

# BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 513368

## Details

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**Other names** B B V T, BBVT, DHAMMA TALAKA PAGODA

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1982-12-14

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

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE THE STUDY AND PRACTICE OF BUDDHISM ACCORDING TO THE TRADITIONS OF ALL SCHOOLS OF BUDDHISM PARTICULARLY THE THERAVADA SCHOOL.

**Activities:** The trust maintains a monastery with five resident monks (mostly of Burmese origin) who perform religious ceremonies as required. Major Buddhist festivals are celebrated at the Peace Pagoda. Meditation is taught to anyone interested and regular sessions are held for practitioners of varying experience. The Pagoda is open to visitors and groups are welcome.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** UNITED KINGDOM AND ELSEWHERE BUT PARTICULARLY BIRMINGHAM
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£77,145	£57,695	-	-
2024-03-31	£59,612	£40,141	-	-
2023-03-31	£43,078	£26,903	-	-
2022-03-31	£102,889	£30,025	-	-
2021-03-31	£508,984	£34,677	£1,486,767	0

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Thompson		2024-07-31
Dr MAR MAR LWIN		
Dr Maung Maung Kyi		2018-10-07
SURAJ PRAKASH LAL		
Theingi Thant		2020-10-04

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# Accounts

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# **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**

## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025**

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2025. They have been prepared in the light of the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities' Act.

## **Administrative Information:**

Charity Name: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity Commission Reg No:513368

Address: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara  
Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda  
29/31 Osler Street, Ladywood  
Birmingham  
B16 9EU

Trustees for the period:

Chair: Suraj Prakash Lal

Secretary: Maung Maung Kyi

Treasurer: Su Theingi Thant

Trustees: Mar Mar Lwin  
Adrian Thompson

Spiritual Leader: Venerable Dr. Ottara Nyana

Independent Examiner: Mr. A. Dervish  
496-498 Bearwood Road, Bearwood  
Birmingham, B66 4BH

Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc  
Leicester  
LE87 2BB  
  
NatWest Bank Plc  
Edgbaston (B) Branch  
30a Harborne Road  
Edgbaston  
Birmingham  
B15 3AA

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The trust is governed by a trust deed dated November 1982 with an addendum dated May 2003. There is a provision for a maximum of nine trustees with a minimum of five. When there is a vacancy, the spiritual director puts forward names that the remaining trustees then consider, trying to ensure there is an even representation of gender, ethnicity, and interests. All trustees must be practising Buddhists. The trust has taken advice and is in the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The constitution in relation to this has been drawn and is in the final stages of being ratified.

### **Objective**

The objectives of the charity are to promote the study and practice of Buddhism according to the traditions of all schools of Buddhism, but particularly the Theravada School. To this end the trust presently supports a Spiritual Director and three other Myanmar Buddhist monks who reside at the monastery (Vihara) on Osler Street.

They teach basic Buddhism as well as run higher Buddhist (Abhidhamma) theological classes, perform religious rites as required, look after the religious and spiritual needs of the laity. Buddhist monks are traditionally totally reliant on the monastery and donations from their devotees for their basic needs.

### **Management**

The trust relies mainly on volunteers. But as one of the monks is undergoing long term medical treatment, we took on a paid volunteer for housekeeping purposes and to look after the monks. The trust also applied for Certificate of Sponsorship from the Home Office and applied for a Tier5 Temporary one year work visa for a volunteer (Kappiya) for one year. We were successful in the application and were able to bring a Kappiya over in October 2024, whose main task was looking after the welfare and daily needs of the four resident monks.

The trustees meet regularly to plan events and to oversee the running of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

### **Activities at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara**

#### **Meditation Classes**

Meditation sessions on Mondays and Thursday evenings on a regular basis with regular attendees.

#### **Retreats**

A 10 Days Vipassana retreat was held at the Vihara from 16<sup>th</sup> Aug to 25<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024.

#### **Publications**

Two books were published in Myanmar:

Dr. Rewata Dhamma, Biography of a Missionary Monk by Dr. Ottara Nyana Sangha and Royalty, The symbiotic relationship in ancient Bagan.

### **Religious Events held at the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda**

### **The Buddha Day {Vesak}**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust hosted the Vesak Ceremony on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024. About 150 devotees attended the ceremony

### **Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda Anniversary & Dhammacakka Day**

Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda's 26th Anniversary, Vassa Ceremony and Dhammacakka Day was held on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024.

Food Dana was sponsored by devotees Mr. Leslie Gray and Daw Khin Myo Thant.

About 250 devotees were in attendance for the day ceremony during which an

### **Abhidhamma & Pavarana Day Chanting**

Our celebration on Pavarana Day with offering of light inside and outside the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda took place in the evening of 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024. This was followed by Patthana chanting for World Peace, Metta, loving kindness to all beings. About 100 devotees attended and were treated to tea and samosas.

### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony**

Kathina ceremony was held on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The ceremony was sponsored by Dr. Yu Thandar Aung and Dr. Yu Sandar Aung.

The celebrations were attended by more than 200 devotees.

### **Patthana-Abhidhamma Chanting**

The bhikkhus observed an auspicious recitation to welcome the New Year 2025, on New Year's Day Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. There was an offering of light and Patthana chanting. It was attended by about 60 devotees.

### **Birmingham Heritage Week**

Sponsored by Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Museums Trust organised the Birmingham Heritage Week 2023 from 6<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> September 2024. The week consisted of varied events, exhibitions and displays, walks, talks and open day visits to heritage sites around Birmingham City. There were 150 sites taking part in the event.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara had open days over the 10 days of the event. It was well received, and complimentary comments were recorded in the visitors' book with over 300 guests visiting the Vihara.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara will continue to take part in future Birmingham Heritage Week.

### **Other Religious/Non-Religious Activities**

## **Birmingham Buddhist Academy**

The academy, situated in Rewata Dhamma Hall, was able to continue with the Abhidhamma Course as it was run on-line. The new semester started on 1st September 2024.

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana and Ven. Dr. Nagasena continue to teach on the course. There is also an on-line course on Pali.

## **Interfaith Activities**

### **Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group Meetings**

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana, as Buddhist Spiritual Leader, attended the Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group first meeting for the year 2025 was held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

The second meeting was held on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### **Installation of the Bishop of Birmingham**

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana attended the Installation of The Right Reverend Dr. Michael Volland as the 10<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Birmingham held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024 at the Cathedral Church of St. Philip, Birmingham. The Ceremony was also attended by all Faith Leaders of the City of Birmingham.

### **Interfaith Iftar Dinner**

An Interfaith Dinner was hosted by Abrahamic Foundation, Birmingham Progressive Synagogue, Dialogue Society on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at the Grand Hall, University of Birmingham. Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana attended the event as a Buddhist representative.

### **Ikon Art Exhibition**

On 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana was invited to give a speech at the art exhibition held at the Ikon Gallery in Brindley Place.

### **Interfaith Reception**

An Interfaith reception was to meet with Rt. Reverend Dr. Michael Volland, the new Bishop of Birmingham was held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at John Cadbury House in Central Birmingham. It was attended by Maung Maung Kyi, one of our trustees, representing the Vihara.

### **Interfaith Event at Al Mahdi Institute**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena attended an Interfaith Event hosted by Al Mahdi Institute on the theme of "Towards One Family of Humanity". It was organised by Universal Peace Federation and was attended by a diverse audience of 150 attendees.

### **Conference**

The University of Oxford and Yin-Cheng Buddhist Studies Network held one day conference on Theravada and East Asia on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024

West on Lecture Theatre, Weston Library.

Ven. Dr. Nagasena took part in the conference

## **Wedding Ceremonies**

**22<sup>nd</sup> June 2024**

Ko Min Thu Yein and Dr. Khin Nyein Chan Thein had their wedding ceremony blessed at the Vihara by their offering of Dana to the monks and friends.

**14<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Dr. Kyaw Zaw and Dr. Yadana Lwin offered Dana to the resident monks and invited guests to celebrate their wedding at the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

**27<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

Dr. Tin Htun Aung and Dr. Phyo Thinzar Aung celebrated their wedding by offering Dana to the monks and friends at the Vihara.

**8<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

Dr. Nyan Lin Naing and Dr. Khin Chit Zin had their wedding blessed by offering Dana to the monks at Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda with 70 invited guests.

**19<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Dr. Zaw Htet and Dr. Khine Win War had their wedding at the Vihara and had blessings from the resident monks by offering Dana.

**26<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

Dr. Kaung Htet Htun and Dr. Khin Zar Khun held a religious wedding ceremony by offering Dana to the monks and friends.

**31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**

Dr. Thin Zar Myint and Michael Enerio celebrated their pre-wedding ceremony by offering Dana to the monks and friends and invited guests.

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

Dr. Nyan Nyin Hon and Dmytro Kovalchuk offered wedding Dana to the monks and friends and had their wedding blessed.

**16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Kristof Nesselheld and Myat Eindra Cho held their wedding ceremony by offering alms at Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda with friends in attendance.

**Birthday celebrations**

21<sup>st</sup> December 2024 – A Birthday food Dana and celebrations ceremony was held by three December born devotees. They also donated a sound system to be used in the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

**Silver Anniversary Celebration – 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Dr. Chit Win Saing and Dr. Sandar Kyaw invited friends from all over UK to join in their Dana and water-libation ceremony. They also donated furniture for use in the library.

**Memorial Service for Ann Monica Lovelock 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024**

An interfaith memorial service for Ann Lovelock held at Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda at 7pm. It was well attended by family, friends of all Faiths, devotees of the Vihara, friends and neighbours from Hagley. Ann's passing was a huge loss not only to the Trust but to other Buddhist organisations in Birmingham. She joined the trust from its inception by Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma in 1981. As treasurer she managed the budgetary needs of the Trust for decades. She was Chair of the Trust when she resigned due to ill health. Ann's legacy lives on.

### **Religious Education School Visits**

The Ladywood interfaith Education Project (LIEP), which was initiated by John Tatlow of St. John & St. Peter's parish Church, in 1999 in partnership with Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. Birmingham Progressive Synagogue and Masjid-e-Usman Mosque joined the group with the aim of enhancing religious education of the schools involved in the area.

Since RE became part of the national curriculum, LIEP as such has ceased to exist. Schools from within the region, as well as schools from further reaches have come to visit the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda and the Vihara every year on a regular basis.

Fifty-eight schools visited Birmingham Buddhist Vihara during the school term between September 2024 to July 2025. Most were primary schools from within the Midlands. One visit was GCSE pupils from a grammar school, six visits from private schools, one from a vocational college and one visit from university students. One scout group visited as well.

### **Outreach**

The Pagoda has hosted group visits not only from schools, colleges, and universities, but other groups have visited us as well.

