

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

England & Wales · Charity number 1083830

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2000-11-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ("THE OBJECTS") ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY, FOR THE RESIDENTS OF NEWHAM AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS.(1) THE ADVANCEMENT OF BUDDHISM ACCORDING TO THE PHILOSOPHY AND TEACHINGS OF BUDDHA.(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION, IN PARTICULAR, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF CLASSES IN THE SINHALESE LANGUAGE AND SRI LANKAN MUSIC AND CULTURE, AND PARTICIPATION IN CULTURAL FESTIVALS.

Activities: Srilanka community cultural activities, social activities, Sunday school for kids, dharma education for all,Bangladeshi cultural activities and social activities, meditation programs for all.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM AND SURROUNDING AREAS
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Throughout London

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£29,314	£18,118	-	-
2024-07-31	£33,182	£19,142	-	-
2023-07-31	£41,360	£36,775	-	-
2022-07-31	£49,107	£23,848	-	-
2021-07-31	£24,767	£24,644	-	-
2020-07-31	£27,404	£23,605	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev MAKURE MANGALA	Chair	
METHSIRI WIJERATNA		
PALINDA SAMARASINGHE		2016-12-04
Rev GNANATHILAKA EETALAWETUNAWEWA		2022-01-26

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Annual Report 2024-2025

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- Ven. Dharmapriya Thero

Secretary : Supun Nuranga

Assistant Secretary : Upul Ekanayake

Treasurer : Senerath Boralugoda

Public relations officer : Shamila De Silva

Independent auditor : Sarath Jayarathne

Legal advisor : Ramani Gunasekara

Committee members :

- Udaya Bandara
- Senani Ajantha Kodithuwakku
- Palitha Gunasekara
- Udayasiri Weragama
- Saman Jayarathna
- Sujith Rasnayake
- Dinali Ambewatte
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- **Fund raising for the victims of earthquake**

During the period of 2023-2024 a funds were raised in April 2025 and donated to aid the victims following the earthquake in Myanmar.

Supun Enderage
Secretary, ELBCC

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Annual Financial Report

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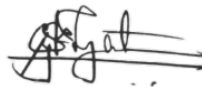
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Income and Expenses Account
for the year ended 31 July 2025

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income	29,275	33,154
Other income	39	28
Total Income	<u>29,314</u>	<u>33,182</u>
Expenses		
Travel expenses	682	200
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	10,099	8,455
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment	185	2,243
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	1,412	2,575
Interest on bank and other loans	3,061	3,608
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	185	183
Legal and other professional fees	604	-
Other expenses	1,890	1,878
Total Expenditure	<u>18,118</u>	<u>19,142</u>
Income Over Expenses	<u>11,196</u>	<u>14,040</u>

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet
as at 31 July 2025

	Notes	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets	2	318,756	318,756
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		27,046	26,938
Other current assets and prepayments		5,300	-
		<u>32,346</u>	<u>26,938</u>
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities and accruals		<u>4,999</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net current assets		27,347	21,938
Loans due after more than one year		(31,900)	(37,687)
Net assets		<u>314,203</u>	<u>303,007</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		303,007	288,967
Net profit		11,196	14,040
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Donation Box	1,344	1,090
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Water and Council Tax	1,734	2,057
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Hall& Stall hire	500	500
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Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
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Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
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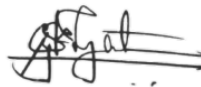
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Minutes from the ELBCC Annual General Meeting on 4th November 2023	
1.	<u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u> Ven. Mangala Thero Observed Pansil with the members who attended the meeting via live webcast. Then he welcomed all the members to the annual general meeting and expressed his gratitude to everyone for working together for the benefit of the community and the organisation. He also acknowledged all the fellow monks, individuals and the members of the temple who continue to help to successfully organise cultural and religious programmes throughout the year.
2.	<u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2022</u> Secretary Supun Nuranga circulated the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 26th November 2022. Ven. Mangala Thero noted that the year recorded in the meeting minutes was incorrect. This error has been corrected. My Jayampathi proposed the meeting minutes be accepted as accurate, and Mr Chinthaka seconded the motion.
3.	<u>Tabling Annual Report</u> Secretary, Mr Supun Enderage, circulated the annual report which covered the period from 26th November 2022 – 4th December 2023. Mr Samarasinghe noted that the event organised for the Poson Poya had not been included in the annual report. This omission has been rectified and the event has been added to the report. Mr Samarasinghe proposed that the annual report be accepted as correct and the motion of seconded by Mr Weerasinghe.
4.	<u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u> Treasurer, Mr Senarath Boralugoda, circulated the copies of annual financial report which has been examined by the independent Auditor Mr Sarath Jayarathne. The Treasurer explained that the lower tax relief amount this year, compared to the previous year, was due to the fact that this year's claim covered only one year, whereas last year's claim included two previous years. In response to an inquiry about the festival income, the Treasurer clarified that it comprised revenue from the Katina Ceremony, Ayubowan Event, New Year Festival, and Special Award Ceremony. Mr Samarasinghe suggested that the festival income and expenses be itemized and presented as a separate note to provide a clearer representation of each item. A query was raised regarding the increase in mortgage interest. It was agreed that this would be examined further and if required inquiries would be made with the bank Mr Sujith proposed that the annual accounts be accepted as correct and the motion of seconded by Mr Weragama.



