



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2022		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

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	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)	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- 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

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 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 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

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)

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.

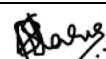
Section F Other optional information

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

30/10/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK

1176788

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

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
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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	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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	76,638	-	-	76,638	74,131
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loans received from external funder	-	-	-	-	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	10,000
Total receipts	76,638	-	-	76,638	84,131
A3 Payments					
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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	70,728	-	-	70,728	68,043
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	4,615	-	-	4,615	13,245
Loans repaid to an external funder	10,000	-	-	10,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,615	-	-	14,615	13,245
Total payments	85,343	-	-	85,343	81,289

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

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	<div>Cash at bank</div> <div>Petty Cash</div> <div>Total cash funds</div> <div>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</div>	<div>39,211</div> <div>750</div> <div>-</div> <div>39,961</div> <div>OK</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>OK</div>	<div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>-</div> <div>OK</div>
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment	Unrestricted	17,861	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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:

- 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: 30/10/2023

Name:

Chaweevan Williams FCCA

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body:

Chartered Certified Accountant

Address:

Verdant Accountants Limited

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