

# BHAKTI MARGA UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1176788

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2018-01-23

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

## Contact

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**Address** 11 Lyndon Avenue  
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**Phone** 07946239646

**Website** [www.bhaktimarga.co.uk](http://www.bhaktimarga.co.uk)

## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE HINDU RELIGION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TEACHINGS OF PARAMAHAMSA SRI SWAMI VISHWANANDA AND BHAKTI MARGA, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF PRAYER MEETINGS, LECTURES, PUBLIC CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS, PRODUCING AND/OR DISTRIBUTING LITERATURE TO ENLIGHTEN OTHERS ABOUT THE HINDU RELIGION.

**Activities:** Bhakti Marga UK hosts multiple events to help one access the wisdom of their heart and develop their own unique relationship with the Divine. To grow devotion, we offer various events such as yoga & meditation, worship rituals, music & kirtan, devotional art, studies through Bhakti Marga academy, selfless service through seva programs and build communities around the world.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Birmingham City
- Manchester City
- Throughout London

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£85,747	£68,455	-	-
2024-03-31	£57,705	£24,698	-	-
2023-03-31	£76,638	£85,343	-	-
2022-03-31	£84,131	£81,289	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,073	£9,784	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Kristina Reinyte		2026-04-15
Lina Elijose		2026-04-15
MERLEESA GOVENDER		2018-01-20
Ratna Morjaria		2023-08-31
Shivam Nilesh Chauhan		2026-04-15

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
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Bhakti Marga UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

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Charity's principal address

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1	Sonam Shantilal			
2	Ratna Morjaria			
3	Teresa Hale			
4	Merleesa Govender			
5	Daksh Sharma		01.04.2024 – 14.05.2025	
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Yoga retreats for seekers to allow people to meditate in areas of tranquillity and peace with other practitioners
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We stand by the following core values:

- Respect – we respect people of all gender, caste or creed
- Love – we are inspired and taught by our Living Master, Paramahansa Vishwananda to accept what one is in order to love ourselves and others
- Unity – we aim to work and grow spiritually together so that we can achieve the ultimate
- Engage – we continue to develop relationships with communities and people so that one has a greater understanding of Hinduism

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

### Summary of Charity Achievements for the Year:

#### 1. Emphasizing the Four Arms of our Mission:

Throughout the year, the charity diligently focused on fulfilling the four core objectives outlined in our mission. These objectives were achieved through a series of diverse events and initiatives.

In embracing these four arms, the charity not only preserved the spiritual heritage of Hinduism but also provided a comprehensive platform for individuals to explore, experience, and internalise the diverse aspects of their spiritual journey. Through Yoga & Meditation, Devotional Arts, Knowledge dissemination, and Rituals, the charity endeavoured to enrich the lives of its members, fostering a community deeply rooted in spiritual understanding and practice.

#### 2. Sacred Summer Festival

A flagship multi-day festival held in the UK featuring devotional music, spiritual talks, community gatherings, Sudarshana Yajna, and Darshan with Paramahansa Vishwananda in June-July 2024, supporting deep engagement with Bhakti practices.

#### 3. Festivals and Celebrations - Events and Practices:

Celebrating key spiritual festivals like Maha Shivaratri, and Full Moon Abhishekams, Krishna Janmashthami, Narasimha Chaturthi and more, offered communities an opportunity to gather in shared devotion, transcending personal differences and fostering unity.

The charity organized a variety of spiritual events, including Bhakti Kirtan sessions that immersed attendees in devotional songs and music.

Additionally, OM chanting's resonated within the temple, creating an atmosphere of peace and serenity. Regular mantra meditation sessions were conducted, allowing participants to deepen their spiritual practices.

#### 4. Educational Initiatives:

During the 2024/25 year, devotees continued to progress through the structured knowledge programme forming part of the Bhakti Marga Academy for initiated devotees. The programme remained focused on providing a comprehensive introduction to the core teachings of Hinduism and Vaiṣṇavism, with the Devotee Course continuing to serve as the foundation of the curriculum.

