

TRIRATNA LIVERPOOL

England & Wales · Charity number 1176063

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS TO SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE BUDDHISM, IN PARTICULAR:3.1 TO ENCOURAGE MEMBERS AND OTHERS TO LIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF THE BUDDHA.3.2 TO SUPPORT ORDAINED MEMBERS OF THE TRIRATNA BUDDHIST COMMUNITY AND OTHER DULY ORDAINED BUDDHISTS, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CIO.3.3 TO MAINTAIN CLOSE COMMUNICATION WITH AND WORKING UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THE TRIRATNA BUDDHIST ORDER AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER GROUPS WITH THE SAME OBJECTS.3.4 TO PROMOTE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL THROUGH THE APPLICATION OF THE DHARMA, THE BUDDHA'S TEACHINGS.

Activities: Providing teachings of buddhism to the general public through courses, day and weekend events and retreats

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Liverpool City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£15,830	£15,182	-	-
2024-03-31	£19,081	£16,966	-	-
2023-03-31	£20,408	£16,660	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,920	£19,166	-	-
2021-03-31	£20,000	£15,761	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline McCann		2022-06-22
Eliot Franks		2026-05-26
Elke Weissmann		2026-05-26
IAN HANNAH		2013-11-05
Janet Dury		2024-06-08
VICKY FORMAN		2022-07-22

Accounts

Triratna Liverpool Buddhist Centre Report June 2024 - May 2025

Prepared by Ajitamati

May 2025

1. General Summary

The last year has seen a steady and joyful continuation of the life of the centre, with growth in both numbers and a deepening of connections and friendships on all levels.

Although we are not a large centre we have a committed group of friends, Mitras and order members who have continued to attend and support the centre bringing life to the practice of the Dharmain Liverpool.

2. Events and Activities

Sangha evenings

We continue to have a thriving Sangha evening every Tuesday night which is attended on average by about 12/16 people.

Sangha over the last 12 months has settled into a regular format of Meditation and the study of a Dharma text. The Dharma texts studied has varied and included practice-based evenings where the focus has been on deepening our individual experiences of meditating together.

We have celebrated our festival days together, with a shared meal, which is always looked forward to. These included Buddha Day in May, Dharma Day in July, Padmasambhava day in September.

During the year we have continued our full moon pujas. These have been very popular and have allowed newer members of the Sangha to experience puja. We have also taken the opportunity to introduce the different Buddhas and Bodhisattvas theming the pujas around them and expanding the variety of images and mantras.

Sangha Members

We currently have about 38 Sangha members, some who come to the centre very regularly and others infrequently.

We currently have 3 Mitras who have asked for Ordination, Elke, Caz and Mariana.

And in April we had Mitra ceremonies, Ruth, Jakie and Steve affirmed their personal commitment to the three jewels in a very simple but beautiful ritual which was attended by over twenty people including family and friends.

Meditation and Buddhism Courses

We didn't run introductory Buddhism and Meditation courses but decided to offer Dana based monthly drop-in sessions instead. These have been lead in the main by Prasadashilla with help from Kshantabhandu, and support from Mitras and friends.

The numbers have varied but there are a number of people who attend regularly. Prasadashilla has extended the time slot so to incorporate an opportunity to explore the Dharma with those who are interested.

Dharma Study

Sumnadipa has lead Dharma study for men and women on a weekly basis for a number of years but the group has now completed the whole of the study material of the Mitra course and so the group has now finished. Thanks to Kshantabandhu for supporting Sumnadipa with the study group over the years and to those who have attended. And of course a huge thankyou to Sumnadipa who has given the Dharma to so many over the years.

We are looking to now provide study for our new Mitras and this will be in the form of the Foundation year module from the Mitra study course.

Events

Sumnadipa has continued leading a "Going Deeper" event, held monthly on a Saturday which has provided an opportunity for people to come together and deepen there understanding of the Dharma and Meditation. This has proved very popular and we look to continue this in the year ahead.

Kshantabandhu has also continued leading a Saturday early morning meditation session allowing people to start the weekend off with a shared meditation.

In May Caz set up a Mantra Workshop for people wishing to gain more experience of Mantra recitation.

Prison Service

Kshantabandhu has continued to visit prisoners in two local prisons, and has taken on a third prison where he provides Dharma activities for the prisoners including a large contingent of Vietnamese men.

3. Centre Team

All the people supporting our activities have given their time and energy freely and lovingly, we continue to support each other, doing what we can, when we can, and we look forward to another happy and safe 12 months.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Kshantabandhu for al his hard work both here at the centre, and at the 3 prisons. Kshantabandhu will be leaving us later

in the year and will be missed on so many levels by so many people. He is truly a Kalyana Mitrata to who ever comes through our door and we will miss Him.

Here is another year of being together in the Dharma,

Metta and love to us all.

Treasurer's Report

Financial Year 2024-2025

The financial position of the Centre has steady over the past 12 months. Most months we have had a healthy positive balance. Were we have not, it has been due to the rent for Melbourne Buildings and other larger bills coming out at the same time. Over the course of the year our income has been £14073 whilst our expenditure has been £15182, giving us a deficit of £1109. This is due to several reasons. Firstly, we have not received a gift aid reimbursement this year (this can be done in the next financial year). Secondly, as we only ran one course at the beginning of the year, our income from this area is significantly lower (being only £50, compared to over £1500 in previous years). Thirdly we have had a very small income from the shop and sale of books and fourthly which will impact us in the next financial year also, there has been a change in circumstances around the letting out of the flat in Minster Court.

Income

Our two main sources of income are the donations from our members and friends, and the rent from the flat. This last year donations have accounted for 70% of income and, the rent for 36%. The rest of our income has mainly come from donations from Plum Village. A small amount has come from a six-week course and sales from our small bookshop. In addition to this, we have also accumulated some interest on our savings via our Triodos account.

Regarding future courses, Bodhananda has very kindly and generously offered to support us in running more courses in the coming financial year. This will give us once again, a steady stream of income.

We are extremely grateful to those regular donors who have continued to support us throughout this year, particularly with the cost-of-living and cost of energy crisis.

The Gift Aid Scheme gives us an important, additional regular income. Although we did not receive a gift aid reimbursement this year, we will claim for both years in the time ahead. We will ensure that we continue to take advantage of the scheme and make everybody aware of their option to 'gift aid' with their donations and the benefits that follow.

