

## **EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**

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### **Annual Report 2020-2021**

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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021 – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

### **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 4/12/2021.

**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

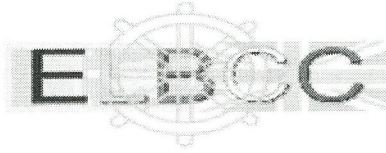
**Independent auditor** : Mr Sarath Jayarathne

**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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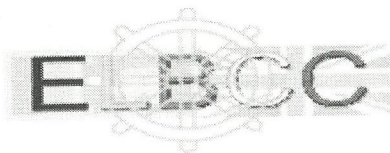
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8.	<p><b><u>Any Other Business</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ven. Mangala Thero suggested switching the Llyods and Barclays bank accounts of the temple for online banking service as this method would be more convenient. Members discussed the benefits and the process of this and agreed to switch to online banking service.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• 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.</li></ul>
	Meeting Concluded at 6.00PM.

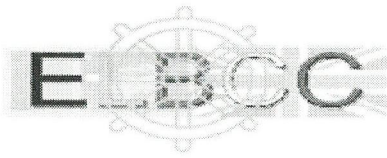
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**Minutes from the ELBCC Annual General Meeting  
held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

1.	<p><b><u>Observe five precepts and welcome speech</u></b></p> <p>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.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Reading and adaptation of the minutes from the AGM 2020</u></b></p> <p>Secretary Supun Nuranga circulated the minutes from the previous AGM which was held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.</p> <p>Mr Palinda Samarasinghe Proposed that the meeting minutes from the previous AGM were correct and was seconded by Mr Shamila De Silva.</p>
3.	<p><b><u>Tabling Annual Report</u></b></p> <p>Secretary Circulated the annual report which covered the period from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>Makure Mangala Thero suggested the following items should be added to the annual report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attending the local schools as a religious advisor to assist, as directed, special support for school causing concern or in particular need.</li> <li>• Medical aid donations to Sri Lanka that were carried out throughout the year.</li> </ul> <p>Mr Upul Ekanayake suggested the following item should be added to the annual report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ashirwadha Buddha Puja and Pirith chanting held daily throughout the year via live webcast.</li> </ul> <p>Secretary agreed to amend the annual report accordingly.</p>
4.	<p><b><u>Treasurer's Report and Annual accounts</u></b></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"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>

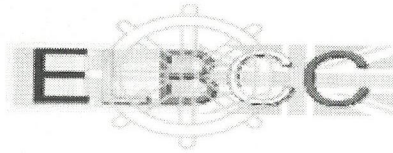


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	<p>Mr Methsiri Wijerathne proposed the annual accounts to be correct and this was seconded by Mr Upul Ekanayake.</p>
5.	<p><b><u>Election of office bearers</u></b></p> <p>This year's nominations received have proposed to retain the executive committee for the 2021-2022.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Therefore, the office bearers for 2020-2021 are as follows:</p> <p><b>Two Vice presidents</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Upul Ekanayake</li><li>• Mrs Suneetha Siriwardhana</li></ul> <p><b>Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Supun Nuranga</li></ul> <p><b>Assistant Secretary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Subha Fernando</li></ul> <p><b>Treasurer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Senerath Boralugoda</li></ul> <p><b>Public Relations Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Shamila De silva</li></ul> <p><b>Committee members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Chinthaka Karunathilakalage</li><li>• Mrs Kusum Pathirana</li><li>• Mr Saman Jayarathne</li><li>• Mr Udayasri Weragama</li><li>• Mrs Nanda Karunanayake</li><li>• Mr Sujith Rasnayake</li><li>• Mrs Dinali Ambewatte</li><li>• Mr Ranjeewa Alahakone</li></ul> <p><b>Independent Auditor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Sarath Jayarathne</li></ul> <p><b>Legal Adviser:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mrs Ramani Gunasekara</li></ul>
7.	<p><b><u>Resolutions</u></b></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>



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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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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**

- **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.

- **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:**

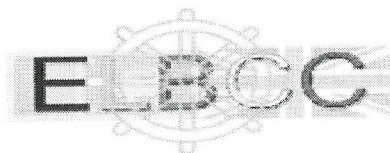
Following the Covid Pandemic, The Sunday school was resumed this year and is held on every Sunday at the temple premises which is catered to children. ELBCC Sunday school is recognised by the YMBA (Young Men's Buddhist Association) of Sri Lanka. Sunday school which is run by volunteer teaching staff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



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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.

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 2022



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**EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**Income and Expenses Account**  
**for the year ended 31 July 2022**

	<b>2022</b> £	<b>2021</b> £
<b>Income</b>	49,103	24,764
Other income	4	3
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>49,107</u>	<u>24,767</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
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
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<u>23,848</u>	<u>24,644</u>
<b>Income Over Expenses</b>	<u>25,259</u>	<u>123</u>

**EAST LONDON BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 July 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Other fixed assets	2	318,756	293,433
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank/building society balances		<u>18,311</u>	<u>24,546</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Other liabilities and accruals		<u>4,998</u>	<u>5,000</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>		13,313	19,546
Loans due after more than one year		(47,687)	(53,856)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>284,382</u>	<u>259,123</u>
<b>Capital account</b>			
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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**Notes to the Accounts**  
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	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donation -Standing Orders	14,558	14,646
Donation-Other	14,410	1,961
Donation Box	1,731	2,300
Festival Income	8,085	-
Other-Receiveable	-	216
Gift Aid Tax Refund	10,319	5,640
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<b>Car, van and travel expenses</b>		
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Water and Council Tax	1,402	2,319
Light & Heat	3,485	2,970
Fesival expenses	2,500	-
Property insurance	896	896
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**2 Other fixed assets**

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Premises - Freehold Building	293,433	293,433
Property Improvement	25,323	-
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