

## **Leeds Buddhist Vihara Trust**

Trustees' Annual Report - For the Year Ended 31 July 2025

The Leeds Buddhist Vihara Trust continued to provide religious and community services to the community through the financial year 2024/25. From organising sermons, meditation sessions and religious education classes to cultural events.

### **1. RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES AND CEREMONIES**

#### Kathina Ceremony 19 October 2024

The annual Kathina Ceremony took place at the Leeds Trinity University with the attendance of a large number of devotees. This marks the end of the rainy season retreat for Buddhist monks.

#### Pirith Chanting sessions 1 January 2025

The Trust organised all-day pirith (sacred verses from Buddhist scriptures) chanting for devotees. The sessions took place every hour as devotees came with their families to receive blessings from the Maha Sanga at the beginning of a new year.

#### Vesak Day Celebration – 24 May 2025

A major highlight of the year was the Vesak Day Celebration held at Leeds Trinity University. The event attracted a large number of participants and served as a significant spiritual gathering commemorating the birth, enlightenment, and passing away of the Buddha.

Key activities included:

- Observance of the Eight Precepts (Sīl) by adults and children
- Buddha Puja, chanting, and devotional practices
- Dhamma sermon delivered by a visiting Buddhist monk
- Meditation sessions and Dhamma discussions
- Activities for children in the afternoon around Vesak

The children of Leeds Dhamma School also delivered a number of presentations around the life and teachings of Lord Buddha.

### Poson Day Celebration 29 June 2025

The Trust also marked Poson Poya, commemorating the introduction of Buddhism to Sri Lanka. The event included a Dhamma sermon, Bhakthi Gee (devotional songs) sung by both adults and children as well as a *dan sala* (food donated by, and served to, all attendees).

## 2. CULTURAL EVENTS

### New Year Festival 12 April 2025

The New Year Festival took place at the Woodhouse Grove School in Bradford. The morning session included a cultural show where the children of Leeds Dhamma School performed a number of songs and traditional dance items. They were joined by their dance instructors as well. The theme of the show was how the New Year is celebrated in different parts of Sri Lanka.

## 3. REGULAR EVENTS

### Dhamma sermons and discussion sessions

The Trust organised regular, monthly Dhamma sermons where the sessions were streamed online so that devotees could watch to it in real time and if they miss it, at a later date.

### Children's Dhamma School education

The Trust continued to deliver monthly Dhamma School sessions to children in Yorkshire. The sessions are held at the Moor Allerton Sports and Social Centre in Meanwood, Leeds.

The Trust also inaugurated a Dhamma School in York on 23 June 2024. Monks from Leeds Buddhist Vihara travel to York on the last Sunday of each month for the Dhamma School sessions which are held at the St. Luke's Parish Church in York.

The activities organised by the Trust are open to all, regardless of background, aligning with the charity's inclusive mission.

## 4. GOVERNANCE

The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees who are responsible for strategic oversight, compliance, and safeguarding charitable objectives as well as operational matters.

The day-to-day religious and spiritual leadership is delivered by resident monks, supported by volunteers from the local community.

No trustees received remuneration during the year.

## 5. Financial Overview

The Trust maintained stable operations during the year through donations and community support.

Reported income for the financial year were £36,528

Reported expenditure for the financial year were £30,294

Funds are applied primarily to:

- Servicing the mortgage
- Religious programmes
- Venue hire for major events
- Educational activities
- Visa expenses for the resident Monks
- Maintenance of the Vihara and facilities

Trustees continue to ensure prudent financial management and sustainability.

There were no serious incidents to report during the reporting period.

This report was signed on its behalf of the Trust by:



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Chanaka Mudalige

Trustee and Treasurer

Leeds Buddhist Vihara Trust

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Statement of Income and Expenses				
For the year ending 31st July 2025				
	2024/25		2023/24	
Income	£	£	£	£
Donations		33,664		28,418
Gift Aid Claim		2,864		6,806
Total Income		36,528		35,224
Expenses				
Event expenses	14,295		10,056	
Utilities	4,013		3,228	
IT expenses	1,035		1,054	
Insurance	902		912	
Visa expenses	-		1,669	
Mortgage interest	6,778		7,261	
Building expenses	423		601	
Travel expenses	2,655		2,134	
Other expenses	193		9	
Total Expenses		30,294		26,924
Net surplus		6,233		8,300

<b>Leeds Buddhist Vihara Trust</b>			
<b>Statement of Assets and Liabilities</b>			
<b>As at 31st July 2025</b>			
	<b>2024/25</b>	<b>2023/24</b>	
	<b>£</b>		<b>£</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Land and building	230,112		227,152
IT & Sound Equipment	2,134		2,134
Furniture and fixtures	5,755		5,755
	238,001		235,041
<b>Current assets</b>			
Bank current account	6,937		7,499
	<b>244,938</b>		<b>242,540</b>
<b>Non-current Liabilities</b>			
Mortgage	86,227		89,472
Interest-free Loan	20,000		20,000
	106,227		109,472
Reserves	112,478		104,768
Net income over expenses	6,233		8,300
	<b>244,938</b>		<b>242,540</b>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies

Act 2006 relating to small companies.

For the year ended 31 July 2025 the organisation is entitled to exemption under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The members have not required the organisation to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.