#### **12<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

A Scouts Group from Walsall visited the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda as part of a religious education visit.

#### **28<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

Stitching and Sewing Club paid a visit to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. Ven. Uttara Nyana gave a talk to the group on Meditation.

The Pagoda is open during the day for visitors. During school visits it is closed to the public. We are aware of our public benefit responsibility and make sure we welcome all visitors of any faith or none.

Ven. Dr. Uttara Nyana is a member of the Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group. The monks have open links with other Buddhist Viharas (Myanmar, Thais, Sri Lankan, Tibetan, Vietnamese) in London, Birmingham, Rugeley, Oxford, Sheffield,

Manchester, and Sunderland.

Our resident monks do home visits for devotees wanting to have their homes blessed, for birthday celebrations, for memorial services etc. They travel to homes in London, Swansea, Cardiff, Leicester, Coventry, Northampton, Nottingham, Newark, Middlesborough, Norfolk, Shrewsbury, Manchester, etc.

## **Religious Activities Abroad**

### **Belgium**

#### **30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 to 8<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

Ven. Ottara Nyana conducted a Metta Meditation 10-day Retreat which was held in Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> October 2024 to 3rd November 2024**

Ven. Ottara Nyana held a Metta & Sacca ( Four Noble Truth) Retreat at Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium. He taught Abhidhamma in the morning/ 10am to 11am ) and Vipassana Mahasatipatthana Sutta (in afternoon from 2pm to 3pm ) with a Q&A session in the evenings from 7pm to 9pm.

### **Cork, Republic of Ireland**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena was invited to attend a Buddha Day Ceremony organised by Bangladesh Buddhist Association of Ireland on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024.

### **Paris, France**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena attended the Kathina Ceremony hosted by Moitri Buddhist Society in Paris on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024. About 300 devotees attended the celebrations.

### **Yangon, Myanmar**

#### **17<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

One day conference at Buddhist University Yangon

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana gave a talk on Theravada Buddhism in Europe.

### **Czech Republic**

#### **Meditation Retreat**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena conducted a meditation retreat for Mettarama Buddhist society in Brno, Czech Republic between 25th to 28th October 2024.

## **Renovation and maintenance work**

**3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024:** Three batteries for solar panels installed as part of solar panel project donated by Dr. Khine Thin Han and Dr. Win Myint Aung.

**10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** A major garden work by tidying up conifers in the grounds and trimming all the hedges of the Vihara.

**27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024:** Installed four bollard lights at the entrance of the car park. Donated by Dr. Khine Thin Han and Dr. Win Myint Aung.

**29<sup>th</sup> July 2024- 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024 :** Car park renovation work at a total cost of £22,000.

**3<sup>rd</sup> August - 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024** – Fire alarm upgraded to HMO level 3 in the Sangharama Vihara, the Sanghas' residence.

Fire safety certification, Gas safety certification and electrical safety certification were renewed.

## **Buddhist Community**

We are grateful to our many supporters and volunteers for all their donations and help in particular:

- The sponsors for our ceremonies.
- Ashin Rahtapala for organising and coordinating the dana ceremonies for the devotees. Ashin Rahtapala acknowledged all dana towards the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara via social media platform with photos of events & blessings.
- Su Theingi Thant for preparing invitations for ceremonies and events at the Vihara. Theingi also looks after the paperwork for the Birmingham Buddhist Academy.
- Wunna Shtika for updating and maintaining the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara website.
- Dr. Win Myint Aung and Dr. Khine Thin Han donated towards the cost of installation of 4 bollard lights at the Pagoda entrance, installation of two more spotlights for the pagoda and installation of solar batteries.

## **Obituaries**

### **– Andrew William Nichols (Karmadeva) (23<sup>rd</sup> September 1960 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024)**

Andrew Nichols, one of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara's Trustees passed away suddenly on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

A Prayer service and water-libation ceremony was held at Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 in memory of Andrew Nicholls, trustee of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust. It was conducted by Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana and was attended by the immediate family.

Funeral service was held at Sutton Coldfield Crematorium on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024.

### **-Ann Monica Lovelock ( 8<sup>th</sup> March 1941 - 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024)**

Ann Lovelock was one of the original trustees when the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust was first formed by the late Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma in 1981. She served as treasurer for a long period of time and managed the financial needs of the Vihara during the lean years when the Dhamma Talaka Pagoda and the Sangharama Vihara were being built. She also worked as a hospital pharmacist in Oxford, Sheffield and finally in Birmingham Heartlands Hospital where she became Principal Pharmacist.

A private funeral service was held in Hagley on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

An interfaith memorial service was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2024 at the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

### **– Mrs. Ellen Parker @ Dhamma Jotika Kit Mon Parker (14<sup>th</sup> October 1952 - 13<sup>th</sup> March 2025)**

Mrs. Ellen Parker was one of the most outstanding devotees of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and most obedient disciples of the founder Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma, She was actively and selflessly involved in Religious Education at the Vihara for over 40 years.

First day memorial service for Mrs. Ellen Parker was arranged by Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust at the Sangharama Vihara on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

Food Dana, sharing of merit and water-libation ceremony was held for Mrs. Ellen Parker on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The seventh day memorial service was arranged by donors Dr. Khine Thin Han and Dr. Win Myint Aung. It was attended by Ellen's daughter and her family and friends and devotees of the Vihara.

## **Financial Report**

The financial assets of the Trust are in a reasonable position.

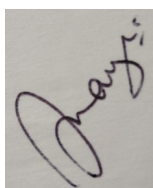
The cash funds bank balance stands at £513,799.00 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 (£522,812 - 2024) for general expenses. There is £8296.11 in a deposit account {NatWest} which is our contingency fund.

The Birmingham Buddhist Academy functions as a charity subsidiary and has a balance of £ 29,057.00 as restricted funds.

No expenses or remunerations were made to any trustee or volunteer who all gave their time freely. No contracts were given to any company associated with any trustee.

## **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees are aware of the need to consider the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The Trustees continue to consider risks, their impact, an estimation of the likelihood of each risk, measures that must be taken to avoid exposure to the risk. These risks are reviewed on a regular basis. Our greatest risk is that we rely entirely on donations from devotees for our charitable work .



Signed: Dr. Maung Maung Kyi  
Trustee.

29<sup>th</sup> January 2026



**Receipts and payments accounts**

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For the period from	01/04/2024	To	31/03/2025
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**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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	39,649	-	-	39,649	55,394
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	9,438	-	-	9,438	4,218
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other - Gift Aid	28,057	-	-	28,057	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>77,145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,145</b>	<b>59,612</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>77,145</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77,145</b>	<b>59,612</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising funds / Events	5,622	-	-	5,622	3,296
Charitable activities - Monks expenses	3,199	-	-	3,199	254
Buddhist Academy expenses	-	1,104	-	1,104	1,500
Support and management costs	34,198	-	-	34,198	35,090
Donations	1,218	-	-	1,218	-
Publications	4,855	-	-	4,855	-
Crown Works Tree Services	7,500	-	-	7,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>56,592</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>57,695</b>	<b>40,141</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Car Park Surfacing	22,000	-	-	22,000	192,510
Residential Alarm Installation	6,462	-	-	6,462	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>28,462</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,462</b>	<b>192,510</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>85,054</b>	<b>1,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>86,157</b>	<b>232,651</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 7,909</b>	<b>- 1,104</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 9,013</b>	<b>- 173,039</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>492,651</b>	<b>30,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>522,812</b>	<b>695,851</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>484,742</b>	<b>29,057</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>513,799</b>	<b>522,812</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	484,742	29,057	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>484,742</b>	<b>29,057</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				


	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Freehold land & buildings	Unrestricted	1,081,877	-
	Motor vehicles	Unrestricted	8,300	-
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	13,128	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Dr Maung Maung Kyi	13/01/2026



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2025

**Charity no**

513368

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

14/01/2026

**Name:**

Ahmet Dervish

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:**

Institute of Financial Accountants  
AFA MIPA

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## **Trustees' Annual Report**

**1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2024. They have been prepared in the light of the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities' Act.

## **Administrative Information:**

Charity Name: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity Commission Reg No:513368

Address: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara  
Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda  
29/31 Osler Street, Ladywood  
Birmingham  
B16 9EU

Trustees for the period:

Chair: John Beard (Deceased 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023)  
Ann Lovelock (From 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023- 17<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023  
Resigned due to ill health )  
Suraj Prakash Lal (from 26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 to date)

Secretary: Maung Maung Kyi

Treasurer: Su Theingi Thant

Trustees: Mar Mar Lwin  
Andrew William Nicholls

Spiritual Leader: Venerable Dr. Ottara Nyana

Independent Examiner: Mr. A. Dervish  
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## **Structure, Governance and Management**

The trust is governed by a trust deed dated November 1982 with an addendum dated May 2003. There is a provision for a maximum of nine trustees with a minimum of five. When there is a vacancy, the spiritual director puts forward names that the remaining trustees then consider, trying to ensure there is an even representation of gender, ethnicity, and interests. All trustees must be practising Buddhists. The trust has taken advice and is in the process of becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in the near future. A few of the trustees are involved in drawing up the constitution in relation to this.

## **Objectives**

The objectives of the charity are to promote the study and practice of Buddhism according to the traditions of all schools of Buddhism, but particularly the Theravada School. To this end the trust presently supports a Spiritual Director and three other Myanmar Buddhist monks who reside at the monastery (Vihara) on Osler Street.

They teach basic Buddhism as well as run higher Buddhist (Abhidhamma) theological classes, perform religious rites as required, look after the religious and spiritual needs of the laity. Buddhist monks are traditionally totally reliant on the monastery and donations from their devotees for their basic needs.

## **Management**

The trust relies mainly on volunteers but as one of the monks is undergoing long term medical treatment, we took on a paid volunteer for housekeeping purposes and to look after the monks. The trustees meet regularly to plan events and to oversee the running of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

## **Activities at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara**

### **Meditation Classes**

Meditation sessions on Mondays and Thursday evenings have started again on a regular basis with regular attendees.

### **Retreats**

A 10 Days Vipassana retreat was held at the Vihara from 18<sup>th</sup> Aug to 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023.

### **Publications**

**Lotus** -The journal of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara

We were able to publish **Issue 57 Summer 2023** – A special edition in celebration of the Silver Anniversary of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda. This was followed by winter edition **Issue 58 December 2023**.

We are grateful to our trustee, Mrs.Theingi Thant, for her hard work in producing these issues on a regular basis.