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5.	<u>Election of office bearers</u> Two proposals have been received proposing to retain the executive committee for the 2023-2024. Another nomination was received; however, as per the constitution, only a member of the organization can be elected as an office bearer. Since the individual nominated was not a member at the time of the nomination, it was decided to omit this nomination. Following discussions and mutual agreement among the members, it was decided to adopt the received proposals and retain the executive committee from the previous year for the upcoming 2023-2024 period Therefore, the office bearers for 2023-2024 are as follows: Two Vice presidents • Mr Upul Ekanayake • Mrs Suneetha Siriwardhana Secretary • Mr Supun Nuranga Assistant Secretary • Mr Subha Fernando Treasurer • Mr Senerath Boralugoda Public Relations Officer • Mr Shamila De silva Committee members • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage • Mrs Kusum Pathirana • Mr Saman Jayarathne • Mr Udayasri Weragama • Mrs Nanda Karunanayake • Mr Sujith Rasnayake • Mrs Dinali Ambewatte • Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone Independent Auditor • Mr Sarath Jayarathne Legal Adviser: • Mrs Ramani Gunasekara The proposal to retain the same office bearers received by Mr Samarasinghe and Mr Weerasinghe was seconded by Mr Jayampathi.
6.	<u>Resolutions</u>



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	Ven. Mangala Thero informed the members that no notice has been received for resolution and the members did not have any new proposals.
7.	<u>Any Other Business</u> Mr Samarasinghe enquired about the topic discussed during the last AGM in regard to setting up another account for the welfare of the resident monks. It was suggested that 25% of the annual surplus be allocated to a dedicated account for the monks' welfare. Additionally, it was proposed that any one-off donations from members be credited using a specific reference to ensure these contributions are distinctly separated from the regular operating budget, thereby maintaining transparency between welfare funds and day-to-day expenses. Mr. Shamila suggested creating an additional category to include individuals who contribute to the temple in various ways, beyond what is outlined in the constitution, as members of the temple. It was noted that the lack of awareness regarding membership was the primary reason for this proposal. To address this while adhering to the constitution, it was suggested that the available dates for dana offerings be displayed on the notice board. Additionally, Ven. Mangala Thero proposed informing the parents attending the Dhamma School about the temple membership. Ven. Mangala Thero proposed covering the visa fee and insurance costs for the visiting monks from Sri Lanka. It was suggested that these expenses be funded from the fund allocated for the welfare of the monks. Members agreed to this proposal. The potential date for the raffle draw was discussed with the members, and it was agreed that the raffle would be drawn on 1st January 2024. The date was subsequently publicised. Mr Samarasinghe proposed distributing the dates for the monthly committee meetings (which will be held on 1st Friday of each month) for the upcoming year in advance. The Secretary was tasked with distributing the list. Mr. Alahakone recommended that the online platforms be updated more regularly to ensure members are kept informed about the temple's events Meeting Concluded at 7.00 PM

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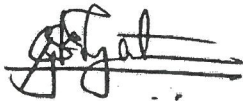
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In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 July 2024



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Income and Expenses Account
for the year ended 31 July 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
Income	33,154	41,355
Other income	28	5
Total Income	33,182	41,360
Expenses		
Travel expenses	200	-
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	8,455	15,469
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment	2,243	15,714
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	2,575	1,128
Interest on bank and other loans	3,608	2,646
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	183	199
Other expenses	1,878	1,619
Total Expenditure	19,142	36,775
Income Over Expenses	14,040	4,585

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet
as at 31 July 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets	2	318,756	318,756
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		<u>26,938</u>	<u>17,814</u>
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities and accruals		<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net current assets		21,938	12,814
Loans due after more than one year		(37,687)	(42,603)
Net assets		<u>303,007</u>	<u>288,967</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		288,967	284,382
Net profit		14,040	4,585
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	2024 £	2023 £
Income		
Donation -Standing Orders	14,780	15,071
Donation-Other	7,625	10,855
Donation Box	1,090	1,704
Festival Income	3,060	9,240
Gift Aid Tax Refund	6,408	4,484
Building fund Raffle tickets	190	-
Other	1	1
	<u>33,154</u>	<u>41,355</u>
Other income		
Interest receivable	<u>28</u>	<u>5</u>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel expenses	<u>200</u>	<u>-</u>
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs		
Water and Council Tax	2,057	1,451
Light & Heat	2,800	4,028
Fesival expenses	1,685	6,605
Property insurance	1,413	943
Hall& Stall hire	500	2,442
	<u>8,455</u>	<u>15,469</u>
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>2,243</u>	<u>15,714</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Telephone and fax	1,108	1,128
Postage ,Stationery and printing	420	-
Other insurance costs	1,047	-
	<u>2,575</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Interest on bank and other loans		
Mortgage Interest	<u>3,608</u>	<u>2,646</u>
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		
Bank charges	<u>183</u>	<u>199</u>
Other expenses		
Subscriptions	159	159
BOC Scholarships	1,534	1,460
Other expenses	185	-
	<u>1,878</u>	<u>1,619</u>