The rental income from our flat is as always invaluable. Sadly, the tenant who was living on our property died in March this year. At this time income did cease understandably. Following an inspection from the estate agent, the extent of maintenance works, which we knew were needed in the near future we revealed. They were a lot more significant than we had anticipated. A first estimate for works and a refurbishment of at least the bathroom have been given around £10000. We are looking for further estimates and contractors to ensure that we find the best

trades people and prices for the work ahead. With discussions with the estate agent, we were pleased to hear that once the work has been completed, the value of the property and so the rental price will increase. We have therefore decided to keep the property and so ensure a stable income stream for the future.

Outgoings

The biggest of our outgoings is of course the rent for the Centre and whilst we acknowledge that it may have its shortcomings, we remain of the view that for a property in the city centre, the cost is not unreasonable. We are however, in further discussions around moving locations to either another rented premises or with a view to buy a property. A deposit for this will be possible with the savings we have held securely for several years, following a larger scale fundraiser for this exact purpose. (Further details on this are available if requested.)

Our electricity charges are still rather significant this year with it being one of our largest expenses. With the local rates increase, this has also had a significant effect on our expenditure.

A lot of time is given, and even some expenses are covered voluntarily by our members and friends and so again we express our gratitude to the commitment and generosity of all involved. It is only this commitment which allows the Centre to continue as a source of friendship and inspiration to those who use it.

Reserves

The total free reserves of the charity are £79679. Our policy is to keep around £10,000 in our current account as a working reserve. We have not done that this year to allow for the refurbishment of the flat. During the next financial year, we shall look at transferring funds into our savings account. The remainder is held in a savings account with the Triodos Bank.

Acknowledgements

Thank you and gratitude is extended to Prasadashila and Ajitamati for all your hard work and support throughout the handover and transitioning of the treasurer role, which is still ongoing.

With gratitude and metta

Caz

(Caroline McCann)

Financial Year 2024 -2025		
Santander Account		
Beginning Balance £17536.69	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
Income		
Minster Court-Rent	£457.60	£457.60
Room Use (cash)	£50.00	£50.00
Sangha Night (cash)	£3.00	£90.52
Practice Days (cash)	£0.00	£15.00
Courses	£50.00	£0.00
Events (cash)	£0.00	£0.00
Dana (bank)	£895.00	£710.00
Gift Aid Repayment	£0.00	£0.00
Books	£6.00	£0.00
Shop	£4.00	£0.00
Sangha Retreat	£0.00	£0.00
Other	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£1,465.60	£1,323.12
Direct Costs - Minster Court		
Estate Agent Fees	£315.00	£0.00
Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Service Charge	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£315.00	£0.00
Direct Costs - Bank		
Fees	£0.00	£0.00
Charges	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£0.00	£0.00
Gross Profit	£1,150.60	£1,323.12
	<i>April</i>	<i>May</i>
Expenditure		
Rent	£0.00	£0.00
Water Rates	£0.00	£0.00
LCC Rates	£77.06	£81.00
Electricity	£0.00	£0.00
Insurance	£0.00	£0.00
Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00
Phone	£10.00	£10.00
Internet	£18.50	£18.50
IT/Website	£0.00	£0.00
Zoom	£15.59	£15.59
Sundries	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£121.15	£125.09
Provisions		
Books	£0.00	£0.00
Shop	£0.00	£0.00
Sangha Night	£0.00	£79.90
Practice Day	£0.00	£0.00
Event	£0.00	£0.00
Courses	£0.00	£0.00
Shrine	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£0.00	£79.90

Sangha Retreat		
Food	£0.00	£0.00
Travel	£0.00	£0.00
Booking Fee	£0.00	£0.00
Sundries	£0.00	£0.00
Balance	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£0.00	£0.00
Triratna		
Development Fund	£30.00	£30.00
Chairs Retreat (inc travel)	£0.00	£0.00
Sub Total	£30.00	£30.00
Total Expenditure	£151.15	£234.99
Movement Income - Expenditure	£999.45	£1,088.13
Opening balance - bank	£17,536.69	£18,536.14
Closing balance - bank	£18,536.14	£19,624.27
Ending Bank Bal £16427.12		

Triodos Account		
Opening Bank Bal £61495.58		
	April	May
Transfer from Santander	£0.00	£0.00
Interest	£428.12	£0.00
Total	£428.12	£0.00
Opening Balance	£61,495.58	£61,923.70
Closing Balance	£61,923.70	£61,923.70
Ending Bank Bal £63252.61		

<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>
£457.60	£457.60	£457.60	£457.60	£457.60
£75.00	£30.00	£0.00	£55.00	£113.00
£45.55	£0.00	£0.00	£65.00	£35.00
£5.00	£78.60	£0.00	£30.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£50.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£685.00	£875.00	£740.00	£725.00	£710.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,318.15	£1,441.20	£1,197.60	£1,334.60	£1,315.60
£0.00	£315.00	£0.00	£0.00	£315.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£315.00	£0.00	£0.00	£315.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,318.15	£1,126.20	£1,197.60	£1,334.60	£1,000.60
<i>June</i>	<i>July</i>	<i>Aug</i>	<i>Sept</i>	<i>Oct</i>
£2,875.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,875.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£81.00	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00
£287.78	£0.00	£0.00	£245.53	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
£18.50	£18.50	£18.50	£18.50	£18.50
£0.00	£0.00	£119.00	£0.00	£0.00
£15.59	£15.59	£15.59	£15.59	£15.59
£4.58	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£10.74
£3,292.45	£125.09	£244.09	£3,245.62	£135.83
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
£3,322.45	£155.09	£274.09	£3,275.62	£165.83
-£2,004.30	£971.11	£923.51	-£1,941.02	£834.77
£19,624.27	£17,619.97	£18,591.08	£19,514.59	£17,573.57
£17,619.97	£18,591.08	£19,514.59	£17,573.57	£18,408.34

June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£431.09	£0.00	£0.00	£456.59
£0.00	£431.09	£0.00	£0.00	£456.59
£61,923.70	£61,923.70	£62,354.79	£62,354.79	£62,354.79
£61,923.70	£62,354.79	£62,354.79	£62,354.79	£62,811.38

