



## **DHARMACHAKRA ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Income for the period amounted to **£186,102**.

This represents a reduction of £16,766 against 2021 results, a decrease of around 8.2%.

Dharmachakra made a larger than budgeted loss in 2022. The trustees agreed to spend from reserves to meet the needs for a larger team and to help absorb the various financial shocks of the post-pandemic economy: lower donations, lower event income and the effects of UK sterling collapsing (post-Brexit and post-pandemic) in relation to the US dollar.

The trustees anticipate the larger team, re-focussed on event income generation, will help offset some of these effects in future years.

The build-up of an unclaimed backlog in Gift Aid income also impacted the final cash flow for this year. As did the resumption of international travel and associated costs.

### **PRINCIPLE FUNDING SOURCES**

Income includes **£98,000** in the form of grants over 12 months.

This represents only a slight reduction on the previous year.

As well as grants the principle funding for the charity was in the form of donations totalling **£76,076**.

The equivalent figure for 2021 was £90,529. This represents a significant reduction in donation income of around 16%.

We also derived income from client work, including web hosting. In 2022 this was worth **£12,026**.

The equivalent figure for 2021 was £12,960.

In response to reduced team capacity in relevant areas, Dharmachakra continued to take on less client work, particularly web development.

## **INVESTMENT POLICY**

Dharmachakra no longer operates an investment account.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees continue with their intention, where possible, to hold the recommended level of reserve for a charitable organization (at least three months' worth of expenditure). The amount held at the end of the year allows this intention to move towards implementation as policy going forward. Reserves, and the investment of portions of the reserve, will be regularly reviewed by the trustees, together with a general review of the financial position of the charity.

At the end of 2022, reserves stood at **£64,727** (a reduction of £11,305 on the previous year). This represents 5.5 months of expenditure.

## **LOANS**

There are no outstanding loans.

## **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The overall objective of Dharmachakra is the advancement of the Buddhist religion. In particular its aims are:

- To encourage members and others to live in accordance with the teachings of the Buddha.
- To publish literature and other material in furtherance of these aims.
- To support members of the Triratna Buddhist Order and other duly ordained Buddhists at the discretion of the council of the charity.
- In furtherance of the above purpose, but no further or otherwise, the charity shall maintain close communication with, and work under the guidance of, the Triratna Buddhist Order in cooperation with other groups with the same objects.

To achieve these aims the charity archives, and makes available for free download, both text and audio files of Buddhist teachings. It also runs a web publishing platform and social media spaces to further support connections within our community.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE 2022**

Like many businesses and charities operating in the UK, 2022 saw Dharmachakra buffeted by the strong effects of post-pandemic and post-Brexit economics. The team responded well to all challenges, including those resulting from personnel changes.

Our live events platform - established as an entirely new source of income driving increases to the team in both 2020 and 2021 - saw some shrinkage in terms of revenue. One bright aspect was that attendee numbers rose - no mean feat given the range of human activities restored to everyone post-pandemic and the huge competitive market for online events that has grown up. We think this bodes well for the future and Dharmachakra has become known for its range of events and their general excellence. We hope to capitalize on this in the next few years.

The other major development at the charity was the complete mobile-friendly redesign and relaunch of one of our two flagship websites, Free Buddhist Audio: [www.freebuddhistaudio.com](http://www.freebuddhistaudio.com). This third major iteration of the audio archive and community audio platform represented a milestone for both Dharmachakra and the wider Triratna community.

As a charity that places a lot of emphasis on the ethical principles of Buddhist 'Right Livelihood' we remain immensely grateful for the opportunity to offer meaningful work to others who feel connected to these same values, and to support many Buddhist teachers who offer their inspiration and wisdom to others online so generously and so consistently.

### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE (2023)**

As well as continuing to develop our events platform and expand the range of what's on offer, we also expect to complete the mobile-friendly redesign of our other major website, The Buddhist Centre Online ([www.thebuddhistcentre.com](http://www.thebuddhistcentre.com)). This ambitious project should give our community an integrated and modern platform that brings together all our sites and services with a shared design language and greatly improved ease of use. We will be absorbing into this new site many of the standalone spaces developed for use during the pandemic. Taken together this new version of The Buddhist Centre Online should represent the Triratna Buddhist Order and Community much more effectively online.

Our server project will continue to support more experienced webmasters in developing their own websites and social web spaces – and help less experienced situations maintain a secure, virus-free online environment when it comes to their presence online.

Financially, we will push on with our successful efforts to make Dharmachakra more financially independent in ways that would allow us to grow the team further and offer more value to our community and our funding partners. We look forward to another year of challenge and of *dana* (Sanskrit: 'generosity') as the most effective response.

### **TRUSTEES IN 2022**

David Creighton (Chair), Madeleine Cadwallender (Secretary), Bettye Pruitt, Tim Holden, Sean Boland, James Neidhart.

## Receipts and Payments Accounts January to December 2022

	2022	
	£	£
	<u>2022</u>	<u>FBA</u>
<u>Donations</u>		
PayPal	12,185	20,814
Standing Orders (Recurring)	38,684	3,729
Events Hosted	24,906	
Institutional donations during covid-19		157
Other Donations	300	1,757
Gift Aid Tax		0
	76,076	26,457
<u>Other Income</u>		
Web Hosting & Domain Names (Triratna Server)	7,026	
Other (Publishing Services)	0	503
	7,026	503
<u>Grants Received</u>		
ECA	0	
Future Dharma Fund	80,000	
Order Office	15,000	
Triratna Trust	3,000	
	98,000	0
<u>Client Work</u>		
LBC Development	0	
Order Office	5,000	
Other (Festival Day)	0	
	5,000	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>186,102</b>	<b>26,960</b>
<u>Administration</u>		
Accounting	1,762	2,025
Bank fees etc	2,334	1,050
Insurance	782	391
Telephone	248	
Office & Postage	142	36
Other	49	
	5,317	3,502

### General Costs

Computer & Software	-9	50
Depreciation	1,039	292
Domain Names (centre sites)	2,597	0
Social Media Manager	4,223	0
Consultancy - contractors to help with events etc	12,169	0
Travel expenses	5,429	
	25,449	342

### Website Costs

Order Office and Administrative support	15,230	0
Website Management & Content Promotion	38,451	4,350
Web Development (primary coding)	51,813	14,880
	105,494	19,230

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>136,259</b>	<b>23,074</b>
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<b>Cash Flow</b>	<b>49,842</b>	<b>3,886</b>
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### Grant Transfer

Paid to US	-61,146	-23,153
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<b>Adjusted Cash Flow</b>	<b>-11,304</b>	<b>-19,267</b>
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*Dharmachakra (UK) annual accounts to 31st December 2022*

### NOTES:

#### Note 1: Decrease in general donations to Dharmachakra

Overall, donations to Dharmachakra fell. There was an expected continued drop-off c  
The fall in donation income also reflects the cost of living crisis in the UK as some don

#### Note 2: Gift Aid receipt

The Gift Aid receipts for 2020 and 2021 donations) are expected to be received in 202

#### Note 3: Client work

In response to reduced team capacity in relevant areas, Dharmachakra continued to 1

#### Note 4: Financial administration

Accounting costs were temporarily reduced following the death of our colleague Lee  
Bank fees etc are made up of International transfers (via Wise) / Paypal fees / Stripe f

#### Note 5: General costs

Computer costs are evaluated for a capitalization threshold of £1,000, below which, t

When comparing computer & software costs from year to year, depreciation expense  
Many domain names renew on a two-year cycle, so this year there was an increase in

Note 6: Travel expenses

In 2022 Candradasa resumed some travel for work for the first time since the panden

