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Network of Buddhist Organisations

Report and financial statements

For the year ended 31st March 2021

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Reference and administrative information
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Registered office and operational address Crown House
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Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

J H Hackney	Chair
D H S Kennaway	Treasurer
J D Backus	
J Cresswell	
C Hopper	
K G J Thompson	

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Trustees' annual report for the year ended 31st March 2021

The trustees present their report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2021. Included within the trustees' report is the directors' report as required by company law.

Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the memorandum and articles of association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: SORP applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

Objectives and activities

Objects

To advance Buddhism in the UK for the benefit of the public through the holding of meetings, lectures, producing and/or disseminating literature and news on Buddhism, to inform and enlighten others about Buddhism, and to undertake all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of these objects.

Objectives and activities

- Acting impartially on behalf of the broad diversity of UK Buddhism.
- Promoting networking and information exchanges between sincere Buddhist groups and individuals.
- Acting as a channel between Buddhist groups and external organisations including governmental, media and other agencies.
- Running online information channels.
- Contributing to interfaith forums.

The trustees review the aims, objectives, and activities of the charity each year. This report looks at what the charity has achieved and the outcomes of its work in the reporting period. The trustees report the success of each key activity and the benefits the charity has brought to those groups of people that it is set up to help. The review also helps the trustees ensure the charity's aims, objectives and activities remained focused on its stated purposes.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set.

This year, the NBO continued providing a Buddhist voice in the areas of Education and Interfaith, and disseminated information through its website, NBO information group and Facebook pages. It has promoted British pan-Buddhist social action through Buddhist Action Month, the Eco Dharma Network and has been represented at the European Buddhist Union. In planning our activities for the year we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in our executive committee meetings. Activities during this period are described in the following reports.

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Achievements and performance

The charity's main activities and who it tries to help are described below. All its charitable activities are undertaken to further Network of Buddhist Organisations charitable purposes for the public benefit.

Chair's report

Juliet Hackney

Restrictions associated with the Covid Pandemic prevented the members and committee of NBO meeting each other in person throughout the whole year April 2020-March 2021. However, the committee has continued to meet online and held its annual meeting and AGM online in October.

The Network of Buddhist Organisations works together across traditions and support one another in performing "right action" in the areas of Religious Education, Interfaith, European Buddhist Union, Chaplaincy, Buddhist Action Month and Eco Dharma.

Our objects are to work together as Buddhists for the benefit of the public. Please find details of each area of activity in individual reports below.

The first main event of the year was Buddhist Action Month in June, which had the theme

"BAM - For The Earth", for more details see the later report. In October we held a public meeting for the AGM and general annual gathering, which was well attended to contemplate "What Motivates us? What Mobilises Us? How can we Maximise our Impact?" Speakers talked about Buddhist Practice, Acting as Buddhists and Collaboration. Breakout rooms were used to facilitate small group discussions. A presentation was also given by Nick Donaldson, Head of Faith Charities Engagement, from the Charities Commission, on the support available from the Charities Commission.

As the Ecological Crisis worsens the Eco Dharma group has been meeting regularly to plan events and support each other. Activity in the other ongoing areas of Religious Education, Interfaith, European Buddhist Union and Chaplaincy continues and we meet several times a year to support each other, please see individual reports for details. We share progress and pass on relevant information to the membership and their sangha's as well as the NBO Info email group.

Interfaith

John Marder, Interfaith Officer

NBO has continued its involvement with interfaith at the national level through its connections with the Interfaith Network (IFN) and the Faith Communities Forum (FCF). Jo Backus (NBO Trustee and Education Officer) has been active as a Trustee of the IFN throughout the year and John Marder (NBO's Interfaith Officer) has shared attendance with Jo at the FCF meetings offered by IFN.

In addition to NBO's engagement with IFN and FCF, their Eco Dharma function, coordinated by Olivia Fuchs, is continuing to collaborate as part of the inter-faith climate network by working closely with Faith for the Climate.

Activities at IFN and FCF were dominated by issues arising from the COVID-19 pandemic with meetings, as a consequence of the pandemic, being exclusively online. FCF meetings increased in frequency with one being held each month for a large part of 2020. Content was primarily concerned with faith-related aspects of the government's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Issues included restrictions on access to places of worship, funerals and weddings and loss of income for faith communities. Faith-based social action to support vulnerable members of communities was also discussed as well as the particularly severe impact of the pandemic on BAME communities.

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Although other, non-Covid related issues such as climate change, hate crime and Brexit did feature on FCF agendas, the extreme salience of the pandemic during this period cannot be denied. This was particularly apparent at the IFN National Meeting in March 2021 which featured issues already highlighted above along with others such as healthcare chaplaincy during the pandemic, vaccination in BAME communities and collaboration of faith communities with local authorities.

