The Buddhist Society Trust

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

Report of the Trustees and unaudited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2022

Registered Company number 00854151
Registered Charity number 294198

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Acts 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable accounting standards. The accounts have been prepared on an ongoing basis. The Charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

00854151 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number 294198

Registered office

33 Kenway Road London SW5 0RP

Trustees

Dr D R Biddulph CBE
J Montgomery
E Muirhead
R Campbell (Chair)

Company Secretary

P A Williams

Accountants

Independent Examiners Ltd Unit 2 The Broadbridge Business Centre Delling Lane Bosham PO18 8NF

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing documents, a deed of trust and its Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a company limited by guarantee as defined by the Companies Acts 2006.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

Any new appointments are at the recommendation of the board.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES - CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2021

Induction and training of new trustees

All new trustees are given, in the view of the board, sufficient training and have enough knowledge of their specific field to understand the nature of the charity and fully comply with the charities current views of its progression. They are required to be aware of both legal and professional responsibilities under charity and company law.

Organizational structure

The charity is run by the board of directors and has no full time employees.

Related parties

D R Biddulph and R Campbell are directors of The Buddhist Society. P A Williams, Company Secretary of The Buddhist Society Trust is the Company Secretary of The Buddhist Society. The Buddhist Society Trust provides financial assistance to The Buddhist Society, charity number 1113705.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

Charitable Objects

The charity exists to advance the education of the public in the principles of Buddhism and to encourage and promote the study and application of those principles.

Aims and Strategies to Achieve Objects and Extend Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales. Over the year, the trustees set out their plans to increase and maximise the value of the charity's work and assets for this purpose, identifying a number of streams of work intended to achieve that increase. The public benefits delivered by the charity's work and plans for current and future operations are as laid down in the following section, Achievement and Performance.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Grant making Activities

The Trust made payments totalling £102,915 (2021: £100,970) in the reporting year. This total was made up of:

1. £102,915 (2021: £100,970) to the Buddhist Society.

Publishing Activities

Publishing Advisor Jonathan Earl, Chairman Dr Desmond Biddulph

The Trust received royalties during the year of £5,683 (2021: £3,720) and made book sales of £15,420 (2021: £4,400). It spent a total of £18,018 (2021: £27,783) on publishing activities.

Following two years of considerable disruption resulting from the Covid-19 pandemic, the publishing team has focused in the last twelve months on editing, designing and producing its next tranche of new and reissued titles. The five titles in question were promoted in the Buddhist Society Trust's first publications catalogue, which was produced in Autumn 2021 and circulated to the Society's members, as well as to our book trade distributors, Consortium/Ingram in North America and Global Book Sales for the rest of the world.

Our lead title is *Buddhism and Women*, edited by Darcy Flynn, a compelling collection of the stories of around thirty key Buddhism women from the last two hundred years. All these lives are drawn from the pages of *The Middle Way*, and include scholars and explorers, travellers and teachers, writers and

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spiritualists. In addition to these individual profiles, the archives of *The Middle Way* also contributes a selection of poems by noted Buddhist women from the past two centuries. *Buddhism and Women* therefore combines narrative biography with creative writing, animating the lives of these influential but sometimes neglected historical pioneers.

Also currently in preparation is *House of Silent Light: The Dawning of Zen in Gilded Age America*, by Hidemi Riggs and the late Brian Riggs. This is the biography of Ida Russell, the first Westerner to practise Zen meditation directly under the guidance of a Japanese Zen master, Soen Shaku. Edited by Wayne Yokoyama, former editor of *The Eastern Buddhist*, *House of Silent Light* will provide a fascinating insight into the birth of Zen Buddhism in the United States.

Next in our group of new publications are two new editions of classic texts: Shantideva's *Bodhicaryavatara*, or *A Guide to the Bodhisattva's Way of Life*, and *Mumonkan*, or *The Gateless Gate*, by the early 13th century Chinese Zen master Mumon Ekai.

The edition of the *Bodhicaryavatara* is accompanied by a commentary from His Excellency Ringu Tulku Rinpoche, the renowned Tibetan Buddhist Master. In addition, a separate new commentary by Buddhist scholar James Whelan will assess the Sanskrit translation of this 8th-century masterpiece.

The new edition of *Mumonkan* carries the profound but highly accessible commentaries of the beloved Zen Master Soko Morinaga Roshi (1925 – 1995), a great friend and supporter of The Buddhist Society over many years. The Roshi's commentaries do far more than simply interpret the 48 *koans*, or cases, that make up *Mumonkan*: he also brings out the deeper significance of the *koans* in showing how they remain keenly relevant to our daily lives.

Completing the set of new editions is *The Zen Teaching of Rinzai*, with a translation and Foreword by the Venerable Myokyo-ni, and a new Introduction by Dr Desmond Biddulph. The Rinzai school (named after Rinzai Gigen, who died in 866 AD), was brought to Japan in the early 13th century, and is regarded as one of the five great schools of Zen.