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
£457.60	£457.60	£457.60	£457.60	£0.00
£0.00	£145.00	£60.00	£0.00	£197.00
£0.00	£35.00	£20.00	£0.00	£45.00
£0.00	£45.00	£34.00	£0.00	£100.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£890.00	£540.00	£745.00	£700.00	£900.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£17.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,347.60	£1,222.60	£1,316.60	£1,157.60	£1,259.00
£0.00	£0.00	£315.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£24.90	£341.22	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£339.90	£341.22	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£1,347.60	£1,222.60	£976.70	£816.38	£1,259.00
Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
£0.00	£2,875.00	£0.00	£0.00	£2,875.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£247.11
£81.00	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00	£81.00
£0.00	£319.27	£0.00	£0.00	£488.34
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00
£18.50	£18.50	£18.50	£18.50	£18.50
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£15.59	£15.59	£15.59	£15.59	£15.59
£0.00	£0.00	£13.60	£9.73	£0.00
£125.09	£3,319.36	£138.69	£134.82	£3,735.54
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
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£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00	£30.00
£155.09	£3,349.36	£168.69	£164.82	£3,765.54
£1,192.51	-£2,126.76	£808.01	£651.56	-£2,506.54
£18,408.34	£19,600.85	£17,474.09	£18,282.10	£18,933.66
£19,600.85	£17,474.09	£18,282.10	£18,933.66	£16,427.12

Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	March
£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£441.23	£0.00	£0.00
£0.00	£0.00	£441.23	£0.00	£0.00
£62,811.38	£62,811.38	£62,811.38	£63,252.61	£63,252.61
£62,811.38	£62,811.38	£63,252.61	£63,252.61	£63,252.61

Total
£5,033.60
£775.00
£339.07
£307.60
£50.00
£50.00
£9,115.00
£0.00
£25.00
£4.00
£0.00
£0.00
£15,699.27
£1,260.00
£366.12
£0.00
£1,626.12
£0.00
£0.00
£0.00
£14,073.15
Total
£11,500.00
£247.11
£968.06
£1,340.92
£0.00
£0.00
£120.00
£222.00
£119.00
£187.08
£38.65
£14,742.82
£0.00
£0.00
£79.90
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£0.00
£360.00
£0.00
£360.00
£15,182.72
-£1,109.57

Total
£1,757.03

Accounts

Triratna Liverpool.

Financial statement for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Charity number: 1176063

Financial review

The financial position of the centre has been steady over the past 12 months. Most months we have had a healthy positive balance. In the months where our expenditure has surpassed our income, it has only been due to the centre rent being paid on a bi-monthly basis. Over the course of the year our average monthly income has been £1,590 whilst our average monthly expenditure has been £1,186. With an average profit of £176 per month.

Income

Our three main sources of income are the donations from our members and friends, rent from the flat and payments from our Gift Aid claim. Last year our donations have accounted for 45% of our income, the rent for 28% whilst our Gift Aid claim brings in 10%. The rest of our income has come from services we provide to our local Buddhist community and our small book shop. In addition to this, we have also accumulated some interest on our savings via our Triodos account.

We are extremely grateful to those regular donors who have continued to support us throughout this year and to those who regularly volunteer their time and dedication in supporting our community.

Kshantabandhu lead an in-person course on Buddhism and meditation at the beginning of 2024, which brought in £183. Sumnadipa has been running Going Deeper sessions throughout the year which has been very popular and has brought in £463. We share our gratitude to Kshantabandhu and Sumnadipa for all their hard work and dedication in supporting the centre as well as sharing the Dharma.

The Gift Aid Scheme gives us an important, additional regular income. This year we were able to receive £1911 from the scheme, all made possible by our generous donors. We will ensure that we continue to take advantage of the scheme and make everybody aware of their option to 'gift aid' with their donations and the benefits that follow.

The rental income from our flat is as always invaluable. We are aware that should our tenant vacate the property then this income would cease quite abruptly. With that in mind, the property is in the hands of an agent to ensure that the property is well maintained and re-let as soon as possible to minimise any loss of rental income.

Outgoings

The biggest of our outgoings is the rent for the centre. Whilst we acknowledge that it may have its shortcomings, we remain of the view that for a property in the city centre, the cost is not unreasonable.

Our electricity charges are still high; however, these are in line with the current energy rates being experienced across the country.

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Reserves

The total free reserves of the charity are £79,031. Our policy is to keep around £10,000 in our current account as a working reserve, and as of 31st March 2024 the balance was £17,536. We did not transfer any funds over to our savings account last year, accounting for the higher ending balance in our current account at the end of this financial year.

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Accounts

Triratna Liverpool

Report and financial statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023.

Prepared by
Ian Hannah (Ajitamati)
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Charity number 1176063

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Michael Whittam (Kshantabandhu)
David Tyfield (Ketumati)
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Chairs Report

1. General Summary

The last year have seen the world attempting to get back to "normal" after the global pandemic and as such we as a centre, as a movement have had to move forward the best we could, to provide a foundation for people to come together in their practice.

We have seen people slowly becoming more accustomed to meeting in person and to sharing the Dharma and their practice; to forge friendships and make connections. The Sangha is gaining strength from this, and I feel positive for its future.

2. Events and Activities

Sangha evenings

We continue to have a thriving Sangha evening every Tuesday night which is attended on average by about 12/16 people.

Sangha over the last 12 months has settled into a regular format of Meditation and the study of the Dharma text. The Dharma texts studied has varied and included a very enjoyable series from Sumnadipa who brought us an exploration of Vajradevi's book "Uncontrolled Mindfulness".

We have celebrated our festival days together, with a shared meal. These included Buddha Day in May, Dharma Day in July, Padmasambhava Day in September.

During the year we have reintroduced full moon pujas. These have been very popular and have allowed newer members of the Sangha to experience puja.

Meditation and Buddhism Courses

We ran an introductory Buddhism and Meditation course in January/February. This was led by Ajitamati, this has been the only in person course we have done in the last 12 months. It was very well attended with 16+ newcomers and a 4-person team. Many thanks to Caz, Janet, and Mick for their support.