Government's engagement with faith communities was a continuing theme and had significant practical implications for how policy was set with regard to matters such as re-opening of places of worship after restrictions. A number of NBO committee members attended the Faith Action focus groups which fed into government policy making.

One particularly notable feature of NBO's interfaith activity during the pandemic was Jo Backus's participation in the in IFN's 'Buddy Scheme', pairing up in discussions with a lady of Shiite Muslim faith. The content of these discussions will be published by IFN. Jo and John Marder also took part in a special meeting they had arranged with a representative of the Muslim Council of Britain in which their different perspectives on faith-related matters were shared and discussed.

Eco Dharma's activity in terms of the ecological crisis is a standout feature of NBO's work in 2020-21. However, their interfaith engagement in these endeavours can't be overlooked. Eco Dharma is part of the Make COP Count coalition, which has created faith advocacy asks. They are also signatories on Interfaith statements and Olivia has spoken on many occasions including at the Interfaith Vigil at the G7, on BBC's The Big Questions, and at Green Faith's 'Sacred People, Sacred Earth'.

Buddhist Action Month (BAM!)

Buddhist Action Month 2021

The theme for Buddhist Action Month 2020 was 'For the Earth'. Kaspalita Thompson created a handbook full of ideas, inspiration and resources to support Buddhists to engage in extra compassionate action in June 2020. The handbook and resources were distributed to membership organisations and interested parties through a separate BAM mailing list and through social media. The handbook was amended in March 2020 to include a page on safely engaging during the global pandemic. As a result of the pandemic many Buddhist groups offered talks and workshops online rather than in person throughout June 2020. Most of the groups taking part were in the UK, but some groups based in other countries such as the U.S. and Australia also created events. There was not an accurate count of events but the general feedback from those who did get back in touch about events was very good.

Kaspalita Thompson spoke at the 2020 European Buddhist Union about Buddhist Action Month, and as a result of this made new contacts and started conversations about making BAM 2021 a European wide event.

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The Eco Dharma Network

Olivia Fuchs

In response to the corona virus pandemic and lock-down Eco Dharma Network started holding regular webinars to support and resource network members and has expanded the email list to over 300 people. We continued to collaborate with many partners, working together closely with Faith for the Climate and the interfaith Make COP Count coalition, as well as supporting the creation of a European Eco Dharma network as part of EBU. Eco Dharma are signatories on several Interfaith statements and have spoken on many occasions including on BBC's The Big Questions, and at Green Faith's 'Sacred People, Sacred Earth'. Our core group has expanded to 12 members and we have created objectives for 2021 printed below.

2020/21 Webinars

June 6 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Buddhist action in a Post-Covid Era● With Emilie Parry, Joe Mishan, Narapa Johnson, Kaspia Thompson
August 12 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Greenspaces, Buddhism and Interconnectedness● Webinar with John Marder, Sharron Harrison, Kaspia Thompson, Olivia Fuchs
September 12 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Eco Dharma: Buddhist Teachings for the Precipice● David Loy talk
November 8 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Staying Sane in the Face of the Climate● Caroline Brazier talk
January 22 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Climate and social justice – Co-listening● Seminar/workshop – Co-listening as a tool to reflect on racism and oppression with Renuka and Jassy
February 18 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Catastrophe or the Great Turning: meeting ourselves in the climate crisis● Informal sharing and listening -- Joe Mishan hosting
March 17 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Personal climate action: what are the many ways Buddhists can act skilfully?<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Yogaratna, Jiggy Bhore, Narapa Johnson, Avni Soochak, Juliet Hackney○ Jamie Cresswell hosting

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Objectives

1. Expand the number of Buddhists engaged in the "climate conversation".
 - a. Increase our mailing list contacts
 - b. Run events over the course of the year (at least five lectures/seminars/ and workshops) building capacity towards COP.
 - c. Publicise and invite a more diverse group of people to our events, including young people, people from Asian Buddhist traditions, Buddhists of colour etc.
2. Resource the Buddhists already in our network to engage in climate activism including by strengthening our community, relationships and connections.
 - a. Run training for people to have difficult conversations around climate change within their Sangha's or communities
 - b. Support resilience for Buddhists who are engaged in climate work including workshops and seminars.
 - c. Facilitate informal spaces for debriefing, deep listening and sharing.
3. Support and influence transformative outcomes from COP 26 from a Buddhist perspective
 - a. Strengthen our collaboration within the broader climate community including Faith for the Climate and the COP26 Coalition
 - b. Strategy workshop for COP26 within Eco Dharma

NBO Education Report

Jo Backus (Education Officer)

Through its Education Officer, the NBO has made on-going contributions to educational initiatives. This has largely been concerned with the 'interface' between Buddhism and education, and especially dealing with the delivery of Religious Education (RE) in schools and colleges. This 'interface' provides opportunities to be included in important conversations about, for example, how Buddhism and Buddhists might be understood and represented in the curriculum, and how religious literacy and understanding in terms of Buddhism should be developed.

