



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	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
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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. 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:

- 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

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

- Kirtan concerts via Facebook

Rituals

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

Yoga & Meditation

- Mantra Meditation Sessions
- Weekly Atma Kriya Yoga Practice sessions
- Atma Kriya Yoga Courses
- OM Chanting sessions

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

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Sonam Shantilal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

05/01/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK

1176788

Receipts and payments accounts

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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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	74,131	-	-	74,131	27,073
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loans received from external funder	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
Total receipts	84,131	-	-	84,131	27,073
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	68,043	-	-	68,043	9,784
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	13,245	-	-	13,245	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,245	-	-	13,245	-
Total payments	81,289	-	-	81,289	9,784

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

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	48,667	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	48,667	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Unrestricted	13,245	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	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

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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 31/03/2022.

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:

- 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:

06/01/2023

Name:

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

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