Dharma Study

Sumnadipa continued to lead Dharma study for men and women on a weekly basis. The group is now in its fourth year. Thanks to Kshantabandu for supporting Sumnadipa with the study group. This group is popular and provides a way for people to deepen their practice; to re-orientate their lives and to increase levels of skilfulness and understanding of the Dharma.

Events

Sumnadipa has been leading a “Going Deeper” event, held monthly on a Saturday which has provided an opportunity for people to come together and deepen their understanding of the Dharma and Meditation. This has proved popular and there are plans to expand this further in the year ahead.

Kshantabandu has been leading a Saturday early morning meditation session allowing people to start the weekend off with a shared meditation. Many thanks to Kshantabandhu and to Ketumati who has supported him throughout the year.

Family Gathering

The Family Gathering group which is for Sangha members with families or those who care for children has sadly been suspended until further notice. It is natural for our children to grow and as they do their wants and needs change and so must what we provide. Thanks to Caz for her efforts over the years in organising and running the group. Let us see what the future holds.

Prison Service

Kshantabhandhu has continued to visit prisoners in two local prisons and has taken on a third prison where he provides Dharma activities for the prisoners including a large contingent of Vietnamese men.

Sangha Members

We currently have about 38 Sangha members, some who come to the centre very regularly and others infrequently. Our average attendance seems to have increased towards the end of the year.

We currently have 5 Mitras who have asked for Ordination, Janet, Mary, Elke, Caz, and Mariana.

We have also had some excellent news. Janet and Mary have both been invited on the Ordination course at Triratnaloka in October.

3. Centre Team

All the people supporting our activities have given their time and energy freely and lovingly, we continue to support each other, doing what we can, when we can, and we look forward to another happy and safe 12 months.

So, to close just to remind us that the last 12 months has been busy but it has seen us all come together, with activities and talks by Ketumati, Kshantabandhu, Sumnadipa, Janet, Caz and Ajitamati. Thanks to all the people who have attended the centre, thanks to you all.

Metta and love to us all.

Financial review

The financial position of the Centre has steadily increased over the past 12 months. Each month we have had a healthy positive balance. In the months where our expenditure has surpassed our income, it has only been due to the Centre rent being paid on a bi-monthly basis. Over the course of the year our average monthly income has been £1,654 whilst our average monthly expenditure has been £1,186, giving us an average profit of £647 per month.

Income

Our three main sources of income are the donations from our members and friends, rent from the flat and payments from our Gift Aid claim. This last year donations have accounted for 49% of income, the rent for 26% whilst the percentage from our Gift Aid claim is 20%. The rest of our income has come from a six-week course and sales from our small bookshop. In addition to this, we have also accumulated some interest on our savings via our Triodos account.

We are extremely grateful to those regular donors who have continued to support us throughout this year, particularly as we come out of the pandemic and move into a cost-of-living crisis.

Ajitamati lead a 6-week, in person course on Buddhism and Meditation in January and February, which brought in £546. We share our gratitude to Ajitamati for all his hard work and dedication to supporting the Centre as well as sharing the Dharma.

The Gift Aid Scheme gives us an important, additional regular income. This year we were able to receive £3987 from the scheme, all made possible by our generous donors. We will ensure that we continue to take advantage of the scheme and make everybody aware of their option to 'gift aid' with their donations and the benefits that follow.

The rental income from our flat is as always invaluable. We are aware that should our tenant vacate the property then this income would cease quite abruptly. With that in mind, the property is in the hands of an agent to ensure that the property is well maintained and re-let as soon as possible to minimise any loss of rental income.

Outgoings

The biggest of our outgoings is of course the rent for the Centre and whilst we acknowledge that it may have its shortcomings, we remain of the view that for a property in the city centre, the cost is not unreasonable.

Our electricity charges were quite low at the beginning of the year but increased significantly from August. Our current contract ends in July so we shall look for cheaper rates as well as providers who specialise in energy supply to charities.

A lot of time is given, and even some expenses are covered voluntarily by our members and friends and again we express our gratitude to the commitment and generosity of all involved. It is only this commitment which allows the Centre to continue as a source of friendship and inspiration to those who use it.

Reserves

The total free reserves of the charity are £76,916. Our policy is to keep around £10,000 in our current account as a working reserve, and as of 31st March 2023 the balance was £16,589. During

the next financial year, we shall look at transferring the additional funds into our savings account. The remainder is held in a savings account with the Triodos Bank.

Structure, governance, and management

The structure and governance of the charity is as follows:

Membership of the charity:

1. Admission of new members

a. Eligibility

- i. Members of the charity must be natural persons.
- ii. Membership of the charity is open to those who are members of the Triratna Buddhist Order and those who are actively training for ordination into the Triratna Buddhist Order
- iii. and who are sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Triratna Buddhist Order
- iv. and who are actively engaged in the work of the centre

b. Admission procedure

The charity trustees:

- i. May require applicants for membership to be made in any reasonable way that they decide.
- ii. May refuse an application for membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the charity for them to do so
- iii. Shall, if they decide to refuse an application, give the applicant their reason for doing so within 21 days of the decision being taken, and give the applicant the opportunity to appeal against the refusal, and
- iv. Shall give fair consideration to any such appeal and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision to confirm refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

2. Transfer of membership

Membership of the charity cannot be transferred to anyone else.

3. Duty of members

It is the duty of each member of the charity to exercise his or her powers as a member of the charity in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the charity.

4. Termination of membership

a. membership of the charity comes to an end if:

- i. the member dies
- ii. the member sends a notice of resignation to the charity trustees
- iii. the charity trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the charity that the member in question should be removed from membership and pass a resolution to that effect.

b. Before the charity trustees takes any decision to remove someone from membership of the charity they must:

- i. informs the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove him or her
- ii. give the member at least 21 days. notice in which to make representations to the charity trustees as to why he or she should not be removed from membership.
- iii. at a duly constituted meeting of the charity trustees, consider whether the member should be removed.
- iv. consider at that meeting any representations which the member makes as to why

- the member should not be removed, and
- v. allows the member to make those representations in person at that meeting if the member so chooses.

Members decisions:

1. General provisions

Except for those decisions that must be taken in a particular way as indicated in sub-clause 3 of this clause; the charity shall strive to make all decisions of the members at a general meeting by consensus.

