



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 03.10.2020
To 02.10.2021

Period start date
Period end date

Charity name: Triratna East Kent Buddhist Group

Charity registration number: 1188543

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purpose of the charity is to support the advancement of the Buddhist religion, in particular by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Teaching members of the public the Buddhist practices of mindfulness and meditation.2. Promoting and teaching Buddhist ethical values, thereby enabling people to live more healthy and harmonious lives.3. Enhancing the understanding and practice of spirituality* in our local community, in particular by co-operating with other organisations delivering similar benefits. (*spirituality being understood as pertaining to life's meaning and purpose.)4. Supporting ordained members of the Triratna Buddhist Community and others (at the discretion of the charity), who are working to actively promote the above values and practices.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>We have carried out the following activities during the year to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit.</p> <p>Held services of worship and devotion both in person and when that was not possible, via zoom.</p> <p>Organised lectures, courses, classes and retreats, both in person and when that was not possible, via zoom.</p>

		<p>Maintained contact and provided information and resources primarily online, for example via regular emails and Facebook and Instagram.</p> <p>Raised funds and invited and received contributions.</p> <p>Supported individuals to attend learning events and retreats, both online and in person.</p> <p>Established and maintained connections with the local community.</p> <p>Continued to encourage and support people to practise mindfulness and meditation, with all their psychological and spiritual benefits.</p> <p>All our activities are designed to encourage individuals to lead more ethical purposeful, friendly and compassionate lives; to deepen their understanding and practice of Buddhism through study, friendship and events, and through working with others for the benefit of the local community and environment. Most of our events are offered on a donation basis and, where there is a charge, we have a bursary available to help those in need of support.</p> <p>No Order members are currently receiving ongoing support.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We have carried out the charity's activities with regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>A new vision for our sangha was established during the year. After consultation with the whole sangha, two principle aims were recognised: to attract a younger and more diverse membership; and to have a greater community presence. A 'Vision Team' have been taking these aims forward with further consultation with sangha members and the establishment of a larger team to develop different areas, including social media, newcomers' courses and classes, website design and publicity. The trustees receive minutes of the Vision Team meetings. There is energy and enthusiasm in the sangha for our vision, and also connection with the wider Triratna Community to share ideas and experience.</p> <p>We continued using zoom for much of the year for our sangha events. A positive outcome of this was the inclusion of people from a wider geographical area, and others who find it difficult to attend in-person events for various reasons. Newcomers have been able to find us on zoom and connect with our teaching and practice events.</p> <p>Zoom continues to enable connections with the wider Triratna community in the UK and internationally. Many sangha members have taken part in online retreats, classes and other events with hundreds of others from our worldwide community.</p> <p>Once we were able to meet in person, we alternated weekly in-person and online Sangha evenings to cater for all preferences and abilities, and both were well attended. We have also held other in-person events, including a Mitra Ceremony.</p>

		<p>We continued to be able to invite high profile visiting speakers from other parts of the UK and abroad to lead events on zoom.</p> <p>Our weekday online lunchtime drop-in sessions were discontinued during the year, and an online Saturday morning meditation and Buddhism class aimed for newcomers and regulars, took place for several months. This attracted several newcomers who continued to attend our regular sangha events.</p> <p>Regular study groups continued throughout the year. A first-year study group was completed in the summer, and most participants continued to a second year. Three people from this study group became mitras (friends of the community) during the year.</p> <p>Our annual Buddhist Action Month event took place in June. The theme was "Speaking up in a Troubled World". Sangha members made personal pledges in line with environmental concerns and Buddhist ethical values. We made connections with local environmental groups for activities during the month, including Deal with It and East Kent Climate Action. These connections continued, offering the advantages of shared understanding, ethical values and practice, a sharing of resources, networking, and a greater presence in the community. During the month we held a very successful and inspiring fund-raising event for the Indian Sangha, connecting with them via zoom for talks and discussions. We fundraised £3,000 and sent it via Future Dharma Fund for the Indian sangha.</p> <p>Triratna Order members have been supported as necessary to attend events and retreats. Two members of our sangha were ordained; one preceptor was supported financially to attend the Ordination retreat.</p>
--	--	--

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
-------------------------------------	-----------	--

