

Report of the Trustees and
Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 July 2020
for
Life Eternal Trust (UK)

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for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

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Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

The directors of the trustee company present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2019. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

Life Eternal Trust (UK) - LET(UK) - began operating in 1985. The Charity's activities involve the dissemination of knowledge promoting spiritual health and wellbeing, and in particular the techniques of Sahaja Yoga meditation and the teachings of Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi.

Life Eternal Trust (UK) Limited, a company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales company number 06534285, is the sole trustee of Life Eternal Trust (UK). The Directors of the company are listed below and the Company Secretary is Stephen Martin.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The aims of the charity are as set out in the trust deed and centre on the dissemination of knowledge which promotes and actualises physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health, balance and well-being. This knowledge comprises in particular the techniques of Sahaja Yoga meditation and the teachings of Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, which constitute "Vishwa Nirmala Dharma" (Universal Pure Religion) - the synthesis and integration of the world's major religions. The charity promotes the idea and practice of "Sahaja Dharma" as a model for a tolerant and spiritually-centred way of life. The charity seeks to advance education throughout the world and fosters the understanding and practice of music, arts and crafts from different cultures.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Significant activities

It has always been one of the Charity's core activities to provide regular free classes in Sahaja Yoga techniques and the teachings of Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi. The classes are usually offered to the general public in community premises, across London and throughout the UK, and hosted by established practitioners of Sahaja Yoga (acting as unpaid volunteers). Owing to Covid-19 restrictions in the past year, such physical meetings have not been possible and the Charity's volunteers have developed a comprehensive substitute programme of online classes.

Although online classes lack the face-to-face interaction which is so important in welcoming new practitioners and sharing with them the techniques and benefits of Sahaja Yoga meditation, the Charity's volunteers have successfully adapted their individual techniques to enable virtual classes to provide a worthwhile temporary replacement for in-person meetings. One incidental benefit of online classes, compared with physical "local" meetings, is the absence of geographical constraint on those who can attend. Increasingly in recent years the Charity has used online methods to advertise Sahaja Yoga meetings and to establish and maintain contact with people interested in Sahaja Yoga, and the techniques learned have been put to good use in managing the new type of online classes.

Owing to Covid-19 restrictions it has been necessary for the Charity to suspend its programme of regular and repeat attendance at exhibitions and festivals. Organisers of these events welcome the Charity's participation, providing as it does the beneficial effects of Sahaja Yoga meditation for their show visitors, and have given the Charity favourable terms to carry bookings forward to future events.

A two-week programme of advertising on London buses was arranged for May 2020. However, following concerns over lack of buses and foot traffic on London streets at that time, and after considerable discussion with London Transport and their agents, the advertising was re-scheduled for August 2020, with the special terms negotiated earlier being maintained.

The Charity has secured, for the ninth consecutive year, a "Google Adwords" grant for publicising the Charity's meditation meetings. The value of the grant is \$120,000.

The certificate of lawfulness obtained for the Charity's use of its property at Bloxham Barn Farm will, in due course, enable the Charity to carry out a wider range of its activities at the premises. Comprehensive building improvements have been planned, designed and costed, and contractors started work on site in late 2020. The Charity decided that the improvements should be managed in phases and funded by donations raised specifically for the purpose, and this income already covers the majority of the works, without significant impact on the Charity's other income.

The Charity's property in Cantalupo Ligure, Italy, acquired in June 2014, continues to be available for meditation and cultural events, in furtherance of the aims of the Charity. Use of the venue, and associated donation income, has been much reduced owing to Covid-19 restrictions. Any shortfall after meeting maintenance and other running costs is covered by a substantial restricted reserve fund held by the Charity. The local volunteer manager of the Centre reports regularly to the Charity.

The Charity has continued to provide funds for international education projects run by sister organisations in Italy and the Czech Republic, and financial support was given to the spreading of Sahaja Yoga internationally.

The Charity's collaboration with the international Inner Peace programme, reported in previous years, has been discontinued. It had been a minor part of the Charity's overall activity.

The Charity continues to take the necessary steps to fulfil its obligations under the General Data Protection Regulation.

Volunteers

The charity relies solely on volunteers for its administration and its charitable work and has no paid employees.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Voluntary donation income from Sahaja Yoga practitioners, much of it as regular monthly standing orders, is used to provide the equipment and facilities necessary for Sahaja Yoga meetings and functions in the UK, and to give financial support to international activities as noted elsewhere in this report.

Charitable purposes and public benefit

The directors of Life Eternal Trust (UK) Ltd have considered the requirements of the Charity Commission in relation to charitable purposes and public benefit, and are fully satisfied that the charity meets those requirements.

Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal Funding Sources

It is a key tenet of the Charity that the knowledge and experience of Sahaja Yoga is always provided completely free of charge. Activities are financed by voluntary donations from Sahaja Yoga practitioners as the Charity does not raise donations from the general public.

Reserves policy

At 31 July 2020 reserves totalled £1,920,025 (2019 - £1,838,696), of which £726,129 is restricted. Unrestricted reserves of £1,193,896 are to be used in line with the aims of the Charity as set down in the trust deed.

Review of the year

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £290,618 (2019 - £339,131). During the year, direct charitable expenditure was £209,289 (2019 - £302,040).

Net incoming resources for the year amounted to £81,329 (2019- £37,091). There is an accumulated balance on unrestricted funds of £1,193,896 as at 31 July 2020 (2019 - £1,171,932) and restricted funds totalled £726,129 (2019 - £666,764).

FUTURE PLANS

The charity continues to have two main areas of focus. It will continue to spread the knowledge of Sahaja Yoga meditation, promoting spiritual health and wellbeing for all, through public meetings and events. Of necessity, during a period of restrictions on social gatherings, greater emphasis will be given to online classes. Furthermore, the charity will provide the means for Sahaja Yoga practitioners to deepen their spiritual development through participation in cultural activities.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is administered under a Trust deed dated 28 May 1985 as amended by further deeds dated 18 May 2000 and 29 February 2008. Life Eternal Trust (UK) is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, number 292011.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The directors of Life Eternal Trust (UK) Limited bring their own personal and professional skills to bear when acting as trustees of the charity. They identify the mix of skills, knowledge and experience necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the charity and ensure that all needs are met, calling on external professional help as appropriate.

Organisational structure

During the financial year reported on herein, the directors of Life Eternal Trust (UK) Ltd were responsible for setting strategies and policies for the Charity and for ensuring that these are implemented. The directors meet on a regular basis to review the work of the Charity and to deal with its detailed financial and administrative affairs. Meetings are in-person whenever possible, but, under Covid-19 restrictions, have of necessity been online. The directors of Life Eternal Trust (UK) Ltd have appointed a number of working groups to deal with the various areas of the Charity's activity such as publicity, education, social affairs, property, finance, and so on. Each working group includes at least one director of

Induction and training of trustees

Directors of the trustee company who have held office for many years take care to share the knowledge they have acquired. Advice from the charity's advisers is fully reported to all trustee company directors, in particular the risk assessment procedures recommended by the charity's insurance broker. The trustee directors recognise the need to assess whether any training might be required in order to improve the way they manage the charity.

Wider network

The charity cooperates with organisations in other countries having the same aims and objectives. In particular, the charity supports the Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Sahaja Yoga World Foundation based in Cabella Ligure, Italy, and Nirmal Intellectual Property Corporation in the USA which is responsible for the preservation and distribution of the recorded teachings of Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

292011

Principal address

14 Essex Road
Enfield
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Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

Trustees

Directors of the trustee company

Alison Bauzys (appointed 12.02.2020)
Sheng-Chia Chung
John James Glover
Geoffrey Godfrey
Victoria Raie Halperin
Raymond Philip Harris
Alan Henderson
Stephen James Martin
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 25th May 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

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Stephen James Martin - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Life Eternal Trust (UK)

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Life Eternal Trust (UK) (the Trust) for the year ended 31 July 2020.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of _ which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 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.

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.

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Date:

Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.7.20 Total funds £	31.7.19 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		188,545	100,188	288,733	338,942
Other income		1,885	-	1,885	189
Total		190,430	100,188	290,618	339,131
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Events and meetings		106,347	-	106,347	145,943
National Centre - Bloxham Barn Farm		62,319	12,708	75,027	59,771
Sheffield Centre		(200)	-	(200)	9,909
Italian Centre		-	28,115	28,115	86,417
Total		168,466	40,823	209,289	302,040
NET INCOME		21,964	59,365	81,329	37,091
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		1,171,932	666,764	1,838,696	1,801,605
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,193,896	726,129	1,920,025	1,838,696

The notes form part of these financial statements

Life Eternal Trust (UK)

Balance Sheet

31 July 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	31.7.20 Total funds £	31.7.19 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	4	1,514,029	631,398	2,145,427	2,137,011
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	5	62,690	-	62,690	50,694
Cash at bank		110,736	94,731	205,467	169,338
		<u>173,426</u>	<u>94,731</u>	<u>268,157</u>	<u>220,032</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	6	(89,733)	-	(89,733)	(99,564)
		<u>83,693</u>	<u>94,731</u>	<u>178,424</u>	<u>120,468</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>83,693</u>	<u>94,731</u>	<u>178,424</u>	<u>120,468</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,597,722	726,129	2,323,851	2,257,479
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	7	(403,826)	-	(403,826)	(418,783)
		<u>1,193,896</u>	<u>726,129</u>	<u>1,920,025</u>	<u>1,838,696</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>1,193,896</u>	<u>726,129</u>	<u>1,920,025</u>	<u>1,838,696</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				1,193,896	1,171,932
Restricted funds				726,129	666,764
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>1,920,025</u>	<u>1,838,696</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 25th May 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Dr Sarah Loveday Setchell - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