Further learning materials were developed and made available throughout the year, allowing participants to deepen their understanding of the scriptures. This included continued study of the Bhagavad Gītā, with teachings connected to the guidance of Paramahansa Vishwananda.

Through the ongoing delivery and expansion of this programme, devotees were supported in deepening their spiritual knowledge and applying timeless philosophical principles to their daily lives, enriching both their personal practice and their engagement within the wider Bhakti Marga community.

#### 5. Community Engagement and Growth:

The charity's outreach efforts led to an expansion of our spiritual community. Through these events and educational programs, we were able to connect with a wider audience, sharing the teachings and values that guide our organisation.

#### Looking Ahead

In alignment with the values of Bhakti Marga, we aim to further enrich community lives by expanding programs, increasing collaborations, and

continuing to inspire through love, devotion, and service.

**Acknowledgments**

We express heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, devotees, and donors, whose contributions are the cornerstone of our mission.

**Conclusion**

Bhakti Marga UK remains committed to building vibrant, supportive communities rooted in spiritual practice, where individuals can discover and share the transformative power of love and devotion through the guidance and teachings of Paramahansa Vishwananda.

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## Financial review

### Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

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### Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

### Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F

## Other optional information


## Section G

## Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Sonam Shantilal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

28/01/2026



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK 1176788

**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from 01/04/2024 To 31/03/2025

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	25,016	-	-	25,016	24,890
Donations - Events	7,780	-	-	7,780	4,143
Donations - Courses & Activities	3,268	-	-	3,268	1,023
Donations - Others	-	-	-	-	88
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	9,216	-	-	9,216	-
Course Fees & Chargeable Events	23,208	-	-	23,208	9,317
Shop sales	13,377	-	-	13,377	11,605
Gift Aid	3,882	-	-	3,882	6,138
Rental Income	-	-	-	-	500
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>85,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,747</b>	<b>57,705</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loans received from external funder	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>85,747</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,747</b>	<b>57,705</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Venue Hire	4,031	-	-	4,031	1,669
Event costs	18,171	-	-	18,171	9,564
Marketing	3,259	-	-	3,259	3,475
Shop purchases	9,248	-	-	9,248	2,373
Travel & Accommodation	7,197	-	-	7,197	1,848
Food & Meals	4,766	-	-	4,766	3,036
Charitable contributions	8,072	-	-	8,072	-
Website maintenance	345	-	-	345	341
Printing, Postage & Stationery	225	-	-	225	183
Audit fees	450	-	-	450	390
Storage costs	-	-	-	-	-
Transaction fees	1,232	-	-	1,232	561
Other costs	7	-	-	7	16
Dues and Subscriptions	569	-	-	569	499
Telephone costs	250	-	-	250	-
Course Manuals	219	-	-	219	-
Legal & professional costs	1,787	-	-	1,787	-
Insurance costs	1,521	-	-	1,521	-
Security costs	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>61,347</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>61,347</b>	<b>23,956</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	7,108	-	-	7,108	743
Loans repaid to an external funder	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>7,108</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,108</b>	<b>743</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>68,455</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,455</b>	<b>24,698</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	17,292	-	-	17,292	33,007
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	72,968	-	-	72,968	39,961
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>90,260</b>	-	-	<b>90,260</b>	<b>72,968</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	87,603	-	-
	Petty Cash	2,381	-	-
	Clearing Accounts	276	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>90,260</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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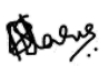
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Furniture, fixtures and fittings	Unrestricted	22,969	-
	Computers and other equipment	Unrestricted	2,940	-
	Motor Vehicle	Unrestricted	3,495	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SONAM SHANTILAL	28/01/2026



