

Charity Registration No. 1155887

Company Registration No. 08733953 (England and Wales)

**SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

**Trustees' Report and Unaudited Accounts for the period ended 31 October 2024**  
**SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

**Legal and Administrative Information**

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**Board of Trustees**

Rev Boralande Wajiragnana Thero (The Chairman)  
Rev Muruddeniye Dhammarathana Thero  
Rev Dikwelle Upatisaa Thero  
Mr Suranimala Senaratne (The Secretary)  
Mr Don Ratnayaka (The Treasurer)  
Mr Sujith Dissanayake  
Mrs Chandani Kalugampitiya

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# SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

## Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 October 2024

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the period 01 November 2023 to 31 October 2024.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in Note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital, established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association, incorporated on 15 October 2013. The Foundation was registered with the Charity Commission on 21 February 2014.

The trustees, who are the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the period are:

1. Rev B Wajiragnana Thero
2. Rev M Dhamarathana Thero
3. Rev D Upatissa Thero
4. Mr S Senaratne
5. Mr D D Ratnayaka
6. Mr S C Dissanayake
7. Mrs P C Kalugampitiya

Trustees No. 1, 2, 3 and 4 are residents of Sri Lanka. The remaining three trustees are UK residents.

None of the trustees have any beneficial interest in the company. All the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

There are no indemnity provisions in place for the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed to and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks.



# **SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

## **Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 October 2024 (continued)**

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### **Objective and Activities**

#### **The Charity's Objectives:**

1. Advancement of the Buddhist faith and philosophy in accordance with the following doctrines:
  - a) Theravadha Buddhist Scriptures
  - b) Sutta Pitaka (Teachings) and Vinaya Pitaka (Discipline) Discourses
  - c) Abhidhamma (higher doctrine; detailed analysis of all mental faculties and elements) preached by Gautama Buddha

The charity will do this by propagating the Buddha's teachings locally, nationally and internationally through the Buddhist TV (<https://www.thebuddhist.tv/>), undertaking ceremonial activities and rituals on a regular basis and holding weekly Dhamma (Buddha's teachings) talks, discussions, meditation sessions and retreats.

2. The prevention and relief of poverty anywhere in the world, by providing or assisting in the provision of education, training and healthcare projects, and providing necessary support for self-sufficiency.
3. The promotion of religious harmony for the benefit of the public by promoting knowledge, mutual understanding and respect for the beliefs of different religious faiths. This has been promoted by providing/participating in lectures, seminars, and workshops on the Buddhist faith and participating in Newham Borough schools' religious education programme.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding which activities the charity should undertake.

#### **The Foundation activities and events relate to the year ended 31 October 2024:**

Rev Madugalle Mahanama Thero is the monk-in-charge (Viharadikari) of the temple. His role is to head the congregation and conduct worship, deliver sermons, chanting Buddha discourses and provide spiritual guidance and support for all visiting members of the community. His activities also include delivering sermons and chanting at other Buddhist temples and visiting homes of members of the congregation, on invitation, to give blessings and for related spiritual activities. He is supported by monks visiting from Sri Lanka and other temples in the UK. Rev Madugalle Mahanama Thero resides at the temple. He made a private visit to Sri Lanka for about three months in October and returned in February.

The practice of live streaming of daily evening worship and other programmes conducted at the temple via Zoom during Covid has been so successful, that the practice has continued. The devotees now have a choice whether to participate in temple activities in person or remotely via Zoom. A majority of programmes conducted at the temple is live streamed via Zoom. In addition sermons by monks in Sri Lanka, sponsored by devotees are also live streamed Via Zoom.

During the year Rev Sooriyagoda Siridhamma Thero, Rev Tempitiye Indawimala Thero and Rev Kaluthara Mitta Thero arrived at the temple to observe 'Vas' (rains retreat). They returned to Sri Lanka after the Kathina festival, which followed the end of Vas. Ven Boralande Vajiragnana Nayaka Thero (Chief Prelate, Chairman of Sri Sambodhi Community Development Foundation) arrived specially for the Kathina festival and returned to Sri Lanka after the festival.

In 2024 March, the sixth anniversary of the passing away of our Founder and the first Chairman, the Most Reverend Daranagama Kusaladhamma Nayaka Thero, was commemorated. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of March there was a



special sermon from Sri Lanka in the morning, dana (lunch) for monks and a special Buddha worship in the evening by Rev Mahanama Thero from Sri Lanka. The event was attended in person by a several devotees, while some participated via Zoom.