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2 Other fixed assets	2024	2023
	£	£
 Premises - Freehold Building	 318,756	 <u>318,756</u>

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Annual Report 2022-2023

East London Buddhist cultural centre (ELBCC) also known as Lumbini Vihara is a UK registered charity (Registered number 1083830) under Charities act since November 2000.

This report reviews the activities of ELBCC from 26th November 2022 – 4th November 2023.

Administrative Information

The Chief resident monk Ven. Makure Mangala Thero will remain as the president of the charity as stated in the constitution amended in 2011.

The following office bearers were elected during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 26/11/2022.

Vice President :

- Mr Upul ekanayake
- Mrs Suneetha Siriwardana

Secretary : Mr Supun Nuranga

Assistant Secretary : Mr Suba Fernando

Treasurer : Mr Senerath Boralugoda

Public relations officer : Mr Shamila De Silva

Independent auditor : Mr Sarath Jayarathne

Legal advisor : Mrs Ramani Gunasekara

Financial advisor : Mrs Chandrika Rajakulathunga

Committee members :

- Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage
- Mrs Kusum Pathirana
- Mr Sujith Rasnayake
- Mr Saman Jayarathne
- Mr Udayasiri Weragama
- Mrs Dinali Ambewatte
- Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone
- Mrs Nanda Karunanayake

Objectives of the charity include advancement of Buddhism per the philosophy and the teaching of Buddha, organising cultural and religious events. To achieve these objectives ELBCC organised various religious and cultural activities throughout the year.



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Religious Activities

- Daily buddha puja and pirith chanting is held at 7.00PM throughout the year. Depending on their availability devotees of ELBCC attend this daily puja. And monthly poya programmes were organised throughout the year where devotees observe sil, practice meditation and dharma discussion.
- ELBCC celebrated this year's Vesak poya, which celebrates the birth, enlightenment and the death of Gautama Buddha on 7th May 2023. Devotees celebrated this day by attending day filled with meditation, Dharma discussions and other religious activities. The Vesak programme was concluded by holding a Vesak dansala for all the members and devotees who attended the religious event.
- To Commemorate the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka, Special Sil programme and atavisi buddha puja was held on Poson poya day on 4th June 2023 at the temple premises. Devotees celebrated this day by attending day filled with meditation, Dharma discussions and other religious activities. The Poson programme was concluded by holding a special showcasing of Mahindagamanaya exhibit prepared by the Dhamma School students.

Cultural Activities

- To celebrate the 75th Independence Day of Sri Lanka, ELBCC held Independence Day celebrations event on 5th February 2023. Children from Sunday school attended this special programme along with other visitors. It was a very educational programme for the children where they learned about history of Sri Lanka before and after independence and about national heroes.
- Annual Sinhala and Tamil new year festival organised by East London Buddhist Cultural centre was held on 15th April 2023 at the Cumberland School. local Councillor Lakmini Shah and James Asser also attended the event as a honourable guest. The event included new year games and an evening filled with cultural performances. Sri Lankans across London attended this joyous cultural event.

Other Activities

- **Ayubowan London Live Concert**

A successful concert in aid of ELBCC was held on 7th January 2023 at the East Ham Town Hall, hosted by Thumindu Dodantenna with performance by Kokila Pawan. Sri Lankans across London attended this joyous musical event.

- **Special Aktha Pathra (award) ceremony and special pirith chanting**

To acknowledge and felicitate the appointment as the Chief Adhikarana Sanga Nayaka of Great Britain and the honorary title of Most Venerable Makure Dharma Keerthi Sri Hemaloka Mangalabhidana Nayaka Thero by Siyam Nikaya of the Malwatha Chapter, special felicitation ceremony and half night pirith chanting was held on 15th July 2023. Her Excellency Ms Saroja Sirisena graced this special occasion as the chief guest. Amongst others, Rt Hon Stephen Timms, Councillor Ann Easter, Councillor Jame Asser and Councillor Lakmini Shah also attended the event as a honourable guest.

- **Standing Advisory council on Religious Education (SACRE)**



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Ven. Makure Mangala Thero is a member of the SACRE for the London borough of Newham, where the local authority is advised on matters connected with religious education and collective worship.

- **Ranaviru seva Authority scholarship fund**

With the help of members, ELBCC sponsor 50 students in Sri Lanka whose parents have passed away or disabled who were once military and police personnel.