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Bhakti Marga UK

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1176788

**Set out on pages**

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

29/01/2026

**Name:**

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

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

Chartered Certified Accountant

**Address:**

Verdant Accountants Limited

20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU

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# Accounts

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#### 2. Paramahansa Vishwananda's visit to the UK:

In August 2023, Bhakti Marga UK was blessed with the sacred presence of Paramahansa Vishwananda for a deeply transformative Darshan event. As a living Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace offered participants the rare opportunity to experience unconditional love through His gaze, inspiring hearts to open and connect with the Divine. The Darshan brought together devotees from across the UK and beyond, fostering a profound sense of unity and spiritual elevation. Many shared how this encounter reignited their devotion and strengthened their spiritual practices.

The Darshan in August 2023 marked a pivotal moment for Bhakti Marga UK, bringing devotees and volunteers together in a spirit of love and service. Preparations for this sacred event created a profound sense of community, as individuals united with a shared purpose: to welcome the Master and create an uplifting experience for all attendees. The collaborative effort—from venue preparation to hospitality—strengthened bonds among volunteers, reflecting Bhakti Marga's values of selfless service and devotion. The event radiated unity, leaving a lasting impact on all involved.

#### 3. Festivals and Celebrations - Events and Practices:

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#### 4. Educational Initiatives:

The year saw the successful implementation of Bhagavad Gita courses and a knowledge program to complete the Bhakti Marga Academy for all initiated devotees. The first-year courses provide a comprehensive introduction to the main themes present within Hinduism and Vaiṣṇavism, with the Devotee course at its core. A general overview of the scriptures is given together with a more in-depth analysis of the *Bhagavad Gītā* connected with Paramahansa Vishwananda's teachings and the study of *Gītā ślokas*.

This fostered enlightening individuals with the profound teachings of this ancient scripture. These courses provided valuable insights into life's philosophy and spiritual wisdom, enriching the lives of those who participated.

**5. Spiritual Education for Children:**

At The Hari Bhakta Vidyalaya School, children are not only imparted conventional education but are also introduced to the profound teachings of Paramahansa Vishwananda. The curriculum incorporates the spiritual essence of Hinduism, instilling in young minds the values of compassion, mindfulness, and reverence for all life. Through engaging sessions and interactive learning, the school creates a nurturing environment where spirituality and academics harmoniously coexist.

**6. Community Engagement and Growth:**

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**Looking Ahead**

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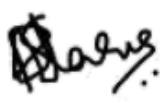
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sonam Shantilal	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	06/12/2024	



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK

1176788

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	24,890	-	-	24,890	38,013
Donations - Events	4,143	-	-	4,143	3,970
Donations - Courses & Activities	1,023	-	-	1,023	1,056
Donations - Others	88	-	-	88	248
Course Fees & Chargeable Events	9,317	-	-	9,317	19,010
Shop sales	11,605	-	-	11,605	3,915
Gift Aid	6,138	-	-	6,138	10,427
Rental Income	500	-	-	500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>57,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,705</b>	<b>76,638</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loans received from external funder	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>57,705</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,705</b>	<b>76,638</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Venue Hire	1,669	-	-	1,669	1,006
Event costs	9,564	-	-	9,564	29,746
Marketing	3,475	-	-	3,475	2,442
Shop purchases	2,373	-	-	2,373	204
Travel & Accommodation	1,848	-	-	1,848	2,766
Food & Meals	3,036	-	-	3,036	6,572
Charitable contributions	-	-	-	-	24,014
Website maintenance	341	-	-	341	63
Printing, Postage & Stationery	183	-	-	183	910
Audit fees	390	-	-	390	300
Storage costs	-	-	-	-	662
Transaction fees	561	-	-	561	791
Other costs	16	-	-	16	25
Dues and Subscriptions	499	-	-	499	466
Telephone costs	-	-	-	-	45
Course Manuals	-	-	-	-	466
Legal & professional costs	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance costs	-	-	-	-	174
Security costs	-	-	-	-	75
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,956</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,956</b>	<b>70,728</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	743	-	-	743	4,615
Loans repaid to an external funder	-	-	-	-	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>14,615</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,698</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>24,698</b>	<b>85,343</b>