Vesak, which commemorates the Birth, Enlightenment and Passing Away of Gautama Buddha was celebrated in May 2024. Poson, which commemorates the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka by Arahant Mahinda Thero at Mihintale, in the third century B.C, was celebrated in June 2024, Esala, which commemorates Buddha's preaching of his First Sermon, (The Setting in Motion of the Wheel of the Dhamma Sutta) and the arrival of Buddha's Tooth Relic in Sri Lanka was celebrated in July 2024.

In addition to these specific events devotees observed 'eight-precepts' on Sundays nearest to the full moon day, each month. The full moon days in each month marks important events in the Buddhist calendar. Many devotees visited the temple throughout the day to celebrate and to receive blessings for the New Year (1st January), the Sri Lanka Independence Day (4th February) and Sinhala and Tamil New Year (14th April). There were special evening worship programmes for each event.

Vas from the full moon day in July (Esala) to the full moon day in October (Vap) was celebrated weekly with Sunday worship. During these months each Sunday worship was sponsored by a group of devotees. Vas culminated in a ceremony of the offering of a Kathina robe to a monk. The Kathina ceremony was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November on a grand scale. It was held in the temple and attended by the resident monks and over 20 monks from temples in the UK.

The Foundation worked closely with the Newham Schools' Religious Education Advisor and continued to support local schools in their religious education. The visits by school children were not held due to the construction work at the temple. The Foundation took part in discussions with religious teachers.

The Foundation provides opportunities to the devotees to help the community and some of the forest monasteries in Sri Lanka, which experienced hardship. Several devotees of the temple provided financial assistance to temples and other institutions in Sri Lanka with development work and other activities and worked with organisations aiding the disabled and the poor.

The religious school operated by the Foundation, which was started in 2015 did not function since Covid pandemic.

Trustee meetings were limited to three during the year, as there were not many activities to report.

### Achievements and performance

The monks conduct all the programmes and live at the property free of charge and are not paid a salary. They render a yeoman service to the community on a voluntary basis. Their welfare is being looked after by the devotees. The charity does not have any employees. All work is done by volunteers. At present the charity does not have any major fund raising events except that a small food fair with associated activities was held for the first time during the year. The charity does not receive any grant from any public or private organisations. Due to financial reasons the fund raising possibilities are being reviewed.

The devotees of the Foundation donate funds which are used for the day to day running expenses and further development of the Foundation. The devotees also bring requisites for the monks and for the temple and provide breakfast and lunch for the monks throughout the year. The Foundation maintains a list of donors who contribute monthly by bank standing order. A special fund has been set up to collect donations for the construction of the extension to the existing building.

The construction work on the extension, which started in June 2021 progressed slowly due to the pandemic and difficulties in sourcing out building materials. The devotees have been steadily donating funds, within

their means, while various building regulations and procedures were complied with. It is scheduled to be completed by the end of August 2025.

We are grateful to the many devotees who have worked tirelessly, consistently and voluntarily for the benefit of the Foundation and its development.



# SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

## Trustees' Report for the period ended 31 October 2024 (continued)

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### Financial Review

#### Reserves policy:

The charity has very few fixed costs and has no need for reserves beyond a minimal level. The trustees consider that £ 10,000 is adequate as free reserves at the present time. The charity currently holds much more than this amount.

#### Results for the year:

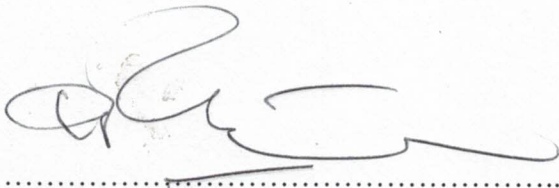
In the period ended 31 October 2024, the Foundation had an excess of income over expenditure amounting to £ 82,639 Reserves carried forward amount to £ 468,450.

The statement of Financial Activities on Page 10 summarises the incoming sources and main areas of expenditure. The Balance Sheet on Page 11 shows the Charity's assets and liabilities at 31 October 2024.

It is the policy of the Charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the Charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the period.

Donations by devotees for the construction work have continued but at a slower pace than in the previous year. The net income for the current year reflects this effect.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees,



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D D Ratnayaka  
Trustee & Treasurer  
Dated: July 2025



# **SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

### **TO THE TRUSTEES OF SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION**

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I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on pages 10 to 11.