2. Taking ordinary decisions

The charity shall strive to make all decisions by consensus. Should such a decision by consensus prove to be impossible to achieve within a reasonable time, the decision shall be by simple majority vote, with the chair of the Council of Trustees having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

3. Taking ordinary decision by written resolution without a general meeting

Subject to sub-clause 4 of this clause, a resolution in writing agreed by all members who would have been entitled to take part in the decision making had it been proposed at a general meeting, shall be effective, provided that:

- a. a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent to all the members eligible to take part in this decision-making process; and
- b. the decision by members is unanimous and is received at the principal office within 28 days from when it was circulated.
- c. Eligibility to be part of the decision-making process is limited to members who are members of the charity on the date when the proposal is first circulated.

4. Decisions that must be taken in a particular way

- a. any decision to remove a trustee must be taken in accordance with clause 15.2.
- b. any decision to amend this constitution must be taken in accordance with clause 28 of this constitution.
- c. Any decision to wind up or dissolve this charity must be taken in accordance with clause 29 of this constitution.
- d. Any decision to amalgamate or transfer the undertaking of the charity to one or more charities must be in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is constituted under a constitution, originally adopted on 21.03.1994 and changed in 2017. The organisation registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 21.11.2017 in England and Wales.

The trustees are members of the charity, but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

We currently do not have any employees. All activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

Risk management

The charity has a range of procedures relating to the management of risk such as Safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults.

Triratna Liverpool
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Receipts					
Donations	16,169	9,811	11,117	9,125	9,734
Courses	1,666	343	923	730	546
Shop/Books	254	422	0	88	184
Gift Aid	0	1,542	1,564	1,663	3,987
Minster Court	6,120	6,240	6,240	6,240	5,300
Interest Bank Accounts	350	383	169	74	552
Website	1,752	0	34	0	0
Refund Electrical charges	0	1,482	0	0	0

Other	0	0	0	0	105
Total	26,311	20,223	20,047	17,920	20,408
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
<u>Payments</u>					
Rent	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500	11,500
Electricity	534	2,619	419	482	847
Charitable Donations * ¹	0	20	240	270	360
Insurance	386	388	402	422	388
Rates	1,037	927	942	942	468
Shop/Books	393	385	0	38	23
IT/Comms	0	0	955	623	598
Website	300	330	0	2,539	0
Publicity	100	0	123	349	0
Chairs retreat/Travel	259	259	0	117	0
Melbourne Buildings	899	86	0	73	57
Electrical Saftey Certificate	0	0	0	384	0
Minster Court	990	1,235	1,180	1,427	2,419
Petty Cash	0	77	0	0	0
Accountancy	780	780	0	0	0
Sangha retreat	1,340	144	0	0	0
Other	137	0	0	0	0
Total	18,655	18,750	15,761	19,166	16,660
Net Receipt/Payments	7,656	1,473	4,286	1,246	3,820

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Bank and cash balances at start of year	60,997	68,652	70,125	74,412	73,166
Bank and cash balances at end of year					
Santander				13,392	16,589
Triodos				59,774	60,327
Total	68,652	70,125	74,412	73,166	76,916
<u>Fixed Assets</u>					
Land and Buildings	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	63,000
Shrine Room	3,862	3,862	3,862	3,862	4,055
Fixtures and Fittings	9,912	9,912	9,912	9,912	10,407
Total	73,774	73,774	73,774	73,774	77,462
Total Assets and Bank Accounts	142,426	143,899	148,186	146,940	154,378

Notes

- *1 This is a regular donation made to the Development Fund of the Triratna European Chairs Assembly whose aims are to benefit the development of Triratna Centres around the world.
- a. All the charity's funds are unrestricted at the year end. Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.
- b. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

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The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees and signed by all named on page two.

See separate sheet for declaration and signatures.

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Chairs Report

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I think you all agree this has been a testing time and unfortunately our Sangha has not been immune to its effects with people having to shield, self-isolate and it is with great sadness to us all suffer the loss of loved ones, family members and friends. To all those of you who have suffered we all send our metta to you and yours.

2. Events and Activities

Sangha evenings

We continue to have a thriving Sangha evening every Tuesday night which is attended on average by about 10/12 people.

The nature of this Sangha over the last 12 months has changed considerably. During the height of lockdown, we moved all our activities to an online platform, Zoom. This worked on the whole and was well attended. There were, as you can imagine, some technical issues but thanks to Sthirabandhu, Janet and Kshantabandhu these were usually resolved quickly, thank you.

On the 30th of March we had a very special event. We hosted a book launch by Vajradevi which was enjoyed and attended by 19 people.

On 27th March 2021 we returned to the centre, in limited numbers as per Government guidance, but maintained an online element making the Sangha evening a "hybrid" event. This was not without its difficulties, but it was nice for people to be able to see the centre even if it was just on screen.

We carried on engaging in our planned calendar of events the best we could. Some as a hybrid event, Buddha Day in May, and in person at the centre as and when the guidance allowed, Dharma Day in July.

On the 16th of November we came back to the centre. The hybrid element was dropped, and Sangha evenings were in person only. This was in time for Sangha Day in November which also saw a return to celebrating all together with a shared meal before the actives in the evening.

Meditation and Buddhism Courses

We ran an introductory day at the centre on 2nd October. This was led by Mokshaka, this has been the only in person course we have done in the last 12 months.

We have also been able to co-host a 6-week introductory event with Chandana, on-line from the Manchester Buddhist Centre, this was supported by Mariana and Caz from our Sangha.

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Sumnadipa continued to lead Dharma study for men and women on a weekly basis. The group is now in its third year. Thanks to Kshantabandhu for supporting Sumnadipa with her study group. This group is popular and provides a way for people to deepen their practice; to re-orientate their lives and to increase levels of skilfulness and understanding of the Dharma.

Events

Buddhashanti's on-line poetry workshops have also been well attended and very enjoyable. Thanks to Buddhashanti for leading these sessions.

Family Gatherings

Caz McCann has continued a weekly Family Gathering group which is for Sangha members with families or those who care for children. This has been offered on-line and in local parks during the pandemic and is very much appreciated by everyone involved. Thanks to Caz for her creativity and commitment together with support from Steve.

