



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bhakti Marga UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1176788

Charity's principal address

11 Lyndon Avenue

Pinner

Postcode

HA5 4QF

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)	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)

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 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 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. 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. 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:

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:

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:

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.

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

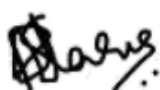
Section G

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

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

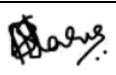
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Section A Receipts and payments

	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	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	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	57,705	-	-	57,705	76,638
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Loans received from external funder	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	57,705	-	-	57,705	76,638
A3 Payments					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	23,956	-	-	23,956	70,728
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	743	-	-	743	4,615
Loans repaid to an external funder	-	-	-	-	10,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	743	-	-	743	14,615
Total payments	24,698	-	-	24,698	85,343

Net of receipts/(payments)	33,007	-	-	33,007	- 8,706
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	39,961	-	-	39,961	48,667
Cash funds this year end	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 £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	72,021	-	-
	Petty Cash	947	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	72,968	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
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	18,145	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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	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

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