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	33,007	-	-	33,007	- 8,706
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,961	-	-	39,961	48,667
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	72,968	-	-	72,968	39,961

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	72,021	-	-
	Petty Cash	947	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>72,968</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

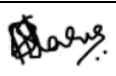
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Equipment	Unrestricted	18,145	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SONAM SHANTILAL	06/12/2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bhakti Marga UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1176788

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

06/12/2024

Name:

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Verdant Accountants Limited

20-22 Wenlock Road, London N1 7GU

**BHAKTI MARGA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176788

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# Accounts

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		Period start date			Period end date	
<b>From</b>		01	April	2022	<b>To</b>	
					31	March 2023

**Section A Reference and administration details**

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

11 Lyndon Avenue	
Pinner	
<b>Postcode</b>	<b>HA5 4QF</b>

**Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity**

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sonam Shantilal			
2	Hitesh Jogia			
3	Teresa Hale			
4	Merleesa Govender			
5	Shehryar Karbhari			
6	Dr Manish Pankhania			
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**Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)**

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Constitution
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Charitable Incorporated Constitution
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	N/A
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

To advance the Hindu religion, in accordance with the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda and Bhakti Marga, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature to enlighten others about the Hindu religion.

**Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)**

The initiative is to build a community where we promote the path of Bhakti (The Devotion to God) according to the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda.

Bhakti Marga offers a unique and holistic four-armed approach deeply rooted in time-honoured spiritual traditions. Each arm offers different practices to enjoy loving communion with God. Living in an elevated state is not only for yogis or saints anymore. The four-armed approach includes activities within: Yoga & Meditation, Knowledge, Rituals & Devotional Arts.

With a focus on spiritual and non-spiritual seekers, the association in the UK aims to enhance the four-armed approach by:

1. Yoga & Meditation - At Bhakti Marga UK we offer a variety of courses that impart key spiritual techniques which steady the chatter of the mind and open the heart.  
Promote and deliver fairs, teachings and workshops on ancient meditation techniques such as Atma Kriya Yoga, Simply Meditation, OM Chanting and Babaji Surya Namaskar which all promote spiritual, mental and physical well being  
Yoga retreats for seekers to allow people to meditate in areas of tranquillity and peace with other practitioners
2. Rituals - Promoting Hindu festivals, traditions and activities.
3. Knowledge - It is important for one to be living bhakti. It provides the roots to understand the path and the inspiration to live, love and grow over time. Knowledge turns experience into wisdom. Paramahansa Vishwananda reveals and shares the deeper truths and mysteries spoken of in ancient scriptures in His books and discourses accessible and relatable to everyone in today's world. These books and courses are available in the UK.
4. Devotional Arts - Art manifests divine beauty. Be it music, singing, painting, dancing or acting, with the right attitude. We offer various courses that enable one to engage in devotional arts.

We stand by the following core values:

- Respect – we respect people of all gender, caste or creed
- Love – we are inspired and taught by our Living Master, Paramahansa Vishwananda to accept what one is in order to love ourselves and others
- Unity – we aim to work and grow spiritually together so that we can achieve the ultimate
- Engage – we continue to develop relationships with communities and people so that one has a greater understanding of Hinduism

**Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)**

All contributions made by volunteers are used for the purpose of charitable activities and to fulfil the strategies of the charity.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

**Summary of Charity Achievements for the Year:**

**1. Inauguration of the Srinivasa Temple:**

One of the pivotal achievements of the year was the successful inauguration of our new temple located in Essex, held in May 2022. The event was graced by the presence of Paramahansa Vishwananda, signifying a significant milestone in the charity's journey. The opening of the temple provided a spiritual haven for devotees and a center for various activities and events.