Basis of preparing the financial statements

Income

Expenditure

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Tangible fixed assets

Fixtures and fittings - 25% on cost

Freehold buildings are not depreciated as the directors believe that the estimated residual value is not materially different to the carrying value of the buildings. The directors claim exemption under the SORP from the requirement that these assets are subject to an annual impairment review, but will carry out such a review when there is some indication that the recoverable amount of the asset falls below its net book value. Land is not depreciated.

Taxation

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Financial instruments

The company only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments, which are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 July 2020

2. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 July 2020 nor for the year ended 31 July 2019.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 July 2020 nor for the year ended 31 July 2019

3. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	247,049	91,893	338,942
Other income	189	-	189
Total	247,238	91,893	339,131
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Events and meetings	145,943	-	145,943
National Centre - Bloxham Barn Farm	54,295	5,476	59,771
Sheffield Centre	9,909	-	9,909
Italian Centre	-	86,417	86,417
Total	210,147	91,893	302,040
NET INCOME	37,091	-	37,091
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	1,134,841	666,764	1,801,605
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	1,171,932	666,764	1,838,696

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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4. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 August 2019	2,345,693	16,612	2,362,305
Additions	-	12,143	12,143
Disposals	-	(9,390)	(9,390)
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At 31 July 2020	2,345,693	19,365	2,365,058
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DEPRECIATION			
At 1 August 2019	214,000	11,294	225,294
Charge for year	-	3,727	3,727
Eliminated on disposal	-	(9,390)	(9,390)
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At 31 July 2020	214,000	5,631	219,631
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NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 July 2020	2,131,693	13,734	2,145,427
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At 31 July 2019	2,131,693	5,318	2,137,011
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The last independent professional valuation of the property was carried out in March 2010 and was considered to be in the region of £1,600,000. The directors consider that in the light of improvement expenditure and current market conditions, the market value at the year end is not significantly different from net book value, and there are no indications of further impairment.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.20 £	31.7.19 £
Other debtors	62,690	50,694
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6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.7.20 £	31.7.19 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 8)	21,000	24,000
Trade creditors	23,459	21,774
Other creditors	45,274	53,790
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	89,733	99,564
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Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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7. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	31.7.20	31.7.19
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 8)	403,826	418,783

The mortgage is from National Westminster Bank plc for a term of 5 years and was re-negotiated in August 2018 and is being repaid on a capital and interest basis. To satisfy the Bank's requirements, some of the outbuildings had been excluded from the Bank's mortgage security and were held temporarily by a third party. The buy-back agreement that was in place has been executed and the property is now owned in its entirety by the charity.

8. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.7.20	31.7.19
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	21,000	24,000
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	403,826	418,783

9. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	31.7.20	31.7.19
	£	£
Bank loans	424,826	442,783

The mortgage from NatWest is secured by a legal charge over Bloxham Barn Farm dated 19 July 2010.

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.8.19	Net movement in funds	At 31.7.20
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,171,932	21,964	1,193,896
Restricted funds			
Farm mortgage and renovation initiatives	259,083	59,365	318,448
Italian Centre	407,681	-	407,681
	666,764	59,365	726,129
TOTAL FUNDS	1,838,696	81,329	1,920,025

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	190,430	(168,466)	21,964
Restricted funds			
Farm renovation initiative	72,073	(12,708)	59,365
Italian Centre	28,115	(28,115)	-
	<u>100,188</u>	<u>(40,823)</u>	<u>59,365</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>290,618</u>	<u>(209,289)</u>	<u>81,329</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.8.18 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.7.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	1,134,841	37,091	1,171,932
Restricted funds			
Farm mortgage initiative	259,083	-	259,083
Italian Centre	407,681	-	407,681
	<u>666,764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>666,764</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>1,801,605</u>	<u>37,091</u>	<u>1,838,696</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	247,238	(210,147)	37,091
Restricted funds			
Farm renovation initiative	5,476	(5,476)	-
Italian Centre	86,417	(86,417)	-
	<u>91,893</u>	<u>(91,893)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>339,131</u>	<u>(302,040)</u>	<u>37,091</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 July 2020 or 31 July 2019.

12. ULTIMATE CONTROLLING PARTY

The ultimate controlling party of the charity is the board of directors of the trustee company.