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# **Birmingham Buddhist Vihara Trust**

## **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.

**29th 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.

**20th 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 Tweek & 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.

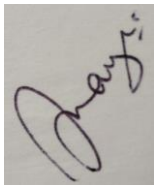
The cash funds bank balance stands at £522,812.00 on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 (£695,851 - 2023) for general expenses. There is £8270.05 in a deposit account {NatWest} which is our contingency fund.

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 .

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Maung Kyi', is shown within a square frame.

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