

Pundarika UK Annual Report

1st June 2020 - 31st May 2021

Registered Charity Number 1104530

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Trustees

Carole Bishop – Chair

Michelle Bernard – Secretary

Rosie Roberts – Treasurer

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Charity Commission Classification:

Pundarika UK is committed to:

Religious activities

Education/training

Relief of poverty.

Background

In 1999 the Tibetan Buddhist teacher Tsoknyi Rinpoche requested some of his British students to set up Pundarika UK in order to organise Buddhist teachings for the general public as well as raise funds to support his monastic communities in Nepal and China (Tibet). We registered with the Charity Commission as a Charitable Trust in 2004.

Since then we have been organising an annual six-day residential retreat every year for which we use rented accommodation.

Buddhist philosophy is taught as well as meditation instruction given. These retreats are popular although numbers are limited by the nature of the accommodation, usually we have around 150 people.

After expenses, profits from the retreat are used to support Rinpoche's monastic community, now mainly nuns in Nepal. We also support a girls' school in Nepal. Many of our supporters pay a monthly standing order to support the nuns as well as the school in Nepal.

Activities this year for Public Benefit

For the second year we have been unable to hold our live annual 6-day retreat. We therefore organised an online retreat via Zoom which nearly 1,000 people attended from around the world. Tsoknyi Rinpoche taught live from Nepal, with our translator offering his services from Argentina. We enabled people to post questions to Rinpoche face to face onscreen. Meditation sessions were offered twice each day and well as further Q&A sessions. News was received from Tsoknyi Gechak Ling, Rinpoche's nunnery in Nepal, as well as our annual update of the school for young nuns there.

Finances

Our regular sponsors have been very loyal and supportive, maintaining their monthly payments through this time with donations for the Nepal Monastic Community who are mainly nuns. We also support the school for young girls, Tsoknyi Gechak Ling. At the start of this financial year we had around 40 monthly sponsors, as well as people making generous individual donations. Charges for the online teachings were by donation. As there were less overheads than a live retreat, and many more could attend, we were able to accrue a good amount to send to the monastic community and school in Nepal. (see accounts)

Future Plans

The pandemic seems to be winding down and travel is beginning to open up, but in 2022 our teacher is not yet traveling so we are planning another full 6 day online, 9 - 14th April. Our usual venue, Bruton School for Girls, Somerset, is undergoing major changes at present but they hope to host us again in 2023. They are kindly still storing our retreat equipment.

Signed:

C. Bishop

Carole Bishop
Director,
Pundarika UK.

Date: 16 March 2022

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Statement of accounts for period 1st June 2020 - 31st May 2021

	BANK	CASH	PAY-PAL	
<u>Funds as at 01/06/20</u>	£	£	£	£
Balance LloydsTSB current account	13,203.62			
Cash in hand		36.82		
Balance at PayPal account			11,410.60	
TOTAL FUNDS				24,651.04

GENERAL FUND Receipts & Payments (unrestricted funds)

Receipts

Retreat income	13,060.50		67,130.53	
Recordings			39.04	
Miscellaneous	5.01			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	13,065.51	0.00	67,169.57	80,235.08

Payments

Website costs	978.47		304.75	
Office Expenses	33.98		3.25	
Recording Equip & Expenses	234.00			
Translator fees	2,030.70			
Internet set-up costs	0.00		1,678.66	
Transfer Charges	93.00			
Miscellaneous	21.00		55.11	
Refunds	70.00		302.71	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,461.15	0.00	2,344.48	5,805.63

MONASTIC COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND Receipts & Payments (restricted funds)

Receipts

Sponsors	7,821.00		1,781.74	
Donations for Nepal School	400.00		1,088.89	
Monastic donations	6,580.00		838.18	
Monastic medical fund	5,000.00			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	19,801.00		3,708.81	23,509.81

Payments

Monastic request donations	2,200.00			
Nepal Nuns Support	21,000.00			
Nepal School Support	25,000.00			
<u>Nunnery Support worker</u>				
Salary	4,038.80			
TOTAL PAYMENTS	52,238.80		0.00	52,238.80

Transfers

Bank from PayPal	60,000.00			
PayPal to bank			60,000.00	

TOTAL FUNDS at 31/05/19

Balance at bank	50,370.18			
Cash in hand		36.82		
Pay-Pay account			19,944.50	
TOTAL FUNDS				70,351.50



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
Pundarika UK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

1st June 2020 - 31 May 2021

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

16/03/2022

Name:

Roy Sutherwood

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

N/A

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Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A