**2. Emphasizing the Four Arms of our Mission:**

Throughout the year, the charity diligently focused on fulfilling the four core objectives outlined in our mission. These objectives were achieved through a series of diverse events and initiatives.

In embracing these four arms, the charity not only preserved the spiritual heritage of Hinduism but also provided a comprehensive platform for individuals to explore, experience, and internalise the diverse aspects of their spiritual journey. Through Yoga & Meditation, Devotional Arts, Knowledge dissemination, and Rituals, the charity endeavoured to enrich the lives of its members, fostering a community deeply rooted in spiritual understanding and practice.

**3. Spiritual Events and Practices:**

The charity organized a variety of spiritual events, including Bhakti Kirtan sessions that immersed attendees in devotional songs and music. Additionally, OM chanting's resonated within the temple, creating an atmosphere of peace and serenity. Regular mantra meditation sessions were conducted, allowing participants to deepen their spiritual practices.

**4. Educational Initiatives:**

The year saw the successful implementation of Bhagavad Gita courses, enlightening individuals with the profound teachings of this ancient scripture. These courses provided valuable insights into life's philosophy and spiritual wisdom, enriching the lives of those who participated.

**5. Rituals Course:**

A specialised Rituals Course was taught, offering a deep dive into the sacred rituals and ceremonies of our tradition. Participants had the opportunity to learn and engage in the intricate rituals, fostering a deeper understanding of the spiritual heritage we uphold. With the opening of Srinivasa Temple, the base for Bhakti Marga UK, we now offer Rituals on a daily basis.

**7. Introduction of The Hari Bhakta Vidyalaya School:**

In a significant step toward holistic community development, the charity proudly introduced The Hari Bhakta Vidyalaya School. This educational initiative stands as a testament to our commitment to nurturing the minds and hearts of the future generation. The school is dedicated to providing a comprehensive education rooted in the teachings of Paramahansa Vishwananda and the spiritual culture of Hinduism.

**8. Spiritual Education for Children:**

At The Hari Bhakta Vidyalaya School, children are not only imparted conventional education but are also introduced to the profound teachings of Paramahansa Vishwananda. The curriculum incorporates the spiritual essence of Hinduism, instilling in young minds the values of compassion, mindfulness, and reverence for all life. Through engaging sessions and interactive learning, the school creates a nurturing environment where

spirituality and academics harmoniously coexist.

**6. Community Engagement and Growth:**

The charity's outreach efforts led to an expansion of our spiritual community. Through these events and educational programs, we were able to connect with a wider audience, sharing the teachings and values that guide our organisation.

In conclusion, the year was marked by significant milestones, including the establishment of the Essex Temple and a diverse range of events that enriched the spiritual lives of our community members. The charity's commitment to its core objectives, coupled with the guidance of Paramahansa Vishwananda, has paved the way for a year of spiritual growth, community engagement, and profound learning.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are free reserves of the charity at a level which is required to meet its objectives of approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administrative costs for the charity. The Board reviews this periodically.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

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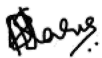
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

## Section F Other optional information

## Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sonam Shantilal	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	30/10/2023	