The Charity's Trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

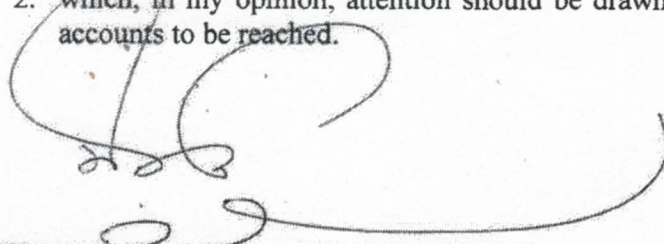
Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken did not cover all the evidence that would be required in an audit. The report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006 and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met or,
2. which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Daya Dayarathna  
113 Beaconsfield Road  
Canning Town  
London E16 4HT  
Dated: July 2025

## SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes		
<b>Incoming resources from generated funds</b>		£	£
Donation and legacies	2	<u>99,801</u>	<u>109,420</u>
<b>Resources expended</b>			
Governance cost	3	17,162	18,084
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<u>17,162</u>	<u>18,084</u>
<b>Net income for the year/</b>		82,639	91,336
<b>Net movement in funds</b>			
<b>Fund balance at 31 October 2023</b>		385,811	294,475
<b>Fund balance at 31 October 2024</b>		<u>468,450</u>	<u>385,811</u>

The statement of financial activity also complies with the requirements for an Income and Expenditure Account under Companies Act 2006.



# SRI SAMBODHI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	977,894	882,851
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	18,000	3,037
Cash in bank and in hand		14,127	21,234
		<u>32,127</u>	<u>24,271</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(12,783)	(12,200)
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>19,344</u>	<u>12,071</u>
<b>Total assets less liabilities</b>		997,238	894,922
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	10	(528,788)	(509,111)
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>468,450</u>	<u>385,811</u>
<b>Income funds</b>			
Restricted Funds		10,000	10,000
Unrestricted funds		458,450	375,811
		<u>468,450</u>	<u>385,811</u>


The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the period ended 31 October 2024. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with the Section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

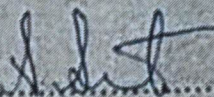


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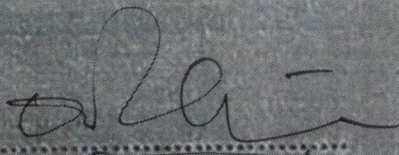
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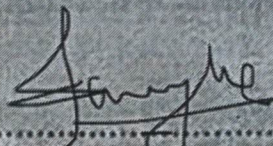
Rev Boralande Wajiragana Thero  
Trustee and Chairman



S. Senaratne  
Trustee and Secretary



D D Ratnayaka  
Trustee & Treasurer



S T Dissanayake  
Trustee



**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024****1. Accounting policies****1.1 Basis of preparation**

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, the Statement of Recommended Practice, 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 and the Companies Act 2006.

**1.2 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets other than freehold land are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life.

No depreciation has been provided for additions made nearer the year end as the trustees are of the opinion that the additions were fitted towards the end of the accounting period and no depreciation is necessary.

**2. Donations and legacies**

2024	2023
£	£

Donations include  
donations for the new build

99,801	109,420
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**3. Total resources expended**

2024	2023
£	£

Governance cost

17,162	18,084
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There are no charges for accountancy fees during the year

**4. Governance costs**

2024	2023
£	£

Governance costs comprise:

Professional and Registration fees

48	211
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Donations

5260	4,513
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Other support costs

11,854	13,360
17,162	18,084

Donations mainly include those made to monasteries in Sri Lanka to meet their operating costs in appreciation of the sermons given via Zoom. The scheme started during Covid-19 isolation period was found to be very beneficial to our congregation and thus it has been extended beyond Covid-19 isolation period.

## 5. Trustees

None of the trustees, or any person connected with them, received any remuneration during the period for services provided to the foundation.

## 6. Employees

There were no employees during this period.

## 7. Tangible fixed assets

	Land and Buildings	Fixtures, Fittings & Equipment	Total
<b>Cost</b>	£	£	£
At 1 Nov 2023	907,609	24,132	931,741
Additions	87,967	9,073	97,040
Disposal			
At 31 October 2024	995,576	33,205	1,028,781
<b>Depreciation</b>			
At 31 October 2024	29,731	21,156	50,887
<b>Net book value</b>			
At 31 October 2024	965,845	12,049	977,894

8. Debtors	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	18,000	3,037

9. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	12,783	12,200
Accruals	12,783	12,200

10. Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	2024 £	2023 £
Other creditors	528,788	509,111