- **Religious Advisor for the local schools.**

Ven. Makure Mangala Thero attended various virtual and in person meetings throughout the year as a religious advisor to assist, as directed, special support for school causing concern or in particular need.

- **Sunday School:**

Following the Covid Pandemic, The Sunday school was resumed this year and is held on every Sunday at the temple premises which is catered to children. ELBCC Sunday school is recognised by the YMBA (Young Men's Buddhist Association) of Sri Lanka. Sunday school which is run by volunteer teaching staff and the monks provides the opportunity to study and encouragement of the practice of Buddhism.

- **Regular visits to public institutions:**

Resident monks regularly visit local schools, hospitals, care homes, prisons to deliver sermons and guidance who seek counsel.

- **Local student visits to the temple:**

Both local school students and teachers regularly visit the temple where they are given an insight in to Buddhism. This is an exceptional opportunity for them to learn about the religion itself and to learn about methods of practising Buddhism. Teachers also get advice on methods of teaching Buddhism.

- **Fund Raising Events**

During the period 2022-2023 one fundraising event was held by organising Food stalls at community event to raise money for the charity.

Supun Nuranga
Secretary, ELBCC



Minutes from the ELBCC Annual General Meeting on 26th November 2022	
1.	<u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u> Ven. Makure Mangala Thero Observed Pansil with the members who attended the meeting via live webcast. Then he welcomed all the members to the annual general meeting and expressed his gratitude to everyone for working together for the benefit of the community and the organisation. He also acknowledged all the individuals and the members of the executive committee who helped to successfully organise cultural and religious programmes throughout the year.
2.	<u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2021</u> Secretary Supun Nuranga circulated the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 4th December 2021. Mr Palinda Samarasinghe Proposed that the meeting minutes from the previous AGM were correct and was seconded by Mr Shamila De Silva.
3.	<u>Tabling Annual Report</u> Secretary Circulated the annual report which covered the period from 4th December 2021 to 26th November 2022. Makure Mangala Thero suggested the following items should be added to the annual report: • Attending the local schools as a religious advisor to assist, as directed, special support for school causing concern or in particular need. • Medical aid donations to Sri Lanka that were carried out throughout the year. Mr Weerasinghe proposed that the remainder of the annual report were correct and was seconded by Mr Senarath Boralugoda.
4.	<u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u> Treasurer, Mr Senarath Boralugoda, circulated the copies of annual financial report which has been examined by the independent Auditor Mr Sarath Jayarathne. • Mr Palinda Samarasinghe suggested that the donations during the katina ceremony could added under the festival income section and the expenses can be added separately. Treasurer mention as the katina ceremony was held via live webcast and the donations were made to temple account these have been reported under 'Donations Other' and that there were no expenses. • Mr Palinda Samarasinghe enquired if there is a reduction in standing orders compared to the previous consecutive years. Treasurer mentioned that even though there is a reduction of the standing orders in the Bank of Ceylon account, however, as new standing orders been added; there is no noticeable overall reduction over the past two years. Mr Palinda Samarasinghe proposed the annual accounts to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.
5.	<u>Election of office bearers</u>



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	This year's nominations received have proposed to retain the executive committee for the 2022-2023. All members agreed to the nominations received, Mr Palinda Samarasinghe Proposed to adhere with the nominations received by the members and this was seconded by Mr Udayasiri Weragama. Therefore, the office bearers for 2022-2023 are as follows: Two Vice presidents • Mr Upul Ekanayake • Mrs Suneetha Siriwardhana Secretary • Mr Supun Nuranga Assistant Secretary • Mr Subha Fernando Treasurer • Mr Senerath Boralugoda Public Relations Officer • Mr Shamila De silva Committee members • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage • Mrs Kusum Pathirana • Mr Saman Jayarathne • Mr Udayasri Weragama • Mrs Nanda Karunanayake • Mr Sujith Rasnayake • Mrs Dinali Ambewatte • Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone Independent Auditor • Mr Sarath Jayarathne Legal Adviser: • Mrs Ramani Gunasekara
7.	<u>Resolutions</u> Ven. Makure Mangala Thero informed the members that no notice has been received for resolution and the members did not have any new proposals.



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8.	<u>Any Other Business</u> • Ven. Mangala Thero suggested switching the Llyods and Barclays bank accounts of the temple for online banking service as this method would be more convenient. Members discussed the benefits and the process of this and agreed to switch to online banking service. • Ven. Managala Thero informed the members about a query the independent Auditor; Mr Sarath Jayarathne, had regarding any steps the executive committee or the members have taken regarding the welfare of the resident monks post-retirement. Following the discussion, Mr Palinda Samarasinghe and Mr Jayampathi Perera suggested that a separate account can be created for the welfare of the resident monks and a monthly standing order can be set up from the temple bank account for this welfare account. • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilkalage enquired about restarting the Dhamma School. Mangala Thero informed the members that a meeting will be arranged with the teachers to discuss the necessary requirements.
	Meeting Concluded at 6.00PM.