Prison Service

Kshantabandhu has continued to visit prisoners in a local prison, with a pause during periods lock down within the prison due the pandemic. Kshantabandhu has taken on a second prison where he provides Dharma activities for the prisoners including a large contingent of Vietnamese men. This has proved a challenge to which Kshantabandhu has responded by taking a language course in Vietnamese. This is now, after a great deal of perseverance by Kshantabandhu, beginning to pay off.

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We currently have about 38 Sangha members, some who come to the centre very regularly and others infrequently. Our average attendance seems to have increased towards the end of the year.

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3. Centre Team

As I have touched on earlier the last 12 months have been challenging but I am pleased to say that we have come together to support each other and keep the centre running, in whatever format, and provide meditations, talks, study and events.

The centre "team" has by the very exceptional circumstances we have found ourselves in had to be flexible in both numbers and approach to facilitate this.

All the people supporting all our activities have given their time and energy freely and lovingly, we continue to support each other, doing what we can, when we can, and we look forward to another happy and safe 12 months.

Thanks also to Janet who after many years as a trustee and having taken on the role of Treasurer has decided to resign from both roles. Thanks for all you have done for us we appreciate your love and support so much. I am glad to say this doesn't mean that we will see Janet less as she will continue to be a much loved and valued member of our Sangha.

We have also received written notice from Mokshaka giving his intent to resign as a trustee and as such he is not seeking re-election for another term. We would like to thank Mokshaka for his valued time as a trustee and look forward to seeing him at our forthcoming events next year and into the future.

So, to close, just to remind us all that the last 12 months have been difficult but it has seen us all come together, with activities and talks by Satyaketu, Ketumati, Kshantabandhu, Mokshaka, Sumnadipa, Arthavadin, Buddhashanti, Sthirabandhu, Janet, Caz and Mariana. Thanks to all the people who have attended the centre, or have come on line, thanks to you all.

Metta and love to us all.

Financial review

The financial position of the Centre has remained fairly stable over the past 12 months. Although our costs have marginally outstripped our income we remain well within our reserves and there is no great cause for concern as we move into the coming year. We have lost a few of our regular donors but the majority have continued to generously support us. Over the course of the year our average monthly income has been £1,493 whilst our average monthly expenditure has been £1,597, leaving a shortfall of £104 per month.

Income

Our two main sources of income are the donations from our members and friends and rent from the flat. This last year donations have accounted for 50.9% of income, the rent for 34.8% whilst the remainder has come from the total of courses and Gift Aid claim.

We are extremely grateful to those regular donors who have continued to support us throughout this year, particularly given the conditions that we are all having to deal with but we are aware that there has been a slight drop in the numbers. We are also aware that this year brings continued financial instability to many and it may well be that, for some, charitable contributions have been

suspended by necessity. On a positive note, since we are now meeting regularly in person again, contributions in the Dana bowl have increased again.

Our small shop has staggered along this year. Cards and books remain the mainstays but are not, at the moment, making any significant income to speak of.

We are grateful to Mokshaka again for running some courses on line and generating an income of £700

The Gift Aid Scheme gives us a small, but important, additional regular income. We need to ensure that we continue to take advantage of it and make everybody aware of their option to 'gift aid' their donations.

The rental income from our flat is as always invaluable. We are aware that should our tenant vacate the property then this income would cease quite abruptly, and with that in mind we are investigating the option of putting the property into the hands of an agent to ensure that the property is well maintained and re-let as soon as possible in order to minimise any loss of rental income.

Outgoings

The biggest of our outgoings is of course the rent for the Centre and whilst we acknowledge that it may have its shortcomings we remain of the view that for a property in the city centre, the cost is not unreasonable.

Our electricity charges have remained stable thanks to taking out a fixed price contract last year. However, that contract expires at the end of July and although we can fix the price again for another 12 months the cost will be almost double what it has been.

A lot of time is given, and even some expenses are covered voluntarily by our members and friends and again we express our gratitude to the commitment and generosity of all involved. It is only this commitment which allows the Centre to continue as a source of friendship and inspiration to those who use it.

Reserves

The total free reserves of the charity are £73,166. Our policy is to keep about £10,000 in our current account as a working reserve, and as of 31st March 2022 the balance was £13,392. The remainder is held in a savings account with the Triodos Bank.

Structure, governance and management

The structure and governance of the charity is as follows:

Membership of the charity:

1. Admission of new members

a. Eligibility

- i. Members of the charity must be natural persons.
- ii. Membership of the charity is open to those who are members of the Triratna Buddhist Order and those who are actively training for ordination into the Triratna Buddhist Order
- iii. and who are sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the Triratna Buddhist Order
- iv. and who are actively engaged in the work of the centre

b. Admission procedure

The charity trustees:

- i. May require applicants for membership to be made in any reasonable way that they decide
- ii. May refuse an application for membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the charity for them to do so
- iii. Shall, if they decide to refuse an application, give the applicant their reason for doing so within 21 days of the decision being taken, and give the applicant the opportunity to appeal against the refusal, and
- iv. Shall give fair consideration to any such appeal and shall inform the applicant of their decision, but any decision to confirm refusal of the application for membership shall be final.

2. Transfer of membership

Membership of the charity cannot be transferred to anyone else.

3. Duty of members

It is the duty of each member of the charity to exercise his or her powers as a member of the charity in the way he or she decides in good faith would be most likely to further the purposes of the charity.

4. Termination of membership

a. membership of the charity comes to an end if:

- i. the member dies
- ii. the member sends a notice of resignation to the charity trustees
- iii. the charity trustees decide that it is in the best interests of the charity that the member in question should be removed from membership and pass a resolution to that effect.

b. Before the charity trustees take any decision to remove someone from membership of the charity they must:

- i. inform the member of the reasons why it is proposed to remove him or her
- ii. give the member at least 21 days' notice in which to make representations to the charity trustees as to why he or she should not be removed from membership
- iii. at a duly constituted meeting of the charity trustees, consider whether or not the member should be removed
- iv. consider at that meeting any representations which the member makes as to why the member should not be removed, and
- v. allow the member to make those representations in person at that meeting if the member so chooses

Members decisions:

1. General provisions

Except for those decisions that must be taken in a particular way as indicated in sub-clause 3 of this clause; the charity shall strive to make all decisions of the members at a general meeting by consensus.