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>Our finances have been healthy throughout the year. We have received regular standing orders from sangha members, one off donations for specific events and also a legacy of £166,000 from a sangha member. £85,000 of this was paid into our savings account in June, and £81,000 remained with the Executors awaiting the opening of another bank account.</p> <p>Our outgoings have included donations to visiting speakers, Triratna retreat centres, groups and organisations; charitable payments; one off payments such as web page, zoom and insurance; and bank charges. All donations are approved by the Trustees. It was agreed to send a 'thank you' email to sangha members noting to whom we have donated during the year.</p> <p>The bursary is not often used. It is offered to sangha members to go on retreat to Triratna centres when the retreat is on a payment basis, and also for travel costs. It is not used for dana requests.</p>
Statement explaining the	Para 1.22	We hold a reserve of unspent income

policy for holding reserves stating why they are held		<p>from a legacy of unrestricted funds received during the year. We intend to use this as deposit for the purchase or for rental of a centre for our charity activities. This could not be met from other income.</p> <p>A centre will further the objects of our CIO to support the advancement of the Buddhist religion, help us be more visible in the community and attract a more diverse and younger age group.</p> <p>We will spend our reserves after researching the property market and opportunities for growth in our activities.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We hold a reserve of unspent income with a target range of £155,000 - £163,000. This is from a legacy of unrestricted funds received during the year. The reserves are deposited in bank accounts earning interest.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

--	--	--

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The members of the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee. The maximum number of trustees is 12.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	TEKBG is part of a worldwide network of Triratna Buddhist Centres, Groups and practitioners - the Triratna Buddhist Community - all sharing the same aims and objectives. This provides us with both support and access to retreat centres, study materials, teachers, other centres and other Buddhist practitioners with whom we can share and discuss our plans and vision.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Triratna East Kent Buddhist Group
Other name the charity	Deal Buddhist Group

uses	
Registered charity number	1188543
Charity's principal address	13 Herschell Square Deal, Kent CT14 7SH

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	Madeline Borland	Chair Trustee	3.10.20 - 14.9.21 For whole year.	
2	Graham John Patterson	Safeguarding Officer		
3	Philippa Kelsall	Group Treasurer	3.10.20 - 1.7.21	
4	Carolyn Edwards		3.10.20 - 1.7.21	
5	Geraldine Moon	Group Secretary		
6	Richard Gifford			
7	Janice John	Group Treasurer Trustee	1.7.21 - 2.10.21 For whole year	
8	Marilyn Ann Williams	Chair Trustee	15.9.21 - 2.10.21 For whole year	
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Corporate trustees - names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

--

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)

--	--

Full name(s)

--	--

**Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)**

--	--

Date

--



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
--------------	-------------

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/3/2020	To	Period end date 10/2/2021
---------------------	--------------------------------	----	------------------------------

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 £
A1 Receipts				
Regular standing orders	3,765	-	-	3,765
Sangha retreats	180	-	-	180
Sangha evenings and days	2,161	-	-	2,161
Study classes	410	-	-	410
Women's/men's events	262	-	-	262
Legacy	85,000	-	-	85,000
Interest	15	-	-	15
Other courses, classes, miscellaneous	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	91,793	-	-	91,793
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	91,793	-	-	91,793
A3 Payments				
Premises fees	-	-	-	-
Retreat venue fees	-	-	-	-
Travel and accommodation expenses	-	-	-	-
Purchases for events/sangha	149	-	-	149
Refunds	-	-	-	-
Regular costs - insurance, zoom, etc	444	-	-	444
Donations to other Triratna charities	4,661	-	-	4,661
Support for Ordination/mitra convenors etc	546	-	-	546
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	5,800	-	-	5,800
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	5,800	-	-	5,800
Net of receipts/(payments)	85,993	-	-	85,993
A5 Transfers between funds		-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	8,559	-	-	8,559
Cash funds this year end	94,552	-	-	94,552

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current account	6,884	-
	Savings account	87,668	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	94,552	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	

CC16a



**Last year
to the nearest £**

2,650
308
1,478
96
187
-
13
1,031
5,763

-
-

5,763

864
275
227
284
50
1,008
310
1,134
-
4,152

-

4,152

1,610
-
6,949
8,559



**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-

OK

**Endowment
funds**

to nearest £

-
-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-

**Current value
(optional)**

-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-

**When due
(optional)**

**Date of
approval**



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	Tritonia East Kent Buddhist Group		
On accounts for the year ended	2.10.2021	Charity no (if any)	1188543
Set out on pages			

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:	B. Ransom	Date:	27.6.2022
Name:	MRS BRIDGET RANSOM		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	MICB		
Address:	70 ST. LEONARDS ROAD		
	DEAL KENT		
	CT14 9AY		