

# YAMANTAKA

England & Wales - Charity number 1201071

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-11-18

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE AND SUPPORT THE PRACTICE OF THE ANCIENT MAHAYANA BUDDHIST TRADITION OF YAMANTAKA ACROSS THE WORLD FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT THROUGH: \* THE PRODUCTION, PUBLICATION AND FREE DISTRIBUTION OF WEBSITES AND LITERATURE (INCLUDING LITERATURE SUITABLE FOR SCHOOLS) ON THE TRADITION, HISTORY AND PRACTICE OF YAMANTAKA BUDDHISM;\* THE HOLDING OF MEETINGS, LECTURES, INITIATIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS CONCERNING YAMANTAKA, SUPPORTING QUALIFIED PERSONS IN THEIR TEACHING AND PRACTICE OF YAMANTAKA BUDDHISM;\* THE PROVISION AND MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS AS SACRED SPACES TO BE USED FOR RELIGIOUS PRACTICE, MEETINGS, LECTURES, INITIATIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC EVENTS CONCERNING YAMANTAKA BUDDHISM.

**Activities:** To advance and support the practice of the ancient Mahayana Buddhist tradition of Yamantaka across the world, mainly through production, publication and free distribution of websites and literature on Yamantaka Buddhism; holding various public events concerning Yamantaka Buddhism; and supporting qualified persons in their teaching and practice of Yamantaka Buddhism.

## Classification

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- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Human Rights/religious Or Racial Harmony/equality Or Diversity
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-01-01 |        | £2,771      | £206   | -         |
| 2024-01-01 |        | £567        | £98    | -         |

## Trustees

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| Name                         | Role  | Appointed  |
|------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Jhampa Mark Russell Shaneman | Chair | 2022-11-29 |
| ANDREW KENNETH MORGANS       |       | 2022-11-29 |
| BENEDICT JAMES GRIFFIN       |       | 2022-11-29 |
| EMMA LOUISE DAVEY            |       | 2022-11-29 |
| Timothy Charles Brim         |       | 2022-11-29 |

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/01/2024 to 01/01/2025

Charity name: Yamantaka

Charity registration number: 1201071

## Objectives and Activities

### Sorp Reference 1.17

#### Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document

Our purpose is to advance and support the practice of the ancient Mahayana Buddhist tradition of Yamantaka across the world for the benefit of the public through:

- the production, publication and free distribution of websites and literature (including literature suitable for schools) on the tradition, history and practice of Yamantaka Buddhism
- the holding of meetings, lectures, initiations, and other public events concerning Yamantaka, supporting qualified persons in their teaching and practice of Yamantaka Buddhism
- the provision and maintenance of buildings and grounds as sacred spaces to be used for religious practice, meetings, lectures, initiations, and other public events concerning Yamantaka Buddhism

### Sorp Reference Para 1.17 and 1.19

#### 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.

At the present time, the charity's work is focused on the first of its stated objectives, primarily through hosting and maintaining a community website. The latter two objectives are not currently active, reflecting the charity's small scale and resources, but the trustees remain open to opportunities to pursue them in the future should capacity and circumstances allow.

Therefore, the charity's primary activity has been to host and maintain a community website that provides information, support, and a forum for practitioners. This also benefits the wider public by offering guidance and instruction about the religion. During the year the trustees have focused on enhancing and improving the website, and on developing supporting resources and advice. Links and encouragement for

donations have been provided on the website, with the charitable purposes clearly identified in accordance with the governing document.

#### Sorp Reference Para 1.18

### **Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in planning and carrying out the charity's activities. In doing so, the trustees have also remained faithful to the charity's religious vows, recognising the act of giving as essential to our practice.

#### Sorp Reference Para 1.38

### **Our policy on grant making**

While we have no formal policy on grant making, we are currently not raising funds with the purpose of giving grants, and we have no plans to give grants in the coming year.

#### Sorp Reference Para 1.38

### **Our volunteers**

We cannot continue to function without the kind assistance of volunteers. Several people have donated their time and skills to this charity, and we are always interested in hearing from anyone who is willing to donate their precious time to us.

#### Sorp Reference Para 1.20

### **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**

The charity's website continues to serve as a valuable resource for practitioners worldwide, supporting both those new to the tradition and those with long-standing experience. During the year, the trustees successfully engaged with other foundations, institutions, and private individuals, who have expressed willingness for the charity to host prayers, translations, and other materials relevant to the spiritual path. The response from the community—both the general public and those within the tradition—has been consistently positive, reflecting the benefit and support provided through the charity's work. In addition, by making these resources openly available, the charity contributes to wider public understanding of the tradition, fosters interfaith awareness, and helps to preserve cultural and spiritual heritage for the benefit of society as a whole.

## **Financial Review**

#### Sorp Reference Para 1.21

### **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

At the end of the 2024, our GBP assets were £2675 at the end of the financial year, with an income of £2304 donations, and an expenditure of £96.