Note 7: Team costs

Dharmachakra's team overall expanded, with several changes to job categorization at  
Correspondingly, the cost of aspects of the work (promotion/social media) rose; while

Note 8: increase in USA grant compared to 2021

Grants passed through to Dharmachakra U.S. increased and were used to cover incre  
primarily in switching payment for Google Cloud to the US from the UK and generally

Note 9: Overall loss

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and to help absorb the various financial shocks of the post-pandemic economy: lower  
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<b>2021</b>			
<u>£</u> <u>TBC</u>	<u>£</u> <u>2021</u>	<u>£</u> <u>change</u>	<u>NOTES</u>
13,313	34,126	-21,941	1
10,312	14,041	24,643	1
38,969	38,969	-14,063	1
1,413	1,570	-1,570	1
65	1,822	-1,522	1
	0	0	2
64,072	90,529	-14,453	1
6,780	6,780	246	
	503	-503	
6,780	7,283	-257	
3,127	3,127	-3,127	
80,000	80,000	0	
15,000	15,000	0	
750	750	2,250	
98,877	98,877	-877	
1,650	1,650	-1,650	
2,250	2,250	2,750	
2,280	2,280	-2,280	
6,180	6,180	-1,180	
175,908	202,868	-16,766	3
2,025	4,050	-2,288	4
1,585	2,635	-301	4
391	782	0	
	0	248	
97	133	9	
	0	49	
4,098	7,600	-2,284	

-84	-34	25	5
877	1,169	-130	5
1,570	1,570	1,028	5
21,981	21,981	-17,758	7
11,571	11,571	599	
	0	5,429	6
35,914	36,256	-10,808	
8,512	8,512	6,718	7
14,764	19,114	19,337	7
41,638	56,517	-4,705	7
64,913	84,143	21,351	
104,926	128,000	8,260	7
70,982	74,868	-25,026	
-29,460	-52,613	-8,534	8
41,523	22,256	-33,560	9

of one-off institutional and event-based donations as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions ending, or cancelled regular giving to cope with this.

23, along with the Gift Aid receipt for 2022 donations. So there is a nil Gift Aid receipt this year.

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Walford. Replacement services were, for much of the year, offered free of charge by volunteers or at reduced fees/Eventbrite fees.

he cost is expensed as Computers; above which, the cost is depreciated over the life of the asset.



can be included.  
charges in this area.

nic, when all travel expenses were suspended.

nd the unforeseen departure of one member of our web development team part-way through the year.  
e there was a drop in the cost of our coding division.

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paying for US based software and services from our US account.

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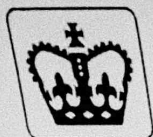
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relation to the US dollar.

## Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	31/12/2022	31/12/2021	NOTES
<b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>			
Fixtures, Fittings, Equipment	6,786	6,786	
Accumulated Depreciation	-2,208	-1,169	
	4,578	5,617	
<b><u>Current Assets</u></b>			
<b><u>Cash at Bank &amp; In Hand</u></b>			
Santander No1 & No2 Accounts	4,010	529	
Stripe	169	0	
Co-operative Bank Account	53,404	66,434	
PayPal Accounts	3,015	2,363	
	60,597	69,325	
Uncleared receipts	713	3,109	Deposited to C
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>65,887</b>	<b>78,051</b>	
<b><u>Liabilities</u></b>			
Payroll Liabilities	1,160	2,019	
	1,160	2,019	
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>64,727</b>	<b>76,032</b>	
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>			
Book value of fixed assets	4,578	5,617	
Unrestricted net assets (Retained Earnings)	71,454	48,159	
Net Revenue	-11,304	22,256	
	64,727	76,032	

Co-operative Bank in Jan 2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Dharmachakra

On accounts for the year  
ended

31/12/2022

Charity no  
(if any)

294143

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Signed:

Date:

02/06/2024

Name:

Fay Pritchard

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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