It is planned that all five new titles are published between late 2022 and mid-2023. Buddhism and Women and House of Silent Light are both generating especially keen advance interest in the book trade, and we are confident that they will boost both the sales revenues, and the overall prestige and profile, of the growing publishing programme.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The Financial Statements show a net increase in funds of £16,893 (2021: increase of £577,009) in the year after receiving £198,951 and expending £193,281 (2021: £187,309), making total funds carried forward of £2,868,115 (2021: £2,851,222).

Reserves policy

The Trust has set a reserves policy that provides financial stability and the means for the development of its principal activities and ongoing building maintenance. It requires maintaining free cash balances in the general fund amounting to six months normal expenditure which this year equates to approximately £100,000 (2021: £150,000). In addition, it has agreed that a sum of £350,000 be retained to cover necessary building repairs, renewals and maintenance required in the foreseeable future, however this may be invested in the short term. Surplus funds will be invested to provide a regular ongoing income. The Trust regularly reviews the amount of reserves that are required to ensure that they are adequate to fulfill continuing obligations.

The Trust considers the present level of funding and reserves is adequate to support the charity's activities for the medium term, and the directors consider the financial position of the charity to be satisfactory.

Investment Review and Performance

No authoritative external investment review has been conducted during the reporting period. The accounts show that the value of the investments has risen to £70,105 (2021: £58,882) These have yielded distributions during the year of £2,216 (2021: £4,935).

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES – CONTINUED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

Two of the investment funds were closed by the investment company and their redemption value was paid into the charity's main bank account. Since there is no need for the trustees to liquidate their remaining investments in the near future, this figure represents a snapshot of their value at 30 April 2022.

The trustees consider the investment performance for the year to be satisfactory under current market conditions and taking into account the effects of both Brexit and Covid-19.

Donations and Legacy income

£22,713 was received in legacy income during the year. (2021: None).

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit or loss of the company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. In preparing this report the directors have taken advantage of the special provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the year ended 30 April 2022 and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Robert Campbell

Date: 14 September 2022

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Buddhist Society Trust for the year ended 30th April 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the charitable company (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ("the 2006 Act").

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charitable company are not required to be audited for this year under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act"). In carrying out my examination, I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that:

- · accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; or
- the accounts do not accord with such records; or
- the accounts do not comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
- the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Name: G W Schulz ACMA

Date:

14 September 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total Funds £
INCOME					
Income from generated funds Donations and legacies	2	22,713		22,713	626,277
Income from investments	2	155,134	_	155,134	121,827
Income from charitable activities	2	155,154	_	155,154	121,627
Book royalties and publishing donations		-	21,103	21,103	8,120
Total income		177,847	21,103	198,950	756,224
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EXPENSES				•	
Expenditure on raising funds					
Investment management costs	3	63,334	-	63,334	48,750
Expenditure on charitable activities					·
Publishing		-	18,018	18,018	27,783
Donations to The Buddhist Society		102,915	-	102,915	100,970
Charitable events	2	- 0.012	-	0.012	- 0.006
Governance costs	3	9,013		9,013	9,806
Total expenses		175,262	18,018	193,280	187,309
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		2,585	3,085	5,670	568,915
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING)		2,363	3,063	2,070	300,713
Gains/(losses) on investment assets		11,223	- .	11,223	8,094
Net movement in funds		13,808	3,085	16,893	577,009
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		2,851,222		2,851,222	2,274,213
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		2,865,030	3,085	2,868,115	2,851,222

BALANCE SHEET AT 30 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total funds	2021 Total funds
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS	_				
Tangible assets	6	675.000	-	-	2,388
Land and Buildings	6 7	675,000 1,042,000	-	675,000 1,042,000	675,000 1,000,000
Investment property Investments	7	70,105	-	70,105	58,882
mvestments	,				
		1,787,105	-	1,787,105	1,736,270
CURRENT ASSETS Debtors:					
amounts falling due within one year	8	706	-	706	51,978
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Cash at bank		1,085,112	3,687	1,088,799	1,079,210
		1,085,818	3,687	1.089.505	1,131,188
CREDITORS		-,,	-,	-,,	-,
Amounts falling due within one year	9 .	(7,893)	(602)	(8,495)	(16,236)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		1,077,925	3,085	1 081 010	1,114,952
NET CORRENT ASSETS					1,114,752
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		2,865,030	3,085	2,868,115	2,851,222
					
NET ASSETS		2,865,030	3,085	2.868.115	2,851,222
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FUNDS	10				
PONDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				2.865.030	2,851,222
Restricted funds				3,085	-,
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TOTAL FUNDS				2,868,115	2,851,222

BALANCE SHEET - CONTINUED AT 30 APRIL 2022

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 30 April 2022.

The trustees have not required the charitable company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006. However in accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report is on page 17.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small charitable companies.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 14 September 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

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Robert Campbell
Chair of the Trustees

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP - FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Land and buildings: The freehold of the building is held at cost because it is a mixed property and each component cannot be valued or sold separately.