## **The Buddha Day {Vesak}**

The Buddha Day ceremony was held at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. The event was sponsored by Dr. Moe Thant, Mrs. Theingi Thant & Son Dr. Chris Zin Maung Thant and Dr. Myat Soe Aung , Dr. Thi Thi Oo & Thalynn Hninsi.

During the ceremony a prayer session was held to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III. It was attended by the Ms. Dawn Ward CBE DL, West Midlands Lieutenancy.

Mr. Suraj Lal, Secretary of the Trust read a eulogy for John Beard, Chair, who passed away on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

As it was the first major event after the pandemic restrictions over 150 devotees took part in the Dana proceedings.

## **Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda Silver Anniversary & Offering of Vassa {Waso} Robes**

Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda's Silver Anniversary and Vassa Ceremony was held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Chairman Lal and Ms. Dawn Ward CBE DL of West Midlands Lieutenancy attended the ceremony.

About 250 devotees were in attendance for the day ceremony during which an award ceremony in recognition dedication to Sasana took place.

Sadhamma Jotika certificate was awarded to Mr. Yann Lovelock (Patron) and Mrs. Ann Lovelock (Chair) in recognition of their dedicated work in furthering Buddhism during the last fifty years.

Sadhamma Jotika certificate was also awarded to Dr. William Myint in recognition of his work in translating Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana's biography of the late Sayadaw Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma, founder of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

Sadhamma Jotika certificate was awarded to Marie-Cecile Forget from Belgium for her many years of support to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

An evening academic session on "Buddhism and World Peace" took place later in the evening. It was chaired by Dr. E. Harris. Honorary Fellow, Edward Cadbury Centre and Dept. of Theology & Religion, University of Birmingham with H.E. Bhai Sahib Bhai Mohinder Singh, Nishkam Centre, Dr. Peter Rookes Secretary and 3rd Sector Liaison Officer Birmingham Council of Faiths, Dr. Stefania Travagnin, Department of Religions & Philosophies, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London and Emeritus Professor Ven. Mahinda Deegalle, of Bath Spa University taking part in the academic presentations and discussions.

## **Abhidhamma & Pavarana Day**

Our celebration on Pavarana Day with offering of light inside and outside the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda took place on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023. This was followed by Patthana chanting for World Peace, Metta, loving kindness to all beings.

### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony**

Kathina ceremony was held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 sponsored by devotees Dr. Kyaw Htun Aye, Dr. Htet Nwe Win and family.

Devotees from the Bangladesh Buddhist Council also joined in the ceremony and offered Dana to the monks.

It was well attended by over 250 devotees.

### **Patthana-Abhidhamma Chanting**

The bhikkhus observed an auspicious recitation to welcome the New Year 2024, on New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024. There was an offering of light and Patthana -Abhidhamma chanting. It was attended by more than 50 devotees.

### **Birmingham Heritage Week**

Sponsored by Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Museums Trust organised the Birmingham Heritage Week 2023 from 8<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The week consisted of varied events, exhibitions and displays, walks, talks and open day visits to heritage sites around Birmingham City. There were 90 sites taking part in the event.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara had open days over the 10 days of the event. Over 300 guests visited the Vihara during the Heritage Week and were shown around the pagoda and a brief talk on the pagoda and Buddhism was given. It was well received, and complimentary comments were recorded in the visitors' book. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara will continue to take part in future Birmingham Heritage Week.

### **Other Religious/Non-Religious Activities**

#### **Birmingham Buddhist Academy**

The academy was able to continue with the Abhidhamma Course as it was run on-line. The new semester started on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023.

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana and Ven. Dr. Nagasena continue to teach on the course.

There is an on-line course on Pali as well.

### **Conferences**

“**Being Buddhist in Britain**” Conference organised by UK Association for Buddhist Studies, the Network of Buddhist Organisations, the British Maha Bodhi Society and Centre for Applied Buddhism was hosted by Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda was held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2023. Thirty-three delegates attended despite inclement weather the day before.

## **Birmingham Council of Faiths**

“**Faith and Reflection**” session was held at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and a scholarly presentation on “Impermanence (Anicca)” was given by Ven. Uttara Nyana.

## **Wedding Ceremony**

Wedding ceremony of Mr. Gareth Wright and Miss Aye Nge Win was held in the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda on 9th July 2023.

## **Ordination Ceremonies**

**8<sup>th</sup> April 2023** - Novice monk monastic ordination of Zar Moe Aung, father-in-law Dr Aung Myint and son Arthur was held at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda on. The Dana was hosted by Dr. Aung Myint Kyaw and daughter-in-law Dr. Moe Moe Myint.

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2023** - Arya daughter of Mr Milinda and Ms Meghana ordained as a nun at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

**22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023** - a novice monk ordination ceremony was held for Logan Aung Wild. The ceremony was followed by sharing of merit and water-libation ceremony. Lunch dana was offered to the monks by the family with friends attending.

**20<sup>th</sup> August 2023** - Dr Myo Thu and Dr Lynn Lynn Sein family from Newark on Trent offered lunch dana to the Sanghas at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara for Dr Myo Thu's ordination.

## **Birthday celebrations**

93rd birthday celebration was held on 15th October 2023 for Ratan Lal Sampla who is one of the forefront supporters of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara's founder Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma when he arrived in 1975.

Dr. Ye Lin Hock and Dr. Shwe Phyu Thaw hosted a blessing celebration for their granddaughter Nina, with parents Colin and Eilish Dickson-Hock on 29th October 2023 at Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

There were several other birthday celebrations held at the Vihara with Dana offering to the monks with sharing of merit ceremony.

## **Religious Education School Visits**

The Ladywood interfaith Education Project (LIEP), which was initiated by St. John & St. Peter's parish Church, in 1999 in partnership with Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. Birmingham Progressive Synagogue and Masjid-e-Usman Mosque joined the group with the aim of enhancing religious education of the schools involved in the area. Since RE became part of the national curriculum, LIEP as such has ceased to exist.

Schools from within the region, as well as schools from further reaches have come to visit the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda and the Vihara every year on a regular basis.

Fifty-eight schools visited Birmingham Buddhist Vihara between January 2023 to December 2023. Most were primary schools from within the Midlands. One visit was from GCSE pupils from a grammar school, four visits from private schools, two from a vocational college and one visit from university students. There were two scout group visits as well.

We have seen the number of visits rise from about 20 school visits to averaging 55 school.

## **Outreach**

The Pagoda has hosted group visits not only from schools, colleges, and universities, but other groups have visited us as well.

### **18<sup>th</sup> February - Headspace**

Polly Merrick and friends who practise meditation using Headspace methods paid a visit to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. Ven. Uttara Nyana gave a talk to the group on Meditation.

### **14<sup>th</sup> April 2023 – Queen’s Foundation**

A group of trainee vicars from the Queen’s Foundation, headed by Dr. Laura Johnson visited Birmingham Buddhist Vihara as part of the Christianity and Interfaith Engagement Program. The Queen’s Foundation for Ecumenical Theological Education is an ecumenical theological college based in Birmingham.

Ven. Dr. Nagasena hosted the event.

### **13th October 2023 – NASUWT**

Fifteen members of National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers. Retired Members, Retired Members’ Association visited the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda and Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

**20st October 2023** - A contingent of delegates from MENSA Conference held in Birmingham visited the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda and Birmingham Buddhist Vihara on.

The Pagoda is open during the day for visitors. During school visits it is closed to the public. We are aware of our public benefit responsibility and make sure we welcome all visitors of any faith or none.

Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana is a member of the Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group.

The monks have open links with other Buddhist Viharas (Myanmar, Thais, Sri Lankan, Tibetan, Vietnamese) in London, Birmingham, Rugeley, Oxford, Sheffield, Manchester, and Sunderland.

Sayadaw Dr. Ottara Nyana and Dr. Nagasena attended London Mogok Vihara Kathina ceremony on 4th November 2023.

## **Visits Overseas**

### **Retreats Abroad**

#### **Belgium**

Ven. Ottara Nyana held a Metta & Sacca ( Four Noble Truth) Retreat at Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium from 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023 to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

Vipassana Retreat – Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana held another retreat for Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium from 10<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Abhidhamma (Four Paramatthas) and Maha Dukkakkhandha Sutta were taught from a practical point of view during the meditation retreat.

#### **Myanmar**

(29th November 2023 – 15th January 2024)

Dr. Ottara Nyana travelled to Myanmar he attended various ceremonies including a missionary event the International Theravada Buddhist University, Yangon.

Sayadaw also attended Dr Rewata Dhamma's (the Vihara's founder) High School annual prize ceremony at Zalun Township, Myanmar on 10th December 2023.

#### **Czech Republic**

##### **Meditation Retreat**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena conducted a meditation retreat in Brno, Czech Republic between 24th to 30th October 2023. Mettarama Buddhist society in Brno has been working with Birmingham Buddhist Vihara to promote Dhamma in Central Europe since 1998 together with our founder the late Dr. Rewata Dhamma.

#### **France**

##### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremonies**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena went to Paris to attend Kathina Ceremonies at Metta Vihara from 17th to 26th November 2023. Bhante also gave lectures in a few Buddhist Centres in Paris on "Children of the future world and universal values of the Dhamma" as part of fund raising for his Lotus Children's Education Trust.

### **Renovation and maintenance work**

**Sep-23:** A new boiler has been installed in the Sangharama Vihara.

**Nov-23:** The boiler in the Rewata Dhamma Hall is repaired by Vaillant Services.

Fire safety certification, Gas safety certification and electrical safety certification were renewed.

Fire alarm system to be upgraded in the two buildings in future:  
Sangharama Vihara and the Rewata Dhamma Hall.

The water ingress problem in the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda was address in 2023. Please see initial report below that appeared in Lotus 57 as an initial report.

## Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda Project Report

by Dr Maung Maung Kyi

The water ingress problem had existed in one form or another from the time the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda was built more than 25 years ago. The fact that it was built like a layered cake in three sections together with the inclement British weather has never helped with the integrity of the cement system used. The water ingress was from the lower reaches of the Pagoda on the south-west side resulting in a big moisture patch showing inside the dome. Oliver Architecture was commissioned in January 2022 after the first company that was commissioned failed to provide us with a written report. The plan was that Oliver Architecture Ltd., would perform surveys and then provide us with detailed reports and plans. Oliver Architecture would then function as Architect and Principal Designer. They would call for tenders for the project, oversee the whole project of the repair and renovation. For their services there would be charge a percentage-based fee of 12.5% of the contract value. The fees would be in two parts in line with the industry standard RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) Plan of work. Oliver Architect Ltd. are a company of conservation-accredited architects and historic buildings consultants with broad experience in relation to heritage buildings with a particular interest in ecclesiastical architecture.