2. Taking ordinary decisions

The charity shall strive to make all decisions by consensus. Should such a decision by consensus prove to be impossible to achieve within a reasonable time, the decision shall be by simple majority vote, with the chair of the Council of Trustees having the casting vote in the event of a tie.

3. Taking ordinary decision by written resolution without a general meeting

Subject to sub-clause 4 of this clause, a resolution in writing agreed by all members who would have been entitled to take part in the decision making had it been proposed at a general meeting, shall be effective, provided that:

- a. a copy of the proposed resolution has been sent to all the members eligible to take part in this decision-making process; and
- b. the decision by members is unanimous, and is received at the principal office within 28 days from when it was circulated.
- c. Eligibility to be part of the decision-making process is limited to members who are members of the charity on the date when the proposal is first circulated.

4. Decisions that must be taken in a particular way

- a. any decision to remove a trustee must be taken in accordance with clause 15.2.
- b. any decision to amend this constitution must be taken in accordance with clause 28 of this constitution.
- c. Any decision to wind up or dissolve this charity must be taken in accordance with clause 29 of this constitution.
- d. Any decision to amalgamate or transfer the undertaking of the charity to one or more charities must be in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is constituted under a constitution, originally adopted on 21.03.1994 and changed in 2017. The organisation registered as a charitable incorporated organisation on 21.11.2017 in England and Wales.

The trustees are members of the charity but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity.

Remuneration policy for key management personnel

We currently do not have any employees. All activities are undertaken on a voluntary basis.

Risk management

The charity has a range of procedures relating to the management of risk such as Safeguarding policies for children and vulnerable adults.

Triratna Liverpool
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2022

	2022 £	2021 £	(See Note)
Receipts			
Donations	9,125	11,117	
Courses	730	923	
Shop & Books	88	-	
Gift Aid	1,663	1,564	
Website	-	34	(1)
Rental income from owned property	6,240	6,240	
Interest on bank accounts	74	169	
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Total Receipts	17,920	20,000	
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Payments			
Rent	11,500	11,500	
Electricity	482	419	
Charitable donations	270	240	(2)
Insurance	422	402	
Rates	942	942	
Shop & Books	38	-	
IT/Comms	623	955	(3)
Website	2539	-	
Publicity	349	123	
Chairs Retreat/Travel expenses	117	-	
Centre Development/Running costs	73	-	
Electrical Safety Certificate	384		
Expenses on owned property	1,427	1,180	(4)
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Total payments	19,166	15,761	
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Net Receipts/(payments) for the year	(1264)	4239	
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Bank and cash balances at start of year	74,412	70,125	
Bank and cash balances at end of year			
Santander Account	13,392		
Triodos Account	59,774		
TOTALS	73,166	74,412	
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Triratna Liverpool
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at
31st March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank and cash balances	73,168	74,412
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 Fixed Assets		
Land and Buildings	60,000	60,000
Shrine Room	3,862	3,862
Fixtures and fittings	9,912	9,912
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	73,774	73,774
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Notes

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 - (3) Included in this section are regular subscriptions for mobile phone, mobile data
Zoom Video Conferencing.
 - (4) Service Charge plus any repairs for flat.
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- a. All the charity's funds are unrestricted at the year end. Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charity.
 - b. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011. As a lower-income charity under section 133 of the 2011 Act, the trustees have elected to prepare the charity's financial statements using the Receipts and Payments basis.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the period and of its financial position at the end of the period. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charity's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

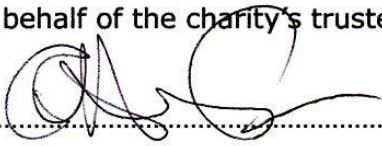
The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees and signed by

See separate sheet for declaration and signatures.

DECLARATIONS

The trustees declare that they have approved the Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2022.

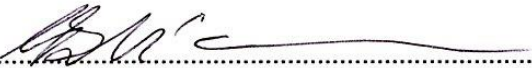
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signed 

Full Name IAN HANNATT

Position JOINT CHAIR

Date 8/11/2022

Signed 

Full Name Caroline McCann

Position Treasurer

Date 8/11/2022

TRIRATNA LIVERPOOL

England & Wales - Charity number 1176063

Accounts

Triratna Liverpool Buddhist Centre Report 1st April 2020-31st March 2021

Prepared by Kshantabandhu,

June 2021

1. General Summary

This has been an extraordinary year, dominated by the global Covid pandemic. This has meant the closure of the centre and a move to on-line activities for the majority of the year.

Of course, this has involved adjusting to new technology and ways of relating to each other that often did not involve face to face contact. During the crisis we have had to adapt to changing levels of risk. Initially when lockdown began Sumnadipa emailed weekly to keep our community informed of any changes being made due to restrictions imposed nationally during the crisis. When lockdown eased Sthirabandhu and Sumnadipa kept Sangha night running at the centre for a period of time, an alternative Zoom Sangha meeting was also initiated by Buddhashanti for those unable to attend due to shielding themselves or others. Recently we have started activities at the centre again in a limited and risk managed manner.

In November Sumnadipa stepped down as chair of the charity. The Trustees are very grateful for Sumnadipa's outstanding contribution to development at the centre. This has included overseeing a major fundraising drive providing us with a stable financial position and the leadership to search and find our current city centre premises.

We have had one ordination during the lockdown period in October 2020: Mike Whittam became Kshantabandhu at a special organised socially distant retreat at Padmaloka. Kshantabandhus' preceptors are Buddhashanti, from the Liverpool centre and Satyaraja from Padmaloka. We are also celebrating one Mitra who has asked for ordination -Marianna.

Two outreach activities continue - Kshantabandhu visits a local prison and Caz has continues support for Sangha families both on-line and in local parks.

A morning on-line meditation has been led consistently by Mokshaka for a year, which has provided another essential support for Sangha members to maintain their practice. Thanks to him for this much appreciated and supportive activity.

2. Events and Activities

Sangha evenings

Despite the lockdown we have continued to offer Sangha evenings via Zoom and for brief periods in the centre, when lockdown was eased. We have Sthirabandhu to thank for his work in establishing a technical set up at the centre to enable us to share activities via Zoom. Sangha members have had to shield themselves or loved ones from possible infection, so this has been a lifeline for some people.

