



EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE

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Annual Report 2019-2020

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 09th November 2019 – 14th November 2020.

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 09/11/2019.

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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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.

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.
- ELBCC celebrated this year's Vesak poya, which celebrates the birth, enlightenment and the death of Gautama Buddha on 10th May 2020 and the Katina Ceremony which celebrate the end of Wassana season, the rains retreat on 11th October 2020. In accordance with the government guidelines these special programmes were broadcasted through a webcast.
- However, the monthly poya programmes and special dhamma discussion programmes that were scheduled for this year were cancelled.

Other Activities

• Sunday School:

Sunday school 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. Students who took Dhamma Abhidhamma Examination this year achieved an impressive 100% pass rate. With the beginning of the COVID – 19 pandemic Sunday school classes were cancelled until further notice.

• Standing Advisory council on Religious Education (SACRE)

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.

Supun Nuranga
Secretary, ELBCC

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Annual Financial Report

31 July 2020

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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

Sarath Jayaratne BA(Hon) FCCA

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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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3 November 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.	<p><u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u></p> <p>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.</p>
2.	<p><u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2018</u></p> <p>Secretary Supun Nuranga circuited the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 24th November 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
3.	<p><u>Tabling Annual Report</u></p> <p>Secretary Circulated the annual report which covered the period from 24th November 2018 till 09th November 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As the fundraising events held during the year were missing from the annual report Mr Palinda Samarasinghe suggested adding theses to the annual report. <p>Mr Palinda Samarasinghe proposed the annual report to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.</p>
4.	<p><u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u></p> <p>Treasurer, Mr Senarath Boralugoda, circulated the copies of annual financial report which has been examined by the independent Auditor Mr Sarath Jayarathne.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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	<p>Mr Sujith Rasnayake proposed the annual accounts to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone.</p>
5.	<p><u>Election of office bearers</u></p> <p>Nominations for this year's office bearers are as follow. Deadline for sending the nominations was on 26th October 2019.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Therefore, the office bearers for the period 2019-2020 are as follow:</p> <p>5.1 Two Vice presidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Upul Ekanayake• Mrs Suneetha Siriwardana <p>5.2 Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Supun Nuranga <p>5.3 Assistant Secretary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Subha Fernando <p>5.4 Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Senerath Boralugoda <p>5.5 Public Relations Officer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Shamila De silva <p>5.6 Committee members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage• Mrs Kusum Pathirana• Mr Saman Jayarathne• Mr Udayasri Weragama• Mrs Nanda Karunanayake• Mr Sujith Rasnayake• Mrs Dinali Ambewatte• Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone <p>5.7 Independent Auditor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Sarath Jayarathne <p>5.8 Legal Adviser:</p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mrs Ramani Gunasekara
7.	<p><u>Resolutions</u></p> <p>Ven. Makure Mangala Thero informed the members that no notice has been received for resolution and the members did not have any new proposals.</p>
8.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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