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period  
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	38,013	-	-	38,013	58,516
Donations - Events	3,970	-	-	3,970	4,307
Donations - Courses & Activities	1,056	-	-	1,056	859
Donations - Others	248	-	-	248	478
Course fees	19,010	-	-	19,010	7,865
Shop sales	3,915	-	-	3,915	621
Gift Aid	10,427	-	-	10,427	1,483
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>76,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,638</b>	<b>74,131</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loans received from external funder	-	-	-	-	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>76,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>76,638</b>	<b>84,131</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Venue Hire	1,006	-	-	1,006	421
Event costs	29,746	-	-	29,746	24,800
Marketing	2,442	-	-	2,442	2,315
Shop purchases	204	-	-	204	3,904
Travel & Accommodation	2,766	-	-	2,766	940
Food & Meals	6,572	-	-	6,572	613
Charitable contributions	24,014	-	-	24,014	32,565
Website maintenance	63	-	-	63	101
Printing, Postage & Stationery	910	-	-	910	39
Audit fees	300	-	-	300	200
Storage costs	662	-	-	662	861
Transaction fees	791	-	-	791	481
Other costs	25	-	-	25	9
Dues and Subscriptions	466	-	-	466	401
Telephone costs	45	-	-	45	-
Course Manuals	466	-	-	466	192
Legal & professional costs	-	-	-	-	1,044
Insurance costs	174	-	-	174	-
Security costs	75	-	-	75	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>70,728</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>70,728</b>	<b>68,043</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	4,615	-	-	4,615	13,245
Loans repaid to an external funder	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>14,615</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,615</b>	<b>13,245</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>85,343</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>85,343</b>	<b>81,289</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 8,706	-	-	- 8,706	2,842
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	48,667	-	-	48,667	45,825
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>39,961</b>	-	-	<b>39,961</b>	<b>48,667</b>

### Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	39,211	-	-
	Petty Cash	750	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>39,961</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Equipment	Unrestricted	17,861	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SONAM SHANTILAL	30/10/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bhakti Marga UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1176788

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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.

Signed:

Date:

30/10/2023

Name:

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Verdant Accountants Limited

167 Clarence Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3TX

**BHAKTI MARGA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176788

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	April	2021		31	March	2022

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

**Postcode**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sonam Shantilal			
2	Hitesh Jogia			
3	Teresa Hale			
4	Merleesa Govender			
5	Shehryar Karbhari			
6	Ana Luisa Marreiros			
7	Dr Manish Pankhania			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Constitution
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	N/A
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**Section C Objectives and activities**

**Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document**

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The initiative is to build a community where we promote the path of Bhakti (The Devotion to God) according to the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda.

Bhakti Marga offers a unique and holistic four-armed approach deeply rooted in time-honoured spiritual traditions. Each arm offers different practices to enjoy loving communion with God. Living in elevated state is not only for yogis or saints anymore. The four-armed approach includes activities within: Yoga & Meditation, Knowledge, Rituals & Devotional Arts.

With a focus on spiritual and non-spiritual seekers, the association in the UK aims to enhance the four-armed approach by:

1. Yoga & Meditation - At Bhakti Marga UK we offer a variety of courses that impart key spiritual techniques which steady the chatter of the mind and open the heart.  
Promote and deliver fairs, teachings and workshops on ancient meditation techniques such as Atma Kriya Yoga, Simply Meditation, OM Chanting and Babaji Surya Namaskar which all promote spiritual, mental and physical well being  
Yoga retreats for seekers to allow people to meditate in areas of tranquillity and peace with other practitioners
2. Rituals - Promoting Hindu festivals, traditions and activities.
3. Knowledge - It is important for living bhakti. It provides the roots to understand the path and the inspiration to live, love and grow over time. Knowledge turns experience into wisdom. Paramahansa Vishwananda reveals and shares the deeper truths and mysteries spoken of in ancient scriptures in His books and discourses accessible and relatable to everyone in today's world. These books and courses are available in the UK.
4. Devotional Arts - Art manifests divine beauty. Be it music, singing, painting, dancing or acting, with the right attitude. We offer various courses that enables one to engage in devotional arts.

We stand by the following core values:

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- Love – we are inspired and taught by our Living Master, Paramahansa Vishwananda to accept what one is in order to love ourselves and others
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## Section D

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

During the first half of the financial year, majority of our events and communications were held online due to Covid-19. Multiple events were held via Zoom on the various teachings of Paramahamasa Vishwananda.