In practical terms this has been undertaken through membership of various SACRES (Standing Advisory Council for RE) and in particular the involvement in working on the Buddhist content for major reviews of their Locally Agreed Syllabuses for the RE.

The most significant contribution has been with the continuing work of the Religious Education Council of England and Wales (REC). This organisation takes a national lead with its undertaking to:

'act as forum for national bodies (professional associations and organisations concerned with religious and non-religious beliefs) which share matters of common concern in promoting the highest possible standards of RE in schools, colleges and universities'

(See <http://religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk> and

<https://www.religiouseducationcouncil.org.uk/news/religion-and-worldviews-a-conversation>).

Membership of this body enables the NBO to be an active participant in national developments of policy and practice at this crucial time for the subject. The November SRGM focussed on the continuing debate and dialogue with regard to implementing the recommendations of the CoRE (Commission on Religious Education) report (2018).

See: <https://www.commissiononre.org.uk/final-report-religion-and-worldviews-the-way-forward-a-national-plan-for-re/>

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The report and subsequent work has an important focus on re-visioning of the subject in terms of religions and 'world views'. Part of that continuing work has involved on-going academic and teacher – led research that was shared with members and included the National Entitlement for the subject for all pupils and appropriate funding. Ofsted's perspective on the nature and importance of RE was also shared at the meeting by Richard Kueh HMI. Finally, some consultancy work is on-going with the BBC Bitesize team. Its focus is the development of resources for Key Stage 1 Buddhism.

European Buddhist Union

Jamie Cresswell

EBU – AGM

The first major event of 2020 was the Annual general Meeting. This year the majority of people attended via zoom, due to the pandemic. A small number of council members met together in Pomaia Italy. Online the membership was very well represented and delegates from a very wide range of Buddhist organizations, big and small, from different Buddhist traditions.

This year, the AGM focused on the Climate emergency: has talks from two experienced speakers, Olivia Fuchs who runs EcoDharma UK and Eric Vinson. Due to covid the council have not managed to meet in person at all this past year. All meetings have been online.

We are happy to report that this year the EBU has received very special funding of E100,000. This has meant that we have been able to employ some part time staff to carry out various aspects of admin work and work within the European institutions in Brussels and Strasbourg. We now have a European Liaison Office.

SASCE

Our relationship with the European Institutions has grown and we have just begun work with other religious organizations on the SASCE project. This project will run from June onwards within and between Buddhist, Christian, Muslim and Jewish communities, For the first time, representatives of the four religious communities will work together on a joint project to improve security, which will be funded by the European Commission.

BAM and EcoDharma

We launched EcoDharma Europe which is developing well, and also European Buddhist Action month. Last year three National Unions were involved in running social projects. Sweden, Austria and UK

In the UK over the last couple of years there has been a strong move to bring Buddhists together from all traditions and to work together on the run up to the COP 26 conference taking place in Glasgow in November this year. To enable this the EcoDharma group was set up in the UK. After discussion it was decided to expand that within the EBU and so an EBU EcoDharma group was set up.

The group has grown with about 10 members now and they have met a number of times on zoom. Discussion has ranged from how Buddhists can be represented at COP26, to collecting materials and data from around Europe in order to better understand what is happening within Buddhist groups in European countries. Certainly, in the UK a number of Webinars took place as well as continued support for interfaith events through Faith for the Climate, a multi faith action-based network. A number of Buddhist from the UK and possibly some other countries will be involved in COP26.

In addition, discussions last year began again about expanding the Buddhist Action Month project which started in the UK 5 years ago as a social action process for all Buddhist groups.

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The European Rainbow Sangha was founded in 2015. Our mission is to end social isolation and discrimination of LGBTQIA+ people. Despite Covid activities continued in 2020.

The world of SOGI (Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity) is very colourful but also very complex. If people feel lost and wonder what some of these commonly used terms such as LGBTQIA+ or queer or trans, or gender-fluid, or non-binary etc actually mean, we have made a short list of some key LGBTQIA+ vocabulary (more details available).

The German Rainbow Sangha (Buddhismus unter dem Regenbogen) was founded last year and is part of the German Buddhist Union. This year, the Irish Rainbow Sangha was started up by a Plum Village Zen community. They intend to work closely together with us and agreed to be open to all traditions. We also hope to start up the British Rainbow Sangha next year.