Sangha evenings have been shorter but have been well attended and we have continued to offer a meditation and Dharma teaching, led by order members including Buddhashanti, Ketumati Satyaketu, Moksaka, Sthirabandhu and Ajitamati.

Participation at sangha evenings has been supplemented by newcomers from on-line courses and enquirers through email contact.

Meditation and Buddhism Courses

We have offered three on line courses, two led by Mokshaka and one by Satyaketu.

Moksaka led two beginners' courses supported by Ajitamati, Kshantabandhu, Caz and Jnanadeva from Birmingham(?).

An intermediate course was offered by Satyaketu supported by Kshantabandhu, Janet and Marianna.

All courses were well attended and led to new participants at Sangha nights.

Dharma Study

Sumnadipa continued to lead Dharma study for men and women on a weekly basis. The group is now in its third year. Thanks to Kshantabandhu for supporting Sumnadipa with her study group. This group is popular and provides a way for people to deepen their practice; to re-orientate their lives and to increase levels of skilfulness and understanding of the Dharma.

Family Gatherings

Caz McCann has continued a weekly Family Gathering group which is for Sangha members with families or those who care for children. This has been offered on-line and in local parks during the pandemic and is very much appreciated by everyone involved. Thanks to Caz for her creativity and commitment together with support from Steve.

Prison Service

Kshantabandhu has continued to visit prisoners in a local prison, with a pause during the worst period of the pandemic. Recently he has been asked to visit a second prison.

Sangha Members

We currently have about 40 Sangha members, some who come to the centre very regularly and others less frequently.

Mariana has asked for ordination recently, many congratulations to her. Sarah Laird has withdrawn from the ordination process and all Sangha activities.

We currently have 5 Mitras who have asked for Ordination; Janet, Mary, Elke, Mariana and Caz.

3. Centre Team

The centre has been closed for lengthy periods during the pandemic, but thanks to Sthirabandhu, Janet and others for their work in keeping the centre tidy and prepared for 'hybrid' evenings involving online and shrine room activities.

Thanks also to Janet for her continuing in the role of Treasurer and for the considerable work in keeping the accounts for us. Thanks as well to Lynn and Marianna for helping to keep our rooms clean and beautiful.

Triratna Liverpool
Receipts and Payments Accounts
for the year ended
31st March 2021

Note)	2021	2020	(See
	£	£	
Receipts			
Donations	11,117	9,811	
Courses	923	343	
Shop & Books	-	422	
Gift Aid	1,564	1,542	
Refund of Electricity charges	-	1,482	
Website	34	-	(1)
Rental income from owned property	6,240	6,240	
Interest on bank accounts	169	383	
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Total Receipts	20,000	20,223	
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Payments			
Rent	11,500	11,500	
Electricity	419	2,619	
Charitable donations	240	20	(2)
Insurance	402	388	
Rates	942	927	
Shop & Books	-	385	
Website/IT/Comms	955	330	(3)
Petty Cash	-	77	
Publicity	123	-	
Chairs Retreat	-	259	
Centre Development	-	86	
Retreat	-	144	
Expenses on owned property	1,180	1,235	(4)
Accountancy	-	780	
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Total payments	15,761	18,750	
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Net Receipts/(payments) for the year	4239	1473	
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Bank and cash balances at start of year	70,125	68,652	
Bank and cash balances at end of year	74,412	70,125	
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Triratna Liverpool
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at
31st March 2020

	2020	
2019	£	£
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Approved by the trustees on
and signed on their behalf by:

Janet Drury
Treasurer

Financial Review

The beginning of this financial year, as we all know, saw the first of the series of national 'lock-downs' and consequently the Centre has been closed for much of the year. Although initially we were concerned about the impact of the loss of income from cash donations and sales of books and cards, our regular donors have, in the main, continued to support the Centre and we have in fact ended the year in a satisfactory financial position. Over the course of the year our average monthly income has been £1,660 and our average monthly expenditure has been £1,313.

Income

Our two main sources of income are the donations from our members and friends and rent from the flat. This last year donations have accounted for 55.5% of income, the rent for 31.0% and the remaining 13.5% has come from the total of the courses and Gift Aid claim.

We are extremely grateful to those regular donors who have continued to support us throughout this year, despite the centre being closed. However, there has been a slight drop in the numbers. Sadly we know that one person has died and another has moved away from Triratna completely. We are also aware that this year has brought financial instability to many and it may well be that, for some, charitable contributions have been suspended by necessity. On a positive note, there have been several 'one-off' donations received and I want to express my appreciation to all those who have contributed in this way.

Our small shop has had to be closed along with the Centre so obviously there's been no income from that this year.

We are grateful to Mokshaka who took the plunge and offered our first introductory course to be run on line using Zoom. This proved to be very successful and was then followed by several more. All the courses were offered on a dana basis and the total income generated from these came to £923 in total.

The Gift Aid Scheme gives us a small, but important, additional regular income. We need to ensure that we continue to take advantage of it and make everybody aware of their option to 'gift aid' their donations.

The rental income from our flat is invaluable. We had hoped that this would provide us with the capacity to make some financial surplus but it has turned out to be essential in enabling us to remain in the premises we now occupy. We need to be aware that should our tenant vacate the property then this income would cease quite abruptly, I believe that we should therefore make some contingency plan to ensure that when the

need arises, the property is re-let as soon as possible and income loss is minimised.

Outgoings

We have still had to pay the rent throughout the year which is obviously the bulk of our expenses. We have however had much reduced electricity costs.

A significant increase in outgoings is in the area of IT, Communications and the Website. This will likely continue into the coming year as we develop a new website and look to improve how we can ensure that what we have to offer is made more accessible to a wider audience.

A lot of time is given, and some expenses are covered, voluntarily by our members and friends and again we express our gratitude to the commitment and generosity of all involved. It is only this commitment which allows the Centre to continue as a source of friendship and inspiration to those who use it.

Reserves

The total free reserves of the charity are £74,412. Our policy is to keep about £10,000 in our current account as a working reserve, and as of 31st March 2021 the balance was £14,700. The remainder is held in a savings account with the Triodos Bank.

Financial Report prepared June 2021 by
Janet Drury
Treasurer