They were as follows:

Knowledge Classes:

- Weekly classes on the Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam, two of the core scriptures in Hinduism;
- Study circles and Question and Answer sessions on the Hindu scriptures;

Devotional Arts

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Other

- Various get togethers, with devotees and followers coming together to share experiences
- Online Blessings and satsangs with our spiritual master – Paramahansa Vishwananda

Towards the second half of the financial year, we had a wonderful surprise visit from Paramahansa Vishwanada who conducted a Satyanarayan Puja & Bhagavad Gita Yagna at our community location in Essex.

We supported and worked together with the charity Srinivasa Retreat Ltd to assist in building a physical base where the community members could come together on a regular basis in line with the charity objects.

**Section E Financial review**

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are free reserves of the charity at a level which is required to meet its objectives of approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administrative costs for the charity. The Board reviews this periodically.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**Further financial review details (Optional information)**

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

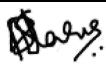
- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

**Section F Other optional information**

**Section G Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sonam Shantilal	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	

**Date** 05/01/2023



**Receipts and payments accounts**

**CC16a**

For the period  
from

01/04/2021

To

31/03/2022

**Section A Receipts and payments**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	58,516	-	-	58,516	13,580
Donations - Events	4,307	-	-	4,307	3,260
Donations - Courses & Activities	859	-	-	859	1,447
Donations - Others	478	-	-	478	1,308
Course fees	7,865	-	-	7,865	5,108
Shop sales	621	-	-	621	707
Country week 2019	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,483	-	-	1,483	1,664
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>74,131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,131</b>	<b>27,073</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
Loans received from external funder	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>84,131</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>84,131</b>	<b>27,073</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Venue Hire	- 421	-	-	- 421	- 979
Event costs	24,800	-	-	24,800	213
Marketing	2,315	-	-	2,315	3,630
Shop purchases	3,904	-	-	3,904	2,489
Travel & Accommodation	940	-	-	940	166
Food & Meals	613	-	-	613	31
Legal & Professional fees	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	43
Charitable contributions	32,565	-	-	32,565	-
Website maintenance	101	-	-	101	485
Printing, Postage & Stationery	39	-	-	39	110
Audit fees	200	-	-	200	200
Sponsorships	-	-	-	-	1,469
Storage costs	861	-	-	861	1,244
Transaction fees	481	-	-	481	37
Other costs	9	-	-	9	9
Dues and Subscriptions	401	-	-	401	360
Telephone costs	-	-	-	-	-
Course Manuals	192	-	-	192	277
Legal & professional costs	1,044	-	-	1,044	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>68,043</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>68,043</b>	<b>9,784</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Equipment	13,245	-	-	13,245	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,245</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>81,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>81,289</b>	<b>9,784</b>

<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	2,842	-	-	2,842	17,289
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	45,825	-	-	45,825	28,536
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>48,667</b>	-	-	<b>48,667</b>	<b>45,825</b>

**Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank	48,667	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>48,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Equipment	Unrestricted	13,245	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Loan from external funder	Unrestricted	10,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	SONAM SHANTILAL	05/01/2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Bhakti Marga UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1176788

Set out on pages

1-2

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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- 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.

Signed:

Date:

06/01/2023

Name:

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Verdant Accountants Limited

167 Clarence Avenue, New Malden, Surrey KT3 3TX

**BHAKTI MARGA UK**

England & Wales - Charity number 1176788

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

<b>From</b>	Period start date			<b>To</b>	Period end date		
	01	April	2020		31	March	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

**Postcode**

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Sonam Shantilal			
2	Hitesh Jogia			
3	Teresa Hale			
4	Merleesa Govender			
5	Shehryar Karbhari			
6	Ana Luisa Marreiros			
7	Dr Manish Pankhania			
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### Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year


**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Section B Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Constitution
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul>	N/A
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**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

<b>Signature(s)</b>		
<b>Full name(s)</b>	Sonam Shantilal	
<b>Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)</b>	Trustee	
<b>Date</b>	07/12/2021	



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Signed:

Date:

08/12/2021

Name:

Chaweevan Williams

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body :

Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

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