### Executive Summary of the report.

**The Exterior:** The hand applied cement render forming the Pagoda roof is degrading at the constructional joints between the elements and realms, with noticeable cracking and spalling to the concrete faces, particularly on the West side. This now requires repairing to maintain its structural integrity. The present "Gold" paint system is an impervious system and through the passage of time U.V. radiation has considerably degraded the layers and it is subsequently failing flaking and powdering and requires renewing.

**The Interior:** The internal paint finish to the West quadrant of the dome is failing due to water ingress from above which implies that the pagoda dome is leaking on the West Side of the conical roof. As there appears to be no damage on the other quadrants it would appear, that there is little water ingress running down the central rod from the connection of the Umbrella and finial at the top.

**Recent Works:** The lower flat temple roofs were replaced in 2018 with GRP which appears to have resolved the lower leaks the perimeter of the octagonal temple building.

A further condition survey via a cherry picker was done on the 12th of September 2022, by two architects from Oliver Architecture. The second survey of the Dhamma Talaka Pagoda confirmed the initial report.

Following the inspection, a schedule of works and tender documents were produced for contractors and a call for tender was made in January 2023. Four companies responded but one withdrew their tender. Suraj Lal, the Secretary and Architects from Oliver Architecture Ltd., and I had a meeting to review all the tenders during which it was decided to add the additional repairs that were sorely needed at the Vihara to the whole project, which the architects were to supervise and manage as well.

- Repairs to the tiles on the East entrance aisle with non-slip external tiles.
- The old side panels of the entrance aisle to be replaced with toughened glazed units in white.
- The recladding of the external wall of the dining hall and the outside toilets. Estimated to be additional £20,000.00. With VAT the budget costs come to: Company (A) £149,619.73 Company (B) £208,914.09 Company (C) £223,013.37

All tenders were compliant, and after the round table zoom vote at our trustee meeting, we opted for the most cost-effective option company (A). The architects interviewed Company (A) and were satisfied that the company had full understanding of the concrete system and the work that entailed and were assured that the tender represented extremely excellent value for money and found no grounds to reject the tender.

The works were to be conducted under a JCT contract and this would be administered via a schedule of work and approved invoices, post certification by the architects. Meaning to say there would be supervision at every stage of the renovation/repair work.

Most of the works were conducted by third party specialists in their fields and the schedule of work was as follows:

- Scaffolding with intruder alarm system according to regulations.
- Taking down Umbrella and Vajira for repairs and gilding.
- Stripping of gold paint by sandblasting.
- Dovetailing and repair of defective concrete with Kiem mortar repair and rendering. Cement to cure.
- During curing time cladding of the dining hall and renovation of the toilets.
- Two coats of Kiem solidat base paint (Red Ochre in colour) applied to the Pagoda.
- Two coats of Kiem Lasur (Dark Gold) applied. Kiem Representative sent for as the painters were not happy with the first two coats. The recommendation was to paint another coat of Kiem Lasur.
- Regilding of the Umbrella and Vajira undertaken by Ashin Rahtapala. The Vajira was cleaned and polished by Drs. Sai Lone Twee & Thida Htwe.

At the time of printing this silver jubilee edition of Lotus newsletter the project is running to schedule.

The Umbrella and the Vajira will be hoisted back up into place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Scaffolding will be down by the end of 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023. To date the project has cost £107,408.35. We also had a contingency fund to cover for unforeseen additional items and the final detailed cost would be detailed by 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023. The Trust is obliged to pay 95% of the cost and hold back 5% for 6 months to see if any defects develop, if at all.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust is grateful to Mr. Suraj Lal, the secretary, for leading this project and giving up so much of his free time in holding meetings and coordinating the schedule of works with the architects and the subcontractors and keeping track of the cost.

All this work would not have been possible without all your generous donations!

Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu.

## **Buddhist Community**

We are grateful to our many supporters and volunteers for all their donations and help in particular:

- The sponsors for our ceremonies.
- Dr.& Mrs. Kyaw Myint Oo, patron of BBVT, major donors towards the renovation work of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.
- Ashin Rahtapala for organising and coordinating the dana ceremonies for the devotees. Ashin Rahtapala acknowledged all dana towards the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara via social media platform with photos of events & blessings.
- Ashin Rahtapala also looks after the grounds and the security of the Vihara.
- Su Theingi Thant for editing and helping print Lotus Journal. She also prepares invitations for ceremonies and events at the Vihara. Theingi also looks after the paperwork for the Birmingham Buddhist Academy.
- Wunna Shtika for updating and maintaining the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara website.
- Dr Lay Maung & Daw Than Than from Surrey who donated the beautiful and colourful lights display unit on behalf of Daw Gin Su and Family, Yangon, Myanmar in the memory of Mr.Eng Swan, the Retired Head Mistress of Latha Primary School.
- Dr. Myat Soe Aung & Dr Thi Thi Oo family donated 3 benches for Vihara.
- Dr. Win Myint Aung and Dr. Khine Thin Han donated three storage batteries for solar panels that they donated in 2019 completing the renewable energy project they embarked upon from 2017. The cost of the installation was £10969.00. They also donated the roller blinds for the ground floor windows in the Rewata Dhamma Hall.
- Dr. Aung Myint Kyaw and Daw Mya Mya Aye's Dana in offering of light in Kwan Yin, Goddess of Mercy's sanctuary on the west side of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

## **Obituary – John Beard (6<sup>th</sup> October 1949 – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023)**

John was born in Manchester on 6th October 1949 and sadly passed away on 17th April. He was member and chair of Birmingham Faith Leaders Group and a trustee and chair of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust. John took the chairmanship at the BBVT in 2005 and was very resourceful as John Beard helped build and create the Monastery building and the Dhamma Hall, he was also active with the Birmingham Karma Ling Tibetan Buddhist Centre, and helped out with other religious and business organisations in Birmingham and across the world. John was a larger-than-life character and not only leaves behind his wife Renate his two daughters Sarah and Emma and four Grandchildren, but also a Religious, Business and Buddhist community which he has nurtured and helped throughout his life.

## **Financial Report**

The financial assets of the Trust are in a reasonable position.

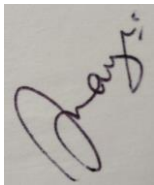
The cash funds bank balance stands at £522,812.00 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (£695,851 - 2023) for general expenses. There is £8270.05 in a deposit account {NatWest} which is our contingency fund.

The Birmingham Buddhist Academy functions as an independent organisation and has a balance of £ 30,160.69 as restricted funds.

No expenses or remunerations were made to any trustee or volunteer who all gave their time freely. No contracts were given to any company associated with any trustee.

## **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees are aware of the need to consider the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The Trustees continue to consider risks, their impact, an estimation of the likelihood of each risk, measures that must be taken to avoid exposure to the risk. These risks are reviewed on a regular basis. Our greatest risk is that we rely entirely on donations from devotees for our charitable work .



Signed: Dr. Maung Maung Kyi

Trustee.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	54,644	750	-	55,394	43,004
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	4,218	-	-	4,218	74
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>58,862</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,612</b>	<b>43,078</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>58,862</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>59,612</b>	<b>43,078</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising funds	3,296	-	-	3,296	710
Charitable activities - Monks expenses	254	-	-	254	1,717
Buddhist Academy expenses	-	-	-	-	1,137
Support and management costs	33,991	1,100	-	35,090	19,459
Donations	1,000	500	-	1,500	3,880
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38,541</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>40,141</b>	<b>26,903</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
Fixtures, Fittings, Equipment	192,510	-	-	192,510	3,796
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>192,510</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>192,510</b>	<b>3,796</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>231,052</b>	<b>1,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>232,651</b>	<b>30,699</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 172,190</b>	<b>- 850</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 173,040</b>	<b>12,379</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>664,841</b>	<b>31,010</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>695,851</b>	<b>683,472</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>492,651</b>	<b>30,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>522,812</b>	<b>695,851</b>

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	492,651	30,161	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>492,651</b>	<b>30,161</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Freehold land & buildings	Unrestricted	1,053,415	-
	Motor vehicles	Unrestricted	8,300	-
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	13,128	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	<b>Details</b>	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Dr Maung Maung Kyi	15/01/2025	



**Section A**

**Independent Examiner's Report**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2024

**Charity no**

513368

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2024.

**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 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.

**Signed:**

**Date:**

15/01/2025

**Name:**

Ahmet Dervish

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:**

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**BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 513368

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# Accounts

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# **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**



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## **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust Trustees' Annual Report**

**1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023**

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023. They have been prepared in the

light of the Statement of Recommended Practice – Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities' Act.

### **Administrative Information:**

Charity Name: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity Commission Reg No:513368

Address: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara  
29/31 Osler Street  
Ladywood  
Birmingham  
B16 9EU

Trustees for the period:

Chair: John Beard  
Secretary: Suraj Lal  
Treasurer: Maung Maung Kyi  
Trustees: Monica Ann Lovelock  
Andrew Williams Nicholl  
Chit Ko Ko  
Keith Jones  
Mar Mar Lwin  
Su Theingi Thant

Spiritual Leader: Ven.Dr.Uttara Nyana

Independent Examiner:  
Mr. A. Dervish  
496-498 Bearwood Road  
Bearwood  
Birmingham  
B66 4BH

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Leicester  
LE87 2BB

National Westminster Bank Plc  
Harborne  
Birmingham

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The Trust is governed by a Trust Deed dated November 1982 with an addendum dated May 2003. There is a provision for a maximum of nine trustees with a minimum of five trustees. When there is a vacancy, the spiritual director puts forward names which the remaining trustees then consider, trying to ensure that there is an even representation of gender, ethnicity, and interests. All trustees must be practising Buddhists.

### **Objectives:**

The objectives of the charity are to promote the study and practice of Buddhism according to the traditions of all schools of Buddhism, but particularly the Theravada School. To this end the Trust presently supports a Spiritual Director and two other Myanmar Buddhist monks who reside at the monastery (Vihara) on Osler Street.

They teach basic Buddhism as well as run higher Buddhist theological classes, perform religious rites as required, and look after the religious and spiritual needs of the laity.

Buddhist monks are traditionally totally reliant on the monastery and donations from the devotees for their basic needs.

### **Management:**

There are no paid workers in the Trust, and it relies totally on volunteers. The Trustees meet regularly to plan events and to oversee the running of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

### **Activities at the Vihara:**

#### **Meditation Classes.**

With the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, meditation classes on Thursday evenings have started again. Monday evening classes have not started again yet. Birmingham Zen Group also started their once-a-month meditation sessions on Fridays.

Meditation Online: Ven. Dr. Nagasena held medication classes online every Monday at 7pm.