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Income and Expenses Account
for the year ended 31 July 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Income	41,355	49,103
Other income	5	4
Total Income	<u>41,360</u>	<u>49,107</u>
Expenses		
Travel expenses	-	250
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	15,469	8,383
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment	15,714	6,563
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	1,128	1,428
Interest on bank and other loans	2,646	1,194
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	199	181
Legal and other professional fees	-	536
Other expenses	1,619	5,313
Total Expenditure	<u>36,775</u>	<u>23,848</u>
Income Over Expenses	<u>4,585</u>	<u>25,259</u>

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet
as at 31 July 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets	2	318,756	318,756
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		<u>17,814</u>	<u>18,311</u>
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities and accruals		<u>5,000</u>	<u>4,998</u>
Net current assets		12,814	13,313
Loans due after more than one year		(42,603)	(47,687)
Net assets		<u>288,967</u>	<u>284,382</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		284,382	259,123
Net profit		4,585	25,259
		<u>288,967</u>	<u>284,382</u>

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	2023	2022
	£	£
Income		
Donation -Standing Orders	15,071	14,558
Donation-Other	10,855	14,410
Donation Box	1,704	1,731
Festival Income	9,240	8,085
Gift Aid Tax Refund	4,484	10,319
Other	1	-
	<u>41,355</u>	<u>49,103</u>
Other income		
Interest receivable	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs		
Water and Council Tax	1,451	1,402
Light & Heat	4,028	3,485
Festival expenses	6,605	2,500
Property insurance	943	896
Hall& Stall hire	2,442	-
Cleaning	-	100
	<u>15,469</u>	<u>8,383</u>
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>15,714</u>	<u>6,563</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Telephone and fax	1,128	1,022
Postage ,Stationery and printing	-	163
Website cost	-	243
	<u>1,128</u>	<u>1,428</u>
Interest on bank and other loans		
Mortgage Interest	<u>2,646</u>	<u>1,194</u>
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		
Bank charges	<u>199</u>	<u>181</u>
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees		
Other legal and professional	<u>-</u>	<u>536</u>
Other expenses		
Subscriptions	159	-
BOC Scholarships	1,460	1,913
Covid donation	-	3,400
	<u>1,619</u>	<u>5,313</u>

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2 Other fixed assets

	2023	2022
	£	£
Premises - Freehold Building	318,756	293,433
Property Improvement	<u>-</u>	<u>25,323</u>
	<u>318,756</u>	<u>318,756</u>

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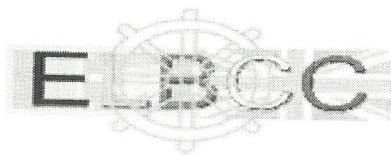
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	£	£
Income		
Donation -Standing Orders	15,071	14,558
Donation-Other	10,855	14,410
Donation Box	1,704	1,731
Festival Income	9,240	8,085
Gift Aid Tax Refund	4,484	10,319
Other	1	-
	<u>41,355</u>	<u>49,103</u>
Other income		
Interest receivable	<u>5</u>	<u>4</u>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel expenses	<u>-</u>	<u>250</u>
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs		
Water and Council Tax	1,451	1,402
Light & Heat	4,028	3,485
Festival expenses	6,605	2,500
Property insurance	943	896
Hall& Stall hire	2,442	-
Cleaning	-	100
	<u>15,469</u>	<u>8,383</u>
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>15,714</u>	<u>6,563</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Telephone and fax	1,128	1,022
Postage ,Stationery and printing	-	163
Website cost	-	243
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Interest on bank and other loans		
Mortgage Interest	<u>2,646</u>	<u>1,194</u>
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		
Bank charges	<u>199</u>	<u>181</u>
Accountancy, legal and other professional fees		
Other legal and professional	<u>-</u>	<u>536</u>
Other expenses		
Subscriptions	159	-
BOC Scholarships	1,460	1,913
Covid donation	-	3,400
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This report reviews the activities of ELBCC from 4th December 2021 – 25th November 2022.

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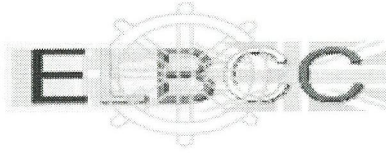
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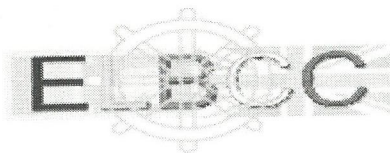
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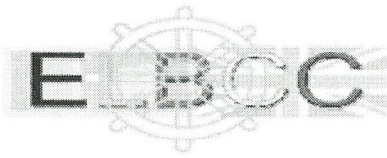
8.	<u>Any Other Business</u> • Ven. Mangala Thero suggested switching the Llyods and Barclays bank accounts of the temple for online banking service as this method would be more convenient. Members discussed the benefits and the process of this and agreed to switch to online banking service. • Ven. Managala Thero informed the members about a query the independent Auditor; Mr Sarath Jayarathne, had regarding any steps the executive committee or the members have taken regarding the welfare of the resident monks post-retirement. Following the discussion, Mr Palinda Samarasinghe and Mr Jayampathi Perera suggested that a separate account can be created for the welfare of the resident monks and a monthly standing order can be set up from the temple bank account for this welfare account. • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilkalage enquired about restarting the Dhamma School. Mangala Thero informed the members that a meeting will be arranged with the teachers to discuss the necessary requirements.
	Meeting Concluded at 6.00PM.

