



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 April 2020	To	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
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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 (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 may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	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 the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda. With a focus on spiritual and non-spiritual seekers, the association in the UK aims to:

- Promote and deliver fairs, teachings and workshops on ancient meditation techniques such as Atma Kriya Yoga, Simply Meditation, OM Chanting, Project Mantra 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
- Promoting Hindu traditions and activities.
- Developing a better understanding to people about the meaning of ancient Hindu scriptures.

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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In light of the national lockdown brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic, Bhakti Marga hosted largely online activities during the period from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.21.

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

- Kirtan concerts via Facebook

Rituals

- Regular Sanskrit chanting courses
- Daily Sanskrit chanting
- Puja and abhishek courses

Yoga & Meditation

- Mantra Meditation Sessions
- Weekly Atma Kriya Yoga Practice sessions

Other

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

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

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Sonam Shantilal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

07/12/2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bhakti Marga UK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2021

**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 31/03/2021.

**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:

08/12/2021

Name:

Chaweevan Williams

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

Chartered Certified Accountants

Address:

Verdant Accountants Limited

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