Plant and machinery etc: 25% on cost and 10% on cost

Investments

Investments are shown at the most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in market value is transferred to a revaluation reserve.

The charity was bequeathed a flat in a property in North London which needed a total refurbishment including rewiring, new windows, refitting of kitchen and bathroom and installation of shower room. This property is being held at a fair value after renovations based on a recent Zoopla estimate.

Taxation

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

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees. Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity.

Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

2. INCOME FROM GENERATED FUNDS

	Donations and legacies	2022	2021
	Donations and gifts Legacies and bequests	£ 183 22,530	£ 103 -
	Legacies and bequests - donated goods, facilities and services - investment property	-	626,174
		22,713	626,277
	Income from Investments	2022	2021
		£	£
	Rents received Bank interest	152,197 1	116,892
	Investment income - dividends	2,216	4,935
*		155,134	121,827
3.	EXPENSES		
	Investment management costs	2022	2021
	Letting expenses and ground rent	£ 15,004	£ 9,510
	Insurance	8,639	7,439
	Repairs and maintenance	15,979	9,744
	Legal and professional	20,935	16,231
	General office expenses	318	3,262
	Bank charges	71	54
	Depreciation	2,388	2,508
		63,334	48,750
	Governance costs	2022	2021
	Governance costs	£	£
	Accountancy and company secretarial	7,313	8,156
	Independent examination	1,700	1,650
		9,013	9,806
4.	NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES		
	Net resources are stated after charging:		
		2022	2021
	Depreciation – owned assets	£ 2,388	£ 2,508

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 30 April 2022 nor for the year ended 30 April 2021.

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 April 2022 nor for the year ended 30 April 2021.

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

,	Freehold Land and buildings	Improvements to property	Furniture and fittings	Totals
	£	£	£	£
Cost				
At beginning of year	675,000	32,610	19,560	52,170
Additions	0	0	. 0	0
At end of year	675,000	32,610	19,560	52,170
Depreciation				
At beginning of year	0	30,222	19,560	49,782
Charge for year	0	2,388	0	2,388
At end of year	0	32,610	19,560	52,170
				
Net book value				
At 30 April 2022	675,000	0	0	0.
At 30 April 2021	675,000	2,388	0	2,388

The freehold of the building where the charity has its headquarters is held by at cost because it is a mixed property and each component cannot be valued or sold separately. The depreciation is not material as the asset has a very long useful life and the conditions of FRS102 (paragraph 17.8 to 17.21) are met and an annual impairment review is carried out. The directors do not believe that the freehold property has depreciated in value during the course of the year.

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

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	Listed Investments	Investment Property
	£	
Market Value	50.000	
At start of year	58,882	1,000,000
Additions	0	0
Sales	0	42.000
Improvements to investment property	0	42,000
Revaluations	11,223	0
At end of year	70,105	1,042,000
Net book value		
At 30 April 2022	70,105	1,042,000
At 30 April 2021	58,882	1,000,000
There were no investment assets outside the UK.		
DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN	ONE YEAR	
	2022	2021
	£	
D-1-4		£
	706	50,505
	706 -	
		50,505 14,073
Debtors Prepayments	706 - - 706	50,505
Prepayments	706	50,505 14,073
Prepayments	706	50,505 14,073
Prepayments	706 —— IN ONE YEAR	50,505 14,073 51,978
Prepayments CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITH	706 —— IN ONE YEAR 2022	50,505 14,073 51,978 2021 £ 13,721
Prepayments CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITH Creditors Prepaid income	706 —— IN ONE YEAR 2022 £	50,505 14,073 51,978 2021 £
	706 ——— IN ONE YEAR 2022 £ 1,161	50,505 14,073 51,978

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

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	At 1 May 2021	Net movement in funds	At 30 April 2022
Unrestricted funds	£	£	£
General fund	2,851,222	13,808	2,865,030
Restricted funds			
Educational fund	-	3,085	3,085
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	-	-	-
			
TOTAL FUNDS	2,851,222	16,893	2,868,115

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds
Unrestricted funds	~	_	_	_
General fund	177,847	(175,262)	11,223	13,808
Restricted funds				
Educational fund	21,103	(18,018)	-	3,085
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TOTAL FUNDS	198,950	(193,280)	11,223	16,893

11. TRUSTEES AND OTHER RELATED PARTIES

No payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial year apart from reimbursement of costs incurred on behalf of the charity. No material transaction took place between the organization and a trustee or any person connected with them. During the year, the Buddhist Society Trust made funding donations of £102,915 to the Buddhist Society (2021: £100,970). In addition, £22,529 legacy income (2021: £0) was passed over from the Buddhist Society to the Buddhist Society Trust for safekeeping in line with its Articles of Association.

12. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The Charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Report of the Trustees. The trustees confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.