### **Retreats.**

10 Days Vipassana retreats did not take place at the Vihara.

### **Publication.**

Lotus: The Journal of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

Issue 55 Published in August 2022

Issue 56 Published in November 2022

These publications were only in electronic format as during the COVID-19 Restriction period and were distributed on-line and via email.

We are truly grateful to our trustee, Theingi Thant, for her contributions in producing these publications on a regular basis.

### **Ceremonies.**

#### **The Buddha Day (Vesak Day Celebrations).**

The Buddha Day ceremony was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022. This was the first celebration to be held at the Vihara after the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. It was attended by about 100 devotees and was sponsored by Dr. Kyaw Htun Aye and Dr. Htet Nwe Win.

Arts Society Birmingham sponsored VYKA Ltd, a production company to film

the event to be able to produce short films to support a virtual visit to a Buddhist place of worship.

Birmingham City Council did not hold Vesak Ceremony at the Birmingham Museums this year.

#### **24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda & Waso Robe Offering Ceremony.**

It was held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 with well over 100 devotees attending the ceremony. Seven monks presided over the religious ceremony. Dr. Peter Rookes from Birmingham Council of Faiths was the guest speaker. Dr. Mar Mar Lwin, one of our trustees, sponsored the event and provided food Dana.

#### **Abhidhamma & Pavarana Day.**

End of three months lent was celebrated on full moon day on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>

October 2022 with offering of light at the Vihara and chanting of Patthana section of the Abhidhamma. Over 40 devotees attended the ceremony.

### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony.**

Kathina Robe Offering ceremony was held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The ceremony was sponsored by Dr. Kyaw Htun Aye and Dr. Htet Hnin Nwe. Over one hundred and fifty devotees from different Buddhist communities joined in the robe offering to the Sanghas.

### **Patthana-Abhidhamma Chanting.**

The bhikkhus observed an auspicious recitation of the Patthana to welcome the New Year 2023 on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January.

## **Other Activities**

### **Arts Society Birmingham.**

Forty to sixty primary schools routinely visit the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda every year for religious education purposes every year with some visits from private schools, GCSE pupils, and university students.

As the visits did not happen during the pandemic, The Arts Society Birmingham supported by a generous grant from Westhill Endowment Trust, collaborated with six different places of worship, Birmingham Faith Leaders, and other organisations produced resources designed to enhance religious education school visits for children of 8-13 years. This resulted in 2000 copies of an illustrated guide distributed to the six different places of worship including Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. With the surplus money the other five places of worship, St. Philip's Cathedral, Birmingham Central Mosque, Birmingham Progressive Synagogue, Guru Nanak Nishkam Sewak Jatha Gurdwara, and Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple had film clips of virtual tour of the places made. The Society used library film clips available with all these places of worship with new filming kept to a minimum.

As a new film would have to be made for Birmingham Buddhist Vihara, Liz Dancey of the Arts Society Birmingham applied for a new grant of £4500 from Westhill Endowment Trust. Liz Dancey then commissioned Paul Davies of VYKA Ltd, a digital media company of Birmingham to produce a Religious Education film of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and the Dhamma Talaka Pagoda. Filming was done during Vesak Ceremony held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and the following 2 days. Despite a lot of filming material and

interviews filmed a lot had to be edited out to suit the required script of the Arts Society Birmingham.

Three short films for Religious Education of the virtual visit to Birmingham Buddhist Vihara is available of the Arts Society Birmingham's website, suitable for 8 to 13 years, looking at the Buddhist Faith, Faith in the community and the religious buildings therein.

### **Birmingham Heritage Week.**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara took part in Birmingham Heritage Week from 10<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 with 297 visitors taking part in the event.

### **Birmingham Buddhist Academy.**

The academy continued to run its on-line courses on Abhidhamma, Pali Grammar and Meditation on Fridays and Saturday evenings. The new semester started on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. The classes are taught by Ven. Dr. Uttara Nyana and Ven. Dr. Nagasena.

### **Wedding Ceremonies.**

There were two wedding ceremonies held at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

- Dr. Ye Wint Naing and Dr. Aye Myint Myat Thon along with their parents jointly offered Dana as part of the traditional wedding blessing ceremony on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

- Dr. Rony Syal and Dr. Nan Thinzar Aye offered lunch Dana on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022 as part of the wedding blessing ceremony.

- Dr. Arkar Min and Dr. Khin Lai Ye Win held their wedding ceremony and blessing ceremony on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

### **Birmingham Council of Faiths.**

The Annual General Meeting of Birmingham Council Faiths was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara with Andrew Nicholls, our trustee, taking up chairmanship for one year. It was attended by 47 members of the Council where a tribute was paid to ER Queen Elizabeth II.

### **Funeral Ceremony.**

Funeral ceremony of Mrs. Raksa Devi Lal, the wife of Mr. Lal, who was one of the founder trustees of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara, was completed on 2nd October 2022 with the attendance of her children, grandchildren, and relatives. About 100 people attended the ceremony. Two monks from the Sri Lankan temple and three monks from Birmingham Buddhist Vihara attended the funeral ceremony held at Perry Barr Crematorium after which all

relatives and guests joined for blessing at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara.

### **Ordination.**

Mr. Khun Oo Lwin, Mrs. Thandar Lwin and family from Bromley, Kent offered lunch dana to the Sanghas at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara for Mr. Khun Oo Lwin's ordination held on 8th October 2022.

### **Network of Buddhist Organisations.**

Annual General Meeting of the Network of Buddhist Organisations was held at Birmingham Buddhist Vihara on 5th November 2022. The main discussion topic was "Awakening: Collective or Individual?" Vegetarian food was sponsored by the NBO chair.

### **Activities Abroad.**

#### ***Ven. Dr. Uttara Nyana.***

**Belgium** - Metta Retreat (18th July to 24th July 2022)

Dr Uttara Nyana led Metta retreat in Dhammaramsi, Belgium and taught Metta Sutta & Káyagatásati Sutta during the retreat.

**Belgium** - Vipassana Retreat (21st October to 30th October 2022)

Dr Uttara Nyana led a ten days Vipassana retreat at Dhammaramsi in Belgium during October 2022. Abhidhamma (Four Paramatthas) and Maha Dukkakkhandha Sutta were taught from a practical point of view during the meditation retreat.

#### ***Ven. Dr. Nagasena.***

**Chittagong Hills, Bangladesh.**

Dr. Nagasena paid a visit to Lotus Children's Home, Chittagong Hill Tracts between February 2022 and April 2022. He spent three and a half months with the academic teaching staff and people involved in the education project. He also trained the teachers, novices, and children of the Lotus Children Home every day on zoom.

#### **Republic of Ireland.**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena attended a two Buddha Day events in Ireland during June 2022. He has been looking after Buddhist groups in Dublin and Cork for the last 12 years.

### **Brno, Czech Republic.**

Ven. Dr. Nagasena held a Loving Kindness retreat in Dhamma Rama, Ayukusala Vihara in Brno, Czech Republic from 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022. The Dhamma group also donated £500 towards Dr. Rewata Dhamma's school in Thamangone Village, Myanmar.

### ***The Late Ven. Dr. Rewata Dhamma's School*** **Thamangone, Myanmar.**

Donations were made to voluntary teachers at Dr Rewata Damma's School in Myanmar by Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust. Five students who passed their high school, volunteered to teach back at the school while they were waiting for their university entrance. The Trust donated £2000 to support those five young teachers.

### **Outreach.**

The Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda is open during the day for visitors. It is closed to the public during religious education school visits. There were fifty-three school visits during the year. Visits were made by schools based mainly in the West Midlands but schools from as far as Oxfordshire, Pembrokeshire, and Cheshire have visited the Vihara.

We are aware of our public benefit responsibility and make sure that we welcome all visitors of any faith or none.

Ven. Dr. Uttara Nyana and our present Chair are members of Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group.

The monks have open links with other Buddhist Viharas (Myanmar, Thai, Sri Lankan, Tibetan, Vietnamese) in London, Birmingham, Rugeley, Oxford, Sheffield, Manchester and Sunderland.

### **Renovation and Maintenance Work.**

- The Trust bought two computers, one laptop and one desktop to upgrade the computer system at the Vihara. Software programmes were also upgraded.
- Electrical fuse boards were upgraded to metal boards to comply with electrical safety standards. They will need reviewing in 10 years' time.
- On 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 annual fire-safety check was done on all fire extinguishers in all three buildings.
- Oliver Architecture Ltd. performed second survey of the Dhamma

Talaka Peace Pagoda via a cherry picker in September 2022 with a view to start reparative/renovative work on the stupa in early 2023. The company has been commissioned to act as Principal Designer for the project.

- Roof of Sangharama Vihara was inspected in June 2022 and repair work done.
- UV light filtration system in the fishpond replaced.
- According to gas safety guidelines 90 cm dual fuel cooker in Sangharama Vihara was replaced with a new one.

### **Buddhist Community**

We are grateful to our many supporters, donors and volunteers, in particular:

- The sponsors for our ceremonies.
- Dr. & Mrs. Kyaw Myint Oo, patron of Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust for their continued support.
- Dr. Mar Mar Lwin for her day-to-day support.
- Ashin Rahtapala for organizing and coordinating the Dana ceremonies for the devotees and his acknowledgement and blessings for these events on social media platform.
- Ashin Rahtapala also looks after the grounds and the security of the Vihara.
- Ven. Dr. Nagasena for keeping the Vihara in bloom and his help in the Academy.
- Mr. Htet Hla and his friends from London volunteering to keep the fence of the Vihara in shape. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust would like to thank them for their annual contribution.
- Su Theingi Thant for editing and helping print Lotus Journals and in preparing the calendar and invitations for events and ceremonies of the Vihara. She also looks after the paperwork for the Birmingham Buddhist Academy.
- Mr. Wunna Shitka for updating and maintaining the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara website.

### **Financial Report**

The financial assets of the Trust are in a reasonable position. The cash funds bank balance stands at £695,851.00 (£683,431.00-2022) for general expenses.

There is £16,971.64 in a deposit account [NatWest] which is our

contingency fund.

The Birmingham Buddhist Academy functions as an independent organization and has a balance of £31,010.19.

No expenses or remunerations were made to any trustee or volunteer who gave their time freely. No contracts were given to any company associated with any trustee.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees are aware of the need to consider the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The Trustees continue to consider risks, their impact, an estimation of the likelihood of each risk, measures that must be taken to avoid exposure to the risk. These risks are reviewed on a regular basis.



Maung Maung Kyi  
Trustee







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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash at bank and in hand	664,841	31,010	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>664,841</b>	<b>31,010</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK


Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Freehold land & buildings	Unrestricted	860,905	-
	Motor vehicles	Unrestricted	8,300	-
	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Unrestricted	13,128	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	Unrestricted	816	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	MAUNG MAUNG Kyi	02/02/2024



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2023

**Charity no**

513368

**Set out on pages**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**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.