Supun Nuranga
Secretary
ELBCC



**Minutes from the ELBCC Annual General Meeting
held on 4th December 2021**

1.	<u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u> Ven. Makure Mangala Thero Observed Pansil with the members who attended the meeting via live webcast. Then he welcomed all the members to the annual general meeting and expressed his gratitude to everyone for working together for the benefit of the community and the organisation. He also acknowledged all the individuals and the members of the executive committee who helped to successfully organise cultural and religious programmes throughout the year.
2.	<u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2020</u> Secretary Supun Nuranga circulated the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 11th November 2020. Mr Palinda Samarasinghe Proposed that the meeting minutes from the previous AGM were correct and was seconded by Mr Shamila De Silva.
3.	<u>Tabling Annual Report</u> Secretary Circulated the annual report which covered the period from 11th November 2020 to 4th December 2021. Makure Mangala Thero suggested the following items should be added to the annual report: • Attending the local schools as a religious advisor to assist, as directed, special support for school causing concern or in particular need. • Medical aid donations to Sri Lanka that were carried out throughout the year. Mr Upul Ekanayake suggested the following item should be added to the annual report: • Ashirwadha Buddha Puja and Pirith chanting held daily throughout the year via live webcast. Secretary agreed to amend the annual report accordingly.
4.	<u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u> Treasurer, Mr Senarath Boralugoda, circulated the copies of annual financial report which has been examined by the independent Auditor Mr Sarath Jayarathne. • Mr Palinda Samarasinghe suggested that the donations during the katina ceremony could added under the festival income section and the expenses can be added separately. Treasurer mention as the katina ceremony was held via live webcast and the donations were made to temple account these have been reported under 'Donations Other' and that there were no expenses. • Mr Palinda Samarasinghe enquired if there is a reduction in standing orders compared to the previous consecutive years. Treasurer mentioned that even though there is a reduction of the standing orders in the Bank of Ceylon account, however, as new standing orders been added; there is no noticeable overall reduction over the past two years.



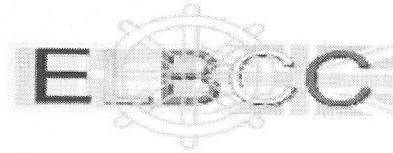
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	Mr Methsiri Wijerathne proposed the annual accounts to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.
5.	<u>Election of office bearers</u> This year's nominations received have proposed to retain the executive committee for the 2021-2022. All members agreed to the nominations received, Mr Palinda Samarasinghe Proposed to adhere with the nominations received by the members and this was seconded by Mr Udayasiri Weragama. Therefore, the office bearers for 2020-2021 are as follows: Two Vice presidents • Mr Upul Ekanayake • Mrs Suneetha Siriwardhana Secretary • Mr Supun Nuranga Assistant Secretary • Mr Subha Fernando Treasurer • Mr Senerath Boralugoda Public Relations Officer • Mr Shamila De silva Committee members • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage • Mrs Kusum Pathirana • Mr Saman Jayarathne • Mr Udayasri Weragama • Mrs Nanda Karunanayake • Mr Sujith Rasnayake • Mrs Dinali Ambewatte • Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone Independent Auditor • Mr Sarath Jayarathne Legal Adviser: • Mrs Ramani Gunasekara
7.	<u>Resolutions</u> Ven. Makure Mangala Thero informed the members that no notice has been received for resolution and the members did not have any new proposals.



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Religious Activities

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- ELBCC celebrated this year's Vesak poya, which celebrates the birth, enlightenment and the death of Gautama Buddha on 15th May 2022. Devotees celebrated this day by attending day filled with meditation, Dharma discussions and other religious activities. The Vesak programme was concluded by holding a Vesak dansala for all the members and devotees who attended the religious event.
- The Annual Katina ceremony of ELBCC to celebrate the end of Wassana season, the rains retreat, was held on 23rd October 2022. Both guest and resident monks conducted various meritorious rituals throughout the day. Many Sri Lankan and Bangladeshi Buddhist devotees attended this special ceremony.

