give mental support and blessings to the patients who contracted COVID – 19 virus. The families and friends always sought blessings and support from the Venerable monks and this was unduly provided and was a great relief to the patients and their families.

We also have given financial and material support for the needy members of devotees who were affected by the COVID – 19.

The annual Vesak and Poson ceremonies were also cancelled and conducted virtual religious activities.

The rain retreat and the Katina ceremony were sponsored by fifteen families of devotees. The religious activities were again limited to private activities to comply with the precautions.

We were unable to have any special fund-raising events but were able to maintain the requirements with the regular donations and the reserves of funds.

The Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre continued to actively participate in the activities of the Redbridge Faith Forum that was held via ZOOM platform. The Annual Peace Walk organised by the Faith Forum was held on 8th November. This included a virtual walk with the theme of "love your neighbour".

The Head of the, Venerable P. Hemaratana also represented and actively participated in the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held on the 24th November via zoom.

We would like to appreciate the dedication of the Venerable Monks and all the devotees who were fully understanding and for their patience during the time of restrictions and difficulties moreover for their continuous support despite the hardship during this unprecedented pandemic.

Board of Trustees

Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre

22 August 2021

**Independent Examiner's Reports to
The Trustees of REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2020 which are set out on the page 7-11. My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning and such matters. In my examination, no such matters of concern has come to my attention.

In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2020

Sarath Jayaratne BA(Hon) FCCA

Accountants

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22 August 2021

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**REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE-CHARITY
NO:1075351**

**Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 October 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Income from charitable activities			
Donations	1	30,177	39,469
Other income from fund raising	2	4,397	5,915
Total income		34,574	45,384
Expenditure on charitable activities			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(922)	(3,880)
Travel and subsistence	4	(4,550)	(5,875)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	5	(11,666)	(10,366)
Repairs and maintenance		(1,562)	(348)
Telephone and other office expenditure	6	(1,150)	(1,571)
Legal and other professional fees		(765)	(700)
Gift and donation towards community support	8	(4,200)	0
Risk Management expenditure		(240)	0
Total expenditure		(25,055)	(22,740)
Total income over expenditure		9,519	22,644
Finance cost and other charges			
Interest charges	7	(1,713)	(2,146)
Depreciation		(145)	(145)
Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year		7,661	20,353

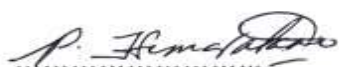
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Balance Sheet

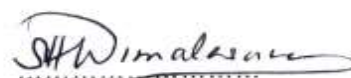
As at 31 October 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed Assets			
Equipment	9	288	433
Freehold Land & Building.	9	<u>297,673</u>	<u>297,673</u>
Total non-current assets		297,961	298,106
Current Assets			
Bank/building society balances		98,064	97,517
Cash in hand		<u>266</u>	<u>241</u>
Net current assets		98,331	97,758
Total assets		396,292	395,864
Loans due after more than one year		(40,569)	(47,802)
Total Net Assets		<u>355,723</u>	<u>348,062</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		348,062	327,709
Net Movement For the year		<u>7,661</u>	<u>20,353</u>
Total Funds		<u>355,723</u>	<u>348,062</u>

Notes on pages 9 to 11 are form part of this financial statements. The financial statements have been approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Ven. P Hemaratana
Trustee



Mrs H Wimalasundera
Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 October 2020**

Note 1	Income from donations	2020	2019
		£	£
	Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	19,270	18,453
	Gift Aid	2,981	0
	Vihara Donation Box	823	1,505
	Donation - Katina ceremony	5,653	10,580
	Other donations from devotees & visitors*	1,450	8,932
		<u>30,177</u>	<u>39,470</u>

*included above, the donation of £6,000 received in memory of Late Mr. Lionel Balasuriya.

Note 2	Income from other fund raising	2020	2019
		£	£
	Fund raising - cultural events	500	1,735
	Fund raising - religious events	685	1200
	Fund raising - foods stall	0	2,360
	Fund raising - Sunday school & other	17	620
	Donation other - Towards community support	1,665	0
	Donation other - Lottery & vihara development	1,530	0
		<u>4,397</u>	<u>5,915</u>

Note 3	Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	2020	2019
		£	£
	Hall & Marquee Hire	549	2,490
	Katina & other festival expenses	-	986
	Raffle Prizes and Gifts	200	350
	Sundry - other expenses	173	54
		<u>922</u>	<u>3,880</u>

Note 4 Utilities, services and insurance expenses

	2020	2019
	£	£
Cleaning services	1,055	2,010
Gas and Electricity	8,227	6,089
Insurance - property	1,081	1,057
Licensing Cost, security & alarm	681	567
Water rates/charges	621	644
	<u>11,666</u>	<u>10,366</u>

Note 5 Travel and subsistence expenses

	2020	2019
	£	£
Air ticktes and subsistance	4,550	5,075
Travelling - Katina & pirith Ceremony	-	630
Travelling other	-	170
	<u>4,550</u>	<u>5,875</u>

Note 6 Telephone and other office expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Postage	121	292
Stationery and printing	30	56
Telephone and fax	1,000	1,222
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,571</u>

Note 7 Finance cost

	2020	2019
	£	£
Interest paid on mortgage	1,713	2,146
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>2,146</u>

Note 8 Gift and donation towards community support expenditure

	2020	2019
	£	£
Funeral expenses paid - devotees	1,200	-
Other gifts	3,000	-
	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,146</u>

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