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*AH D*

**Date:**

02/02/2024

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# Accounts

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# **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**

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**1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

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Trustees for the period:

Chair: John Beard

Secretary: Suraj Prakash Lal

Treasurer: Ann Lovelock

Trustees: Keith Vincent Jones  
Chit Ko Ko  
Maung Maung Kyi  
Mar Mar Lwin  
Andrew William Nicholls  
Su Theingi Thant

Spiritual Leader: Venerable Dr.Ottara Nyana

Independent Examiner: Mr. A. Dervish  
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## **Management**

There are no paid workers, and the trust relies totally on volunteers. The trustees meet regularly to plan events and to oversee the running of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

## **Activities at the Vihara**

Even with some easing of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic some of the regular activities and ceremonies could not take place at the Vihara, as there was still concern about big gatherings.

### ● **Meditation Classes**

Meditation sessions on Mondays and Thursday evenings have not taken place yet. Birmingham Zen group also decided not to hold their bimonthly meditation sessions. Using Zoom video-conferencing platform Ven. Dr. Nagasena Bhikkhu continued with his meditation class on Monday evenings.

### ● **Retreats**

Easter retreat and 10 Days Vipassana retreats did not take place at the Vihara.

Metta Retreat - Ven.Dr. Ottara Nyana held an online event for

Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium (28<sup>th</sup> July to 6<sup>th</sup> August 2021).  
Vipassana Retreat – Ven.Dr. Ottara Nyana held another online retreat for  
Dhammaramsi Centre in Belgium (4<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021).

## ● **Publication**

**Lotus** -The journal of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara 54 -Winter Issue  
Only one issue of newsletter and review was published.  
We are grateful to our trustee, Theingi Thant, for her contribution in  
producing these issues on a regular basis.

## ● **Ceremonies**

### **The Buddha Day {Vesak}**

The ceremony usually held in the early part of May in the Pagoda Hall was cancelled. As was the Vesak Day celebration usually held by Birmingham City Council in Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery in the Faith Gallery.

### **Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda Anniversary & Offering of Vassa {Waso} Robes**

Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda's 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, Vassa Ceremony and Birmingham Buddhist Academy's Congregation was held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021. It was attended by the candidates and some devotees and was broadcast live via Zoom video-conferencing platform and FaceBook Live. Devotees offered robes to the monks and made donations online.

### **Abhidhamma & Pavarana Day**

Our celebration on Pavarana Day with offering of light inside and outside the Dhamma Talaka Peace pagoda was broadcast live via Zoom video-conferencing platform and FaceBook Live on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This was followed by Patthana chanting for World Peace, Metta, loving kindness to all beings.

### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony**

Kathina ceremony was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021 via Zoom video-conferencing platform and several devotees joined the virtual ceremony.

### **Patthana-Abhidhamma Chanting**

The bhikkhus observed an auspicious recitation to welcome the New Year 2022, on New Year's Day. There was an offering of light and Patthana -Abhidhamma chanting and was broadcast on Zoom platform.

## **Birmingham Heritage Week**

Sponsored by Birmingham City Council, Birmingham Museums Trust organised

the Birmingham Heritage Week 2020 from 9th -19th September 2021. The week consisted of varied events, exhibitions and displays, walks, talks and open day visits to heritage sites around Birmingham City.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara took part in the event. Over 150 guests visited the Vihara during the Heritage Week and were shown around the pagoda and a brief talk on the pagoda and Buddhism was given. It was well received, and complimentary comments were recorded in the visitors' book. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara will take part in next year's Birmingham Heritage Week again. Our plan to have a virtual event has not happened yet.

## **Other Religious/Non-Religious Activities**

### **Footsteps Interfaith Spring Walk**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021 Birmingham Buddhist Vihara hosted a Footsteps Interfaith Spring Walk event arranged by Ruth Tetlow of Footsteps. Footsteps is a project of Birmingham Council of Faiths (A Charity Reg: 1015006) on Faiths for a Low Carbon Future. Tahir Pavaz of Active Wellbeing Society led the walk around Edgbaston Reservoir for about 30 participants representing various faiths and societies.

### **Birmingham Buddhist Academy**

The academy was able to continue with the Abhidhamma Course as it was run on-line. The new semester started on 1st September 2021.

Ven.Dr. Ottara Nyana and Ven.Dr.Nagasena continue to teach on the course. There is an on-line course on Pali which is also well attended.

### **Wedding Ceremony**

A wedding ceremony was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 by Ko The Hun Myo Win and Ma Su Lei Lei Thi in Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda where Ashin Rahtapala blessed the wedding couple. They then offered lunch dana, robes and Navakamma to Ashin Rahtapala. The wedding guests were treated to a sumptuous lunch.

### **Outreach**

The Pagoda has hosted groups from many schools, colleges, and multi-faith groups. The Vihara is also part of the Ladywood interfaith Education Project (LIEP), which was initiated by St. John & St. Peter's parish Church, in 1999. It is a partnership between four local places of faith including Birmingham Progressive Synagogue and Masjid-e-Usman Mosque. The aim of the project was to enhance religious education of the schools involved. The number of schools visiting and the number of students per visit were continuing to rise each year. But due to the ongoing COVID-19 restrictions only 15 schools were able to make the Religious Education School Visits in the school term.

The Pagoda is open during the day for visitors. During school visits it is closed to the public. We are aware of our public benefit responsibility and make sure we welcome all visitors of any faith or none.

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## **Visits Overseas**

Due to travel restrictions Ven. Ottara Nyana could not make any of the regular trips to Myanmar, Brazil, Belgium, or Czech Republic.

Ven. Nagasena was already in Bangladesh before the initial lock down in March 2020. He was able to oversee the building work for the school there for the Lotus Children's Education Trust Charity that he chairs. With the easing of travel restrictions, he was able to travel back to the UK in September 2021 after undergoing 10 days quarantine on arrival.

## **Renovation and maintenance work**

As the builder was taken ill, renovation and rebuilding of only one of three entrances to the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda could be completed.

Emergency roof repair was needed on the roof of the Sangharama Vihara building in October 2021.

More sensor lights were installed on the Sangharama Vihara building. New aisle lights were installed at the entrances to the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

All fire-extinguishers were upgraded in all three buildings, i.e., Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda, Sangharama Vihara and the Rewata Dhamma Hall. Fire safety certificate issued by Firecheck (UK) Ltd.

HMO Gas safety certificate issued by British Gas Services Ltd.

Service contracts were entered into for window cleaning services and gutter cleaning services.

## **Buddhist Community**

We are grateful to our many supporters and volunteers, in particular:

- The sponsors for our ceremonies.
  
- Dr. & Mrs. Kyaw Myint Oo, patron of BBVT, major donors towards the renovation work of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

- Dr.Mar Mar Lwin for her day-to-day support and precise bookkeeping.
- Ashin Rahtapala for organising and coordinating the dana ceremonies for the devotees. Ashin Rahtapala acknowledged all dana towards the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara via social media platform with photos of events & blessings
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- Keith Jones, a trustee, tended the Vihara's gardens with the Zen group on the last Sunday of every month.
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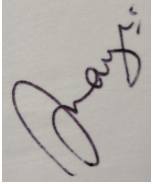
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## **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees are aware of the need to consider the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The Trustees continue to consider risks, their impact, an estimation of the likelihood of each risk, measures that must be taken to avoid exposure to the risk. These risks are reviewed on a regular basis. Our greatest

risk is that we rely entirely on donations from devotees for our charitable work . We are working to ensure that The Birmingham Buddhist Academy succeeds so that we can develop this in due course to be also a source of funding.

A square image containing a handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'Maung Kyi'.

Signed: Dr. Maung Maung Kyi  
Trustee.



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

513368

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2021	To	31/03/2022
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### 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 £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations and legacies	102,889	-	-	102,889	507,856
Charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	-	892	-	892	900
Investments	2	-	-	2	9
Separate material item of income	-	-	-	-	-
Other	668	-	-	668	219
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>103,559</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,451</b>	<b>508,984</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>103,559</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>104,451</b>	<b>508,984</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Raising funds	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities - Monks expenses	2,699	-	-	2,699	4,116
Buddhist Academy expenses	-	995	-	995	990
Support and management costs	26,331	-	-	26,331	29,571
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>29,030</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,025</b>	<b>34,677</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Motor Vehicle	-	-	-	-	8,300
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,300</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>29,030</b>	<b>995</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,025</b>	<b>42,977</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>74,529</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>74,426</b>	<b>466,007</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>					
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>582,360</b>	<b>26,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>609,010</b>	<b>143,003</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>656,889</b>	<b>26,547</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>683,436</b>	<b>609,010</b>



**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31/03/2022

**Charity no  
(if any)**

513368

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2022.

**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:**

*A Dervish*

**Date:**

24/11/2022

**Name:**

ABDULLAH DERVISH

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

Institute of Financial Accountants  
FFA/FIPA

**Address:**

A Dervish & Co Limited, 496-498 Bearwood Road, Bearwood, B66 4HB.

**BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST**

England & Wales - Charity number 513368

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# Accounts

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# **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**

**Trustees' Annual Report  
1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021**

The Trustees present their report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. They have been prepared in the light of the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities and the Charities' Act.

Administrative Information:

Charity Name: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity Commission Registration Number:513368

Address: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara  
Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda  
29/31 Osler Street, Ladywood  
Birmingham  
B16 9EU

Trustees for the period:

Chair: John Beard

Secretary: Suraj Prakash Lal

Treasurer: Ann Lovelock

Trustees: Keith Vincent Jones  
Chit Ko Ko  
Maung Maung Kyi  
Mar Mar Lwin  
Andrew William Nicholls  
Su Theigi Thant

Spiritual Leader: Venerable Dr.Ottara Nyana

Independent Examiner: Mr. A. Dervish  
496-498 Bearwood Road, Bearwood  
Birmingham, B66 4BH

Solicitors: H.F. Cotton  
1102 Stratford Road, Hall Green  
Birmingham, B28 8AD

Bank Details: Barclays Bank Plc  
Leicester  
LE87 2BB

NatWest Bank Plc

2 Hagley Road  
Birmingham  
B63 4RQ

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The trust is governed by a trust deed dated November 1982 with an addendum dated May 2003. There is a provision for a maximum of nine trustees with a minimum of five. When there is a vacancy the spiritual director puts forward names that the remaining trustees then consider, trying to ensure there is an even representation of gender, ethnicity and interests. All trustees must be practising Buddhists.