Other Activities

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- **Sunday School:**

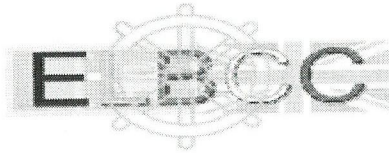
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- **Regular visits to public institutions:**

Resident monks regularly visit local schools, hospitals, care homes, prisons to deliver sermons and guidance who seek counsel.

- **Local student visits to the temple:**

Both local school students and teachers regularly visit the temple where they are given an insight in to Buddhism. This is an exceptional opportunity for them to learn about the religion itself and to



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learn about methods of practising Buddhism. Teachers also get advice on methods of teaching Buddhism.

- **Fund Raising Events**

During the period 2021-2022 one fundraising event was held by organising Food stalls at community event to raise money for the charity.

Supun Nuranga
Secretary, ELBCC

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I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 July 2022 which are set out on the page 3-6. 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.

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Income and Expenses Account
for the year ended 31 July 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Income	49,103	24,764
Other income	4	3
Total Income	<u>49,107</u>	<u>24,767</u>
Expenses		
Travel expenses	250	-
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	8,383	6,417
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment	6,563	10,847
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	1,428	1,346
Interest on bank and other loans	1,194	3,508
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	181	179
Legal and other professional fees	536	-
Other expenses	5,313	2,347
Total Expenditure	<u>23,848</u>	<u>24,644</u>
Income Over Expenses	<u>25,259</u>	<u>123</u>

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet
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	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets	2	318,756	293,433
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		<u>18,311</u>	<u>24,546</u>
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities and accruals		<u>4,998</u>	<u>5,000</u>
Net current assets		13,313	19,546
Loans due after more than one year		(47,687)	(53,856)
Net assets		<u>284,382</u>	<u>259,123</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		259,123	259,000
Net profit		25,259	123
		<u>284,382</u>	<u>259,123</u>

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Other-Receiveable	-	216
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Fesival expenses	2,500	-
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Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
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Postage ,Stationery and printing	163	82
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Cultural activities

- To celebrate the 72nd Independence Day of Sri Lanka, ELBCC held Independence Day celebrations event on 09th February 2020. Children from Sunday school attended this special programme along with other visitors. It was a very educational programme for the children where they learned about history of Sri Lanka before and after independence and about national heroes.
- Due to the Coronavirus (COVID – 19) pandemic and related government guidance and the well-being of the community and members ELBCC made the difficult decision to cancel the annual Sinhala and Tamil new year festival.

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Committee Information

President : Ven Makure Mangala

Secretary: Mr Supun Nuranga Loku Enderage

Treasure: Mr Senarath Boralugoda

Trustees:

Ven: Makure Mangala

Mr Methsiri Wijerathne

Mr R A Wimalasekera

Mr Palinda Samarasinghe

Auditor

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EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

Independent examiners report to the Trustees of EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 July 2020 which are set out on the page 3-6. 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 July 2020



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EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Income and Expenses Account
for the year ended 31 July 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Income	27,401	31,655
Other income	3	3
Total Income	<u>27,404</u>	<u>31,658</u>
Expenses		
Travel expenses	745	750
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs	7,928	9,367
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment	7,175	2,741
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs	1,488	1,110
Interest on bank and other loans	3,439	2,735
Bank, credit card and other finance charges	211	259
Other expenses	2,619	2,699
Total Expenditure	<u>23,605</u>	<u>19,661</u>
Income Over Expenses	<u>3,799</u>	<u>11,997</u>

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Balance Sheet
as at 31 July 2020

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Other fixed assets	2	293,433	293,433
Current assets			
Bank/building society balances		28,399	28,768
Current liabilities			
Other liabilities and accruals		4,999	5,000
Net current assets		23,400	23,768
Loans due after more than one year		(57,833)	(62,000)
Net assets		<u>259,000</u>	<u>255,201</u>
Capital account			
Balance at start of period		255,201	243,204
Net profit		3,799	11,997
		<u>259,000</u>	<u>255,201</u>

EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE
Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2020

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	2020 £	2019 £
Income		
Donation -Standing Orders	15,318	14,574
Donation-Other	2,465	-
Donation Box	1,056	2,623
Festival Income	3,435	8,520
Gift Aid Tax Refund	5,126	5,937
Other	1	1
	<u>27,401</u>	<u>31,655</u>
Other income		
Interest receivable	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
Car, van and travel expenses		
Travel expenses	<u>745</u>	<u>750</u>
Rent, rates, power and insurance costs		
Water and Council Tax	2,546	2,463
Light & Heat	4,081	3,105
Festival expenses	175	1,422
Property insurance	896	896
Hall & Stall hire	-	1,481
Cleaning	230	-
	<u>7,928</u>	<u>9,367</u>
Repairs and renewals of property and equipment		
Repairs and maintenance	<u>7,175</u>	<u>2,741</u>
Telephone, fax, stationery and other office costs		
Telephone and fax	1,102	1,065
Postage	100	-
Stationery and printing	-	45
Website cost	286	-
	<u>1,488</u>	<u>1,110</u>
Interest on bank and other loans		
Mortgage Interest	<u>3,439</u>	<u>2,735</u>
Bank, credit card and other finance charges		
Bank charges	<u>211</u>	<u>259</u>
Other expenses		
BOC Scholarships	<u>2,619</u>	<u>2,699</u>