### Sorp Reference Para 1.21, 1.22

## Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held and amount of reserves held

At year end the charity held £2,675, all of which is unrestricted and available for the charity's purposes. The trustees expect that this will primarily be used to cover essential running costs such as web-hosting and domain registration. We do not consider this to be a significant reserve in absolute terms. Given our low annual expenditure and low risk profile, we believe it is prudent to maintain reserves equivalent to approximately 3–5 years' expected expenditure (around £1,500–£2,500). This provides an appropriate margin of security for a charity of this size.

At present, our reserves of £2,675 are slightly above the 3–5 year target range (£1,500–£2,500). The trustees are satisfied this modest surplus is proportionate and will naturally be drawn down through regular expenditure.

### Sorp Reference Para 1.25

## Structure, Governance and Management

Our type of governing document is a "FOUNDATION" MODEL CONSTITUTION

We are a **CIO**: A Charitable Incorporated Organisation

## Reference and Administrative details

|                             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name                | Yamantaka                              |
| Other name the charity uses | -                                      |
| Registered charity number   | <b>1201071</b>                         |
| Charity's principal address | 158 Carlingford Road<br>London N15 3EU |

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

There were no changes to the trustees this year

| Trustee name    | Office (if any) |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Tim Brim        | Secretary       |
| Emma Davey      |                 |
| Ben Griffin     | Treasurer       |
| Andrew Morgans  |                 |
| Jhampa Shaneman | Chair           |

## **Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

**Signature**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B.J. Griffin', written over a horizontal line.

**Full name:** Benedict James Griffin

**Position:** Treasurer

**Date:** 23rd September 2025

### Yamantaka Receipts 2024

| Receipts        | Currency    | GBP Equiv      |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Brought Forward |             | <b>£467.00</b> |
| US Donation     | US\$2699.39 | £2051.26       |
| Donations US\$  | US\$140.00  | £101.12        |
| Donations €     | €128.00     | £101.26        |
| Donations £     |             | £50.00         |

### Yamantaka Payments 2024

| Payments        | GBP Equiv    |
|-----------------|--------------|
| Brought Forward | <b>£0.00</b> |
| Hosting         | £91.20       |
| Domains         | £5.00        |
| Fees            | £110.00      |

### Yamantaka Balance 2024

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Total Receipts</b>  | <b>£2770.64</b> |
| <b>Total Payments</b>  | <b>£206.20</b>  |
| <b>Carried Forward</b> | <b>£2564.44</b> |

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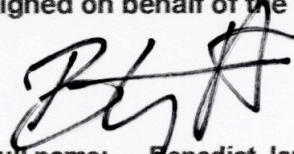
### Statement of Assets and Liabilities 2024

At 01 January 2025 the charity held £2,674.44 in unrestricted cash at bank. The charity had no other assets and no liabilities.

### Declaration

The treasurer declares that this receipts and payments account is a true and fair summary of the charity's financial activities for the year ended 1st January 2025, and confirms that it has been approved by the trustees.

Signed on behalf of the trustees



Full name: **Benedict James Griffin**

Position: **Treasurer**

Date: **23rd September 2025**

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The charity inherits a community website providing information, support, and a forum to enable, empower, and benefit the community of practitioners, as well as to offer guidance and instruction to the public about the religion.

Our plan this year has been to transfer assets and responsibilities from this website, as well as to establish the organisation. We have also registered ourselves as a charity with Paypal and will continue to identify both fund-raising and charitable opportunities.

### Sorp Reference Para 1.18

## **Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit**

Having been given sage advice during the accreditation of the charity, we continue to deliver our activities both in line with the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and also in line with our vows. We consider the act of giving to be essential to our religious practice.

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## **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**

We have accomplished quite a lot! The website now features over 100GB of documents, videos, and other resources to it's members, as well as 10GB of resources to the general public and to those whose religious practices are in accordance with Yamantaka Buddhism. The website is now being hosted by a company who offers carbon neutrality, and therefore our carbon impact is very low indeed.

## **Financial Review**

### Sorp Reference Para 1.21

## **Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period**

At the end of the 2023, we were yet to fully transfer our USD assets to the charity, which took place in 2024. However, our GBP assets were £469 at the end of the financial year, with an income (through £100 of donations, and £467 GBP assets) of £567, and an expenditure of £98.

### Sorp Reference Para 1.21, 1.22

## **Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held and amount of reserves held**

While we stand at the end of the year £469 in the black, we do not consider that this represents a 'reserve'. As our expenditure is very low, we do not consider ourselves to be at risk.

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**Position:** Treasurer

**Date:** 23rd September 2024

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| GBP             | Income         | Category | Expenditure   |
|-----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|
| Brought Forward | £467.00        |          |               |
|                 |                | Hosting  | £23.00        |
| Donations       | £100.00        | DNS      | £75.00        |
| <b>Sum</b>      | <b>£567.00</b> |          | <b>£98.00</b> |
| Balance         | <b>£469.00</b> |          |               |
|                 |                |          |               |
| Carried Forward | <b>£469.00</b> |          |               |

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