



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.12.2022 To 30.11.2023

Charity name: London Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity registration number: 1192854

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of the Buddhist religion for the public benefit in such ways as the trustees may from time to time decide.
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	In furtherance of the above object but not otherwise, the trustees shall carry out proper and effectual administration and management of the London Buddhist Vihara which is conducting various programs for the benefit of the public and working with other charities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission 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	The charity has conducted programs, lectures and classes on Buddhism, meditation, mindfulness etc. that benefited many people. Some beneficiaries are regular attendees and the others follow the programs conducted online. There is also a Sunday School for children. It is a Place of Worship where people also benefit from discussing their issues with the monks and among themselves. It also facilitates visits from schools in connection with the curriculum. LBV is a founder member of the Interfaith Network of UK actively participating in events for the benefit of the society we live in.

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	The charity managed to meet the expenses comfortably and carry forward a surplus.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As the charity is dependent on donations, it is important to hold some reserves to ensure that it can continue to meet the expenses at difficult times.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£100,000
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	No such uncertainty

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	Donations by supporters
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:		The London Buddhist Vihara Trust was created to manage the London Buddhist Vihara which is a Place of Worship that conducts programs for the benefit of the public.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated trust
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	Trustees are selected based on merit and their commitment to act in the best interest of the LBV without any conflict of interest. They must be UK citizens. The LBV Trust has the sole authority to appoint new trustees, reappoint existing trustees and to remove them.

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	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	London Buddhist Vihara Trust
Other name the charity uses	LBV and/or LBV Trust
Registered charity number	1192854
Charity's principal address	The Avenue Chiswick London W4 1UD

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	Mr Gamini Amarasekera	Chair		LBV Trust
2	Mr Sudanta Abeyakoon		01.12.2022 to 03.11.2023	LBV Trust
3	Dr Lakdasa Hemachandra Panagoda	Contact		LBV Trust
4	Mr Wewage Leslie Patrick Dep			LBV Trust
5	Dr Nihal Anurakumar Weerasena		01.12.2022 to 03.11.2023	LBV Trust
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Corporate trustees' names at the date the report was approved		
Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

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)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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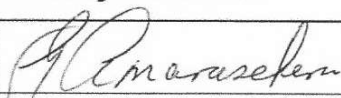
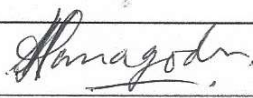
Other optional information

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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)	Gamini Amarasekera	Dr Lakdasa Panagoda
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Contact

Date 22.08.2024

Charity number: 1192854

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023

Prepared By:

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LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023**

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST (LBV TRUST)

REGISTERED OFFICE

DHARMAPALA BUILDING
THE AVENUE
BEDFORD PK,
CHISWICK, LONDON
W4 1UD

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ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023

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LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023**

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST (LBV TRUST)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 30 November 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report:

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the LBV are not required to be audited and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that:

1. the accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by the Charities Act 2011; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of under the Charities Act 2011 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income did not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ICAEW.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to an audit under the Charities Act 2011 and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with the Charities Act 2011; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Salim Haji

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Date : 25th July 2024

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 30/11/2023

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Income from generated funds				
Donations and legacies	197,884	-	197,884	98,573
Total Income and endowments	197,884	-	197,884	98,573
Expenses				
Costs of generating funds				
Expenditure on Raised funds	4,840	-	4,840	4,517
Expenditure on Charitable activities	70,394	-	70,394	85,351
Total Expenses	75,234	-	75,234	89,868
Net Income	122,650	-	122,650	8,705
Net movement in funds:				
Net income for the year				
Total funds brought forward	122,650	-	122,650	8,705
Net funds carried forward	94,716	-	94,716	86,011
	217,366	-	217,366	94,716

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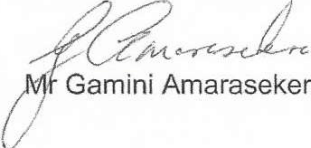
BALANCE SHEET AT 30/11/2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors (amounts falling due within one year)	234	234	
Cash at bank and in hand	317,881	195,501	
	318,115	195,735	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	(925)	(1,195)	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		317,190	194,540
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		317,190	194,540
NET ASSETS			
		317,190	194,540
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted funds			
	1		
Balance brought forward		194,540	185,835
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		122,650	8,705
		317,190	194,540

The London Buddhist Vihara trust acknowledges its responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charities.

Approved by the LBV Trust on 29/07/2024 and signed on their behalf by


Mr Gamini Amarasekera

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/11/2023

1. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	Brought forward	Incoming resources	Outgoing resources	Transfers	Carried forward
	£	£	£	£	£
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year	-	197,884	(75,234)	-	122,650
Balance brought forward	<u>194,540</u>	-	-	-	<u>194,540</u>
	<u>194,540</u>	<u>197,884</u>	<u>(75,234)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>317,190</u>

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

	2023	2022
	£	£
Incoming resources	197,884	98,573
Incoming resources from generated funds	<u>197,884</u>	<u>98,573</u>

LONDON BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

Expenses
for the year ended 30/11/2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Expenses		
Costs of generating funds		
Costs Of Generating Voluntary Income		
Festival expenses	4,840	4,517
	<u>4,840</u>	<u>4,517</u>
	<u>4,840</u>	<u>4,517</u>
Charitable Activities		
Health and safety	203	224
Water and council tax	1,800	1,655
Insurance	4,628	4,729
Heat and light	11,434	9,179
Cleaning	1,175	5,345
Building expenses	6,548	37,081
School Hire - Course & Exam fees	-	-
Accountancy fees	925	900
Postage	1,118	739
Stationery & office supplies	-	-
Telephone	3,606	2,269
Furniture and Equipments	1,034	1,319
Subscriptions	628	20
Monks' welfare	8,520	8,257
Bank charges	351	645
Administration	12,974	7,179
Bank overdraft charges	-	-
Motor & Travelling	1,746	1,180
Sundry expenses	13,704	4,630
	<u>70,394</u>	<u>85,351</u>
	<u>75,234</u>	<u>89,868</u>

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