### **Objectives**

The objectives of the charity are to promote the study and practice of Buddhism according to the traditions of all schools of Buddhism, but particularly the Theravada School. To this end the trust presently supports a Spiritual Director and two other Myanmar Buddhist monks who reside at the monastery (Vihara) in Osler Street.

They teach basic Buddhism as well as run higher Buddhist theological classes, perform religious rites as required, look after the religious and spiritual needs of the laity. Buddhist monks are traditionally totally reliant on the monastery and donations from their devotees for their basic needs.

### **Management**

There are no paid workers and the trust relies totally on volunteers. The trustees meet regularly to plan events and to oversee the running of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara and Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

### **Activities at the Vihara**

Most of the entire year being affected by restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic most of the regular activities and ceremonies could not take place or had to be curtailed.

#### ● **Meditation Classes**

Meditation sessions that were held twice a week had to be cancelled. The

Birmingham Zen group were also unable to hold their bimonthly meditation sessions. Using Zoom video-conferencing platform Ven. Dr. Nagasena Bhikkhu started running a meditation class on Monday evenings.

#### ● **Retreats**

Easter retreat and 10 Days Vipassana retreats were also cancelled because of the restrictions imposed. Ven. Dr. Ottara Nyana, the abbot, would usually travel to Belgium for Metta retreat. As the travel ban was being imposed the retreat was held via SKYPE video link platform in August 2020.

#### ● **Publication**

**Lotus** -the journal of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara 53 -Winter Issue

Only one issue of newsletter and review was published.  
We are grateful to Theingi Thant for her contribution in producing these issues on a regular basis.

### ● **Ceremonies**

**The Buddha Day {Vesak}** ceremony usually held in the early part of May in the Pagoda hall was cancelled. As was the Vesak Day celebration held by Birmingham City Council in Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery in the Faith Gallery.

### **Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda Anniversary & Offering of Vassa {Waso} Robes**

Even though the event to be held in July 2020 had to be cancelled the devotees offered robes to the monks and made donations online.

### **Abhidhamma & Pavarana Day**

Our celebration on Pavarana Day with offering of light inside and outside the Dhamma Talaka Peace pagoda was broadcast live via Zoom video-conferencing platform and FaceBook Live on 31st October 2020. This was followed by Patthana chanting for World Peace, metta, loving kindness to all beings especially those affected by the pandemic.

### **Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony**

Kathina ceremony was held on 1st November via Zoom video-conferencing platform and a number of devotees joined the virtual ceremony.

### **Patthana-Abhidhamma Chanting**

The bhikkhus observed an auspicious recitation to welcome the New Year 2021, on New Year's Day. There was an offering of light and Patthana -Abhidhamma chanting and was broadcast on Zoom platform.

### **Memorial Service**

Sadly a number of memorial services were held for devotees who succumbed to COVID19 disease during the year mostly through Zoom video-conferencing platform. When the restrictions were eased devotees started visiting the Vihara in small groups to offer Dana and perform water-libation ceremonies and sharing of merit.

### **Birmingham Heritage Week**

Birmingham City Council sponsored and Birmingham Museums Trust organised a Birmingham Heritage Week 2020 from 10th -20th September 2020. The week consisted of varied events, exhibitions and displays, walks, talks and open day visits to heritage sites around Birmingham City.

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara took part in the event. We had a fairly good number of in-person visits despite the ongoing pandemic. We adhered to COVID-19 safety regulations and Ven.Nagasena looked after all the telephone bookings and the visits. Small groups of 5-6 or family groups were shown around the pagoda and a brief talk on the pagoda and Buddhism was given. It was well received and complimentary comments were recorded in the visitors' book. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara will take part in next year's Birmingham Heritage Week again. We plan to have a virtual event in place by then as well.

(NB. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara is listed in the survey of Buddhist Buildings in England. It was prepared for Historic England by Professor Emma Tomalin and Dr Caroline Starkey (Associate Professor now), The Centre for Religion and Public Life, University of Leeds June 2016)

### **Other Religious/Non Religious Activities**

#### **Visit to Buddhism Exhibition**

On 18th Feb 2020 Ven.Ottara Nyana visited the Buddhism Exhibition held in the British Library (25th October 2019 - 23rd February 2020). It was a well attended exhibition that explored the roots, philosophy and contemporary relevance of one of the world's major religions, from its beginning in north India in the 6th century BCE to having over 500 million followers across the world today.

#### **Birmingham Buddhist Academy**

The academy was able to continue with the Abhidhamma Diploma Course as it was run on-line. The new semester started on 1st September 2020. Ven.Dr.Ottara Nyana and Ven.Dr.Nagasena continue to teach on the course.

There is an on-line course on Pali which is also well attended.

#### **Outreach**

The Pagoda has hosted groups from many schools, colleges and multi-faith groups. The Vihara is also part of the Ladywood interfaith Education Project (LIEP), which was initiated by St.John & St.Peter's parish Church, in 1999. It is a partnership between four local places of faith including Birmingham Progressive Synagogue and Masjid-e-Usman Mosque. The aim of the project was to enhance religious education of the schools involved. The number of schools visiting and the number of students per visit were continuing to rise each year. We had about 25 school visits by the time the pandemic lock down took place. We hope that the school visits will return to normal when the pandemic is over.

The Pagoda is open during the day for visitors. During school visits it is closed to the public.

We are aware of our public benefit responsibility and make sure we welcome all visitors of any faith or none.

Ven, Ottaranyana and our present chair are also members of the Birmingham Faith Leaders' Group.

The monks have open links with other Buddhist Viharas (Myanmar, Thais, Sri Lankan, Tibetan, Vietnamese) in London, Birmingham, Rugeley, Oxford, Sheffield, Manchester and Sunderland.

### **Visits Overseas**

Due to travel restrictions Ven. Ottara Nyana could not make any of the regular trips to Myanmar, Brazil, Belgium or Czech Republic.

Ven. Nagasena was already in Bangladesh before the initial lock down in March 2020. He was able to oversee the building work for the school there for the Lotus Childrens' Education Trust Charity that he chairs.

### **Transportation**

Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust came to a decision that transport would be provided for the bhikkhus. While in the process of acquiring a car, very generous donors Dr Moe Thant, Theingi Thant and son, Chris, donated a hybrid Toyota Yaris to the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara. A real bonus as the bhikkhus can commute in comfort and safety especially during the COVID-19 pandemic period and make home visits to the devotees.

Birmingham Vihara Trust would also like to thank Ellen Parker for her contribution towards transport. The previous car, donated by Ellen, provided a good almost 20 years service!

### **Light Installation**

Due to a generous donation by Dr. Win Myint Aung and Dr. Khine Thin Han, Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust were able to install five bollard lights for the footpath between the Dhamma Talaka Pagoda and the Sangharama Vihara. Additionally two uprights for the two lions (chintes), all timed to switch on at the same time as the spotlights for the pagoda, were also installed.

### **Renovation and Rebuilding of the three entrances to the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda**

Early November 2020, the Trust was able to commission the repair and renovation work to all three entrances with particular focus on the ornate teak woodwork over the entrances. Due to inclement weather together with COVID-19 restrictions and the intricate work required in cleaning and oiling the wood carvings the renovation work took

well into Spring time 2021.

A new gutter system was formed making it wider and easier to clean rather than using off the shelf gutters.. This gutter system was covered with fibre-glass that became part of the roof complex.

The heavy teak carvings were then screwed onto metal brackets that were in turn supported by treated upright fascias.

In addition to this there was additional maintenance/repair work that had to be done in one of the visitors' en-suites.

## **Buddhist Community**

We are grateful to our many supporters, in particular:

- The sponsors for our ceremonies.
- Dr.& Mrs. Kyaw Myint Oo, patron of BBVT, major donors towards the renovation work of the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.
- Dr.Mar Mar Lwin for her day to day support and precise bookkeeping.
- Ashin Rahtapala for organising and coordinating the dana ceremonies for the devotees. Ashin Rahtapala acknowledged all dana towards the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara via social media platform with photos of events & blessings
- Ashin Rahtapala still looks after the grounds and the security of the Vihara.
- Keith Jones, a trustee, tended the Vihara's gardens with the Zen group on the last Sunday of every month.
- Ko Htet Hla and a group of his friends from London volunteered to trim the fence surrounding the Vihara every year. Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust would like to thank them all for their commitment and contribution.
- Su Theingi Thant for editing and helping print Lotus Journal. She also prepares invitations for ceremonies and events at the Vihara. Theingi also looks after the paperwork for the Birmingham Buddhist Academy.
- Wunna Shtika for updating and maintaining the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara website.

## **Financial Report**

The financial assets of the Trust are in good position. We were bequeathed a legacy of a sizeable sum.

The general fund bank balance stands at £1,460,117.00 (£98,5720.00 - 2020) for general expenses. There is £16,896.00 in a deposit account {NatWest} which is our contingency fund.

The Birmingham Buddhist Academy functions as an independent organisation and has a balance of £ 2,6740.00.

### **Major expenses during the year**

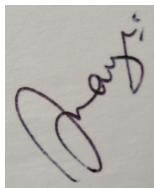
Renovation and Rebuilding of the three entrances to the Dhamma Talaka Peace Pagoda.

(Approx: £16,234.00)

No expenses or remunerations were made to any trustee or volunteer who all gave their time freely. No contracts were given to any company associated with any trustee.

### **Risk Assessment**

The Trustees are aware of the need to consider the major risks to which the Charity is exposed. The Trustees continue to consider risks, their likely impact, an estimation of the likelihood of each risk, measures that have been taken to avoid exposure to the risk, and those responsible for doing this. These risks are reviewed on a regular basis. Our greatest risk is that we rely entirely on donations from devotees for our charitable work . We are working to ensure that The Birmingham Buddhist Academy succeeds so that we can develop this in due course to be also a source of funding.



Signed: Maung Maung Kyi  
Trustee.

**BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST  
VIHARA TRUST**

**ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD**

**1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2021**

Proprietor: Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust

Charity Number: 513368

Address: Osler Street  
Ladywood  
Birmingham  
B16 9EU

Accountants: A. Dervish and Co. Ltd.,  
Accountants,  
496-498 Bearwood Road,  
Bearwood,  
Birmingham,  
B66 4HB.

**Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust Reg Charity No: 513368**  
**Annual Accounts For the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Section A Statement of financial activities**


Recommended categories by activity	Guidance Notes	Restricted			Total funds	Prior year funds
		Unrestricted funds	income funds	Endowment funds		
		£ F01	£ F02	£ F03		
<b>Incoming resources (Note 3)</b>						
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>						
Donations and legacies	S01	507,856	-	-	507,856	67,524
Charitable activities	S02	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	S03	-	900	-	900	600
Investments	S04	9	-	-	9	-
Separate material item of income	S05	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S06	219	-	-	219	32
<b>Total</b>	S07	<b>508,084</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>508,984</b>	<b>68,156</b>
<b>Resources expended (Note 6)</b>						
<b>Expenditure on:</b>						
Raising funds	S08	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	S09	4,116	-	-	4,116	6,999
Separate material item of expense	S10	-	-	-	-	-
Other	S11	29,571	990	-	30,561	64,848
<b>Total</b>	S12	<b>33,687</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,677</b>	<b>71,847</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before investment gains/(losses)</b>	S13	<b>474,397</b>	<b>- 90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474,307</b>	<b>- 3,691</b>
Net gains/(losses) on investments	S14	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	S15	<b>474,397</b>	<b>- 90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474,307</b>	<b>- 3,691</b>
<b>Extraordinary items</b>	S16	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	S17	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	S20	<b>474,397</b>	<b>- 90</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>474,307</b>	<b>- 3,691</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>						
Total funds brought forward	S21	985,720	26,740	-	1,012,460	1,016,151
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	S22	<b>1,460,117</b>	<b>26,650</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,486,767</b>	<b>1,012,460</b>

**Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust Reg Charity No: 513368**  
**Annual Accounts For the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Section B Balance sheet**

		Guidance Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total this year	Total last year
			£	£	£	£	£
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
<b>Fixed assets</b>							
<b>Tangible assets</b>	<b>(Note 14)</b>	B02	878,537	-	-	878,537	870,237
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		B05	878,537	-	-	878,537	870,237
<b>Current assets</b>							
Cash at bank and in hand	(Note 24)	B09	582,360	26,650	-	609,010	143,004
<b>Total current assets</b>		B10	582,360	26,650	-	609,010	143,004
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 20)	B11	780	-	-	780	780
<b>Net current assets/(liabilities)</b>		B12	581,580	26,650	-	608,230	142,224
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		B13	1,460,117	26,650	-	1,486,767	1,012,461
<b>Total net assets or liabilities</b>		B16	1,460,117	26,650	-	1,486,767	1,012,461
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>							
Restricted income funds	(Note 27)	B18	-	26,650	-	26,650	26,740
Unrestricted funds		B19	1,460,117	-	-	1,460,117	985,721
<b>Total funds</b>		B21	1,460,117	26,650	-	1,486,767	1,012,461

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval dd/mm/yyyy
	MAUNG MAUNG Kyi	20/01/22

**Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust Reg Charity No: 513368**  
**Annual Accounts For the period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**Section C** **Notes to the accounts**

**Note 1 Basis of preparation**

*This section should be completed by all charities.*

**1.1 Basis of accounting**

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

- and with\* 

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 the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014
- and with\* 

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 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)
- and with the Charities Act 2011.

**1.2 Going concern**

*If there are material uncertainties related to events or conditions that cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, please provide the following details or state "Not applicable", if appropriate:*

An explanation as to those factors that support the conclusion that the charity is a going concern;

<b>Based on examination of financial documents and correspondence, supporting conclusion of going concern.</b>
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Disclosure of any uncertainties that make the going concern assumption doubtful;

<b>Not applicable</b>
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Where accounts are not prepared on a going concern basis, please disclose this fact together with the basis on which the trustees prepared the accounts and the reason why the charity is not regarded as a going concern.

<b>Not applicable</b>
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**Note 2 Accounting policies**  
**2.2 INCOME**

*This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those ticked "No" or "N/a". Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.*

<b>Recognition of income</b>	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity becomes entitled to the resources;</li> <li>it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and</li> <li>the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.</li> </ul>	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Offsetting</b>	There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants and donations</b>	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP).	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	In the case of performance related grants, income must only be recognised to the extent that the charity has provided the specified goods or services as entitlement to the grant only occurs when the performance related conditions are met (5.16 FRS 102 SORP).	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Legacies</b>	Legacies are included in the SoFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Government grants</b>	The charity has received government grants in the reporting period	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Tax reclaims on donations and gifts</b>	Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Contractual income and performance related grants</b>	This is only included in the SoFA once the charity has provided the related goods or services or met the performance related conditions.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donated goods</b>	Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Donated services and facilities</b>	Donated services and facilities are included in the SoFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SoFA.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Support costs</b>	The charity has incurred expenditure on support costs.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Volunteer help</b>	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Income from interest, royalties and dividends</b>	This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Income from membership subscriptions</b>	Membership subscriptions received in the nature of a gift are recognised in Donations and Legacies.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Membership subscriptions which gives a member the right to buy services or other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Settlement of insurance claims</b>	Insurance claims are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS102 SORP) and are included as an item of other income in the SoFA.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Investment gains and losses</b>	This includes any realised or unrealised gains or losses on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 2.3 EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

<b>Liability recognition</b>	Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Governance and support costs</b>	Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants with performance conditions</b>	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Grants payable without performance conditions</b>	Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Redundancy cost</b>	The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Deferred income</b>	No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Creditors</b>	The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Provisions for liabilities</b>	A liability is measured on recognition at its historical cost and then subsequently measured at the best estimate of the amount required to settle the obligation at the reporting date	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Basic financial instruments</b>	The charity accounts for basic financial instruments on initial recognition as per paragraph 11.7 FRS102 SORP. Subsequent measurement is as per paragraphs 11.17 to 11.19, FRS102 SORP.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## 2.4 ASSETS

<b>Tangible fixed assets for use by charity</b>	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least	Yes	No	N/a
	They are valued at cost.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Intangible fixed assets</b>	The depreciation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.2.	Yes	No	N/a
	The charity has intangible fixed assets, that is, non-monetary assets that do not have physical substance but are identifiable and are controlled by the charity through custody or legal rights. The amortisation rates and methods used are disclosed in note 9.5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Heritage assets</b>	The charity has heritage assets, that is, non-monetary assets with historic, artistic, scientific, technological, geophysical or environmental qualities that are held and maintained principally for their contribution to knowledge and culture. The depreciation rates and methods used as disclosed in note 9.6.1.4.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at cost.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Investments</b>	Fixed asset investments in quoted shares, traded bonds and similar investments are valued at initially at cost and subsequently at fair value (their market value) at the year end. The same treatment is applied to unlisted investments unless fair value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Investments held for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than 1 year are treated as current asset investments	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Stocks and work in progress</b>	Stocks held for sale as part of non-charitable trade are measured at the lower or cost or net realisable value.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Goods or services provided as part of a charitable activity are measured at net realisable value based on the service potential provided by items of stock.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Work in progress is valued at cost less any foreseeable loss that is likely to occur on the contract.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Debtors</b>	Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Current asset investments</b>	The charity has investments which it holds for resale or pending their sale and cash and cash equivalents with a maturity date less than one year. These include cash on deposit and cash equivalents with a maturity date of less than one year held for investment purposes rather than to meet short term cash commitments as they fall due.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	They are valued at fair value except where they qualify as basic financial instruments.	Yes	No	N/a
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Note 3 Analysis of income**

Analysis	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year
				£	£
<b>Donations and legacies:</b>					
Donations and gifts	57,356	-	-	57,356	67,524
Legacies	450,500	-	-	450,500	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>507,856</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>507,856</b>	<b>67,524</b>
<b>Other trading activities:</b>					
Buddhist Academy	-	900	-	900	600
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Income from investments:</b>					
Interest income	9	-	-	9	32
Other	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Other:</b>					
Other	219	-	-	219	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>508,084</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>508,984</b>	<b>68,156</b>

**Note 6 Analysis of expenditure**

Analysis	This year				Last year			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted income funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities:</b>								
Monks and domestic expenses	4,116	-	-	4,116	4,999	2,000	-	6,999
<b>Total expenditure on charitable activities</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,999</b>
<b>Other</b>								
Buddhist Academy	-	990	-	990	-	-	-	-
Support Costs	29,571	-	-	29,571	63,936	912	-	64,848
<b>Total other expenditure</b>	<b>29,571</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,561</b>	<b>63,936</b>	<b>912</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>64,848</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>33,687</b>	<b>990</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>34,677</b>	<b>68,935</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>71,847</b>

**Other information:**

**Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities**

Activity or programme	This year				Last year			
	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total this year	Activities undertaken directly	Grant funding of activities	Support Costs	Total last year
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Buddhist Monks	-	-	4,116	4,116	-	5,499	-	5,499
Burmese School Project	-	-	-	-	-	1,500	-	1,500
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,999</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,999</b>

**Note 14 Tangible fixed assets**

**14.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Motor Vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At the beginning of the year	860,905	-	9,332	870,237
Additions		8,300	-	8,300
Revaluations	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	860,905	8,300	9,332	878,537

**14.2 Depreciation and impairments**

At beginning of the year	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	-	-	-	-
Impairment	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-
At end of the year	-	-	-	-

**14.3 Net book value**

Net book value at the beginning of the year	860,905	-	9,332	870,237
Net book value at the end of the year	860,905	8,300	9,332	878,537

**Note 20 Creditors and accruals**

**20.1 Analysis of creditors**

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Accruals for grants payable	-	-	-	-
Bank loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors	-	-	-	-
Payments received on account for contracts or performance-related grants	-	-	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	780	780	-	-
Taxation and social security	-	-	-	-
Other creditors	-	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

**Note 24**

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Short term cash investments (less than 3 months maturity date)
Short term deposits
Cash at bank and on hand
Other
<b>Total</b>

This year £	Last year £
-	-
-	-
609,010	143,004
-	-
609,010	143,004

**Note 27**

**Charity funds**

**27.1 Details of material funds held and movements during the CURRENT reporting period**

\* Key: PE - permanent endowment funds; EE - expendible endowment funds; R - restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity; and U - unrestricted funds

Fund names	Type PE, EE R or UR *	Purpose and Restrictions	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
General Fund	UR	General	985,720	508,084	- 33,687	-	-	1,460,117
Buddhist Academy	R	Buddhist teaching courses	26,740	900	- 990	-	-	28,650
Other funds	N/a	N/a	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Funds</b>			<b>1,012,460</b>	<b>508,984</b>	<b>- 34,677</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,488,767</b>

## **BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

I report on the unaudited accounts of the charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 set out on the following pages.

#### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER.**

As the charity's Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- . examine the accounts (under section 43(3) (a) of the Charities Act 1993);
- . follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners (under section 43(7) (b) of the Charities Act 1993); and
- . state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charities Commissioners. An independent 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

**BIRMINGHAM BUDDHIST VIHARA TRUST**


**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of The  
Midlands International Buddhist Association in the U.K. (continued)**

**Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S 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:
  - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
  - b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.



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