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Notes to the Accounts
for the year ended 31 July 2020

2 Other fixed assets

	2020 £	2019 £
Premises - Freehold Building	293,433	279,593
Property Improvement	-	13,840
	<u>293,433</u>	<u>293,433</u>



Minutes from the ELBCC Annual General Meeting held on 09th November 2019	
1.	<u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u> Ven. Makure Mangala thero Observed Pansil with the members who attended the meeting. Then he welcomed all the members for the annual general meeting and expressed his gratitude to everyone for working together for the benefit of the community and the organization. He also acknowledged all the individuals who helped to successfully organize cultural and religious programmes throughout the year.
2.	<u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2018</u> Secretary Supun Nuranga circuited the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 24th November 2018 • Ven.Makure Mangala Thero mentioned that the there is a spelling error and the correct spelling for the second nomination for the Vice President should be Ven. Pragasree Sraman Thero. Secretary acknowledge and corrections were made. Mr Methsiri Wijerathne Proposed that the meeting minutes from the previous AGM were correct and was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.
3.	<u>Tabling Annual Report</u> Secretary Circulated the annual report which covered the period from 24th November 2018 till 09th November 2019. • As the fundraising events held during the year were missing from the annual report Mr Palinda Samarasinghe suggested adding theses to the annual report. Mr Palinda Samarasinghe proposed the annual report to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.
4.	<u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u> Treasurer, Mr Senarath Boralugoda, circulated the copies of annual financial report which has been examined by the independent Auditor Mr Sarath Jayarathne. • Mr Borlulugoda informed the members that the sum in donation box include money accumulated throughout the year in both the "donation box" and "donation – other" • Mr Palinda Samarasinghe suggested any expenses for structural repairs could be added to the balance sheet under fixed assets. • Furthermore, Mr Boralugoda informed the members that for the 2018 fiscal year hall hire charges are included in the festival expense however for 2019 fiscal year this has been noted as a separate expense for clarity.



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	Mr Sujith Rasnayake proposed the annual accounts to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone.
5.	<u>Election of office bearers</u> Nominations for this year's office bearers are as follow. Deadline for sending the nominations was on 26th October 2019. As there were no nominations for the office bearers secretary suggested that the same office bearers could be retained for the next year as they collaborated well to organize events during 2018-2019 period. As the members agreed Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone Proposed to retain the same office bearers for 2019-2020 and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake. Therefore, the office bearers for the period 2019-2020 are as follow: 5.1 Two Vice presidents • Mr Upul Ekanayake • Mrs Suneetha Siriwardana 5.2 Secretary • Mr Supun Nuranga 5.3 Assistant Secretary • Mr Subha Fernando 5.4 Treasurer • Mr Senerath Boralugoda 5.5 Public Relations Officer • Mr Shamila De silva 5.6 Committee members • Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage • Mrs Kusum Pathirana • Mr Saman Jayarathne • Mr Udayasri Weragama • Mrs Nanda Karunanayake • Mr Sujith Rasnayake • Mrs Dinali Ambewatte • Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone 5.7 Independent Auditor • Mr Sarath Jayarathne 5.8 Legal Adviser:



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	• Mrs Ramani Gunasekara
7.	<u>Resolutions</u> Ven. Makure Mangala Thero informed the members that no notice has been received for resolution and the members did not have any new proposals.
8.	<u>Any Other Business</u> • Mr Alahakone enquired about increasing the number of committee members. Mr Samarasinghe suggested that as this would require amending the constitution this could be brought forward in writing as a resolution and a special general meeting could be called to propose these resolutions. • Mr Alahakone also suggested that it would be beneficial to schedule a committee meeting on every second Friday of each month. • Mr Samarasinghe suggested that it would be beneficial to submit the annual report and the accounts to the bank as this would increase the transparency. • Mr Boralugoda enquired about Mr Wimalasekara's trustee positions due to his absence in the recent years. Mr Wijerathne and Mr Samarasinghe suggested that a trustee meeting can be scheduled to discuss this matter further. • Mr Alahakone enquired about the suggestions brought forward during previous meetings in regard to applying gold leaf to the statue and constructions of the sthupa. Ven. Mangala Thero mentioned that he would discuss with a fellow monk about acquiring these from Thailand and a date can be scheduled where members would have a opportunity to apply them to the statue. In regard to the sthupa constructions, Ven. Mangala Thero mentioned that a fibre structure can be brought from Sri Lanka and he would discuss with Mr Pattapola to arrange a date with the builders.
	Meeting Concluded at 05.30PM

Supun Nuranga
Secretary
ELBCC