Youth Network

Several young adults joined the EBU AGM, and specifically the youth day, at the end of 2018. Following this, representatives from the Yun Hwa Sangha, Soka Gakkai, Wake Up, Rigpa, Reiyokai, and Thai Theravada traditions gathered in March 2019 in Vienna for a youth gathering on the topic of 'Touching Peace Together'. They shared their practices, texts on peace and presentations about their traditions in an incredibly authentic and human atmosphere. There was a strong feeling of togetherness and connection within the purpose of benefiting beings through the compassion and wisdom of the Buddha's teachings. Following these events there was a wish to continue meeting and being connected, however another meeting has yet to manifest - the time will come!

Recently, the European Buddhist Youth was invited to participate in the preparatory committee of an Interfaith Youth Convention on the European Green Deal "Striking a Deal for our Common Home" in dialogue with H.E. Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President of the European Commission. This event will take place as two online webinars: Friday 1st October 2021, 12:00-14:30 CET and Tuesday 12th October 2021, 13:00-14:30 CET.

Our vision for the future of the European Buddhist Youth Network (starting now) is to stay connected in our endeavors through our newsletter and in person meetings.

This newsletter is a way for us to share what we're all up to. If young people in your sanghas have any events, courses, projects, etc. they want to share with other young European Buddhists they can send an email at europeanbuddhistyouthnetwork@gmail.com and we will include it in the next newsletter. To receive the newsletter and stay up to date with what's happening in the world of European young Buddhists, they can sign up here: <https://mailchi.mp/db549b65ad6b/european-buddhist-youth-network>. Additionally, there is a deep wish to be connected in person, to meet, develop personal connections, and learn from each other across sanghas as young Buddhists studying and practicing in the West, for now and for the future.

European Buddhist Network

This work regarding a network of Buddhists and those interested in Buddhism across Europe continues. A new website is being created for this.

<https://network.europeanbuddhism.org/>

<http://www.ebumagazine.org/>

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NBO Chaplaincy Report

Keith Munnings, Chaplaincy Officer

The past year has not been easy in terms of supporting fellow Buddhists in various public contexts; the future is looking uncertain too as volunteers are slowly allowed back to offer their contribution to chaplaincy services. Recently time has been well spent on reviewing and reflecting upon areas such as training and of more formal accreditation of chaplains. A project with the European Buddhist Union has got going with a conference and the forthcoming setting up of a Network of Chaplains across Europe.

Online communications

Saido Kennaway and Munisha

The NBO has a website and a Facebook page.

www.nbo.org <http://www.nbo.org> <https://www.facebook.com/NBOpages>

There has been less activity in this area this year. Saido has continued to maintain the website with the help of Manuel Greenwood, and Munisha has posted news items to the NBO website. These and other news of events and videos have been posted to our Facebook page and other FB pages, reaching a much wider audience than our membership.

As always, the NBO does not promote the teachings or publications of any particular Buddhist tradition. Therefore, whatever we post is intended to be of potential use or interest to UK Buddhists of any tradition or none: broadcasts, news, grants, events, training etc. Our Facebook posts reached between 90 and 1,392 people this year.

Beneficiaries of our services

Guy Roberts

Membership Secretary

Paid members of NBO in the financial year 20/21 were: The Shrimala Trust (Awakened Heart), Buddhist Group of Kendal, Zenways, Triratna Buddhist Order & Community, SGI UK, FPMT UK, Order of Buddhist Contemplatives, Satipanya Buddhist Trust, Stonewater Zen Sangha, Western Chan Fellowship, Jamyang Buddhist Centre Leeds, Buddhist Healthcare Chaplaincy Trust, Amida Trust. There were seventeen individual members. The membership secretary continued to respond to membership enquiries through email channels, and in October 2020 representatives from membership organisations and interested individuals came together over zoom for our annual gathering.

Financial review

Saido Kennaway

Treasurer

Principal funding sources

The main income for the NBO comes from the membership. This year the membership subscriptions and income from the Eco Dharma Webinar with David Loy made up the bulk of the total incoming resources of £1723.

How expenditure has supported key objectives

The NBO subscribed to membership of the Inter Faith Network of the UK (IFN), the Buddhist Society,

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the Religious Education Council (REC) and the European Buddhist Union. The main administrative expenses occur in maintaining a company address and accounting services. There are ongoing costs of hosting the website and the PayPal account. We also arranged Eco Dharma webinars.

The NBO does on occasion help with the payment of travel expenses to attend a variety of meetings in the UK as well as sending a representative to the European Buddhist Union meetings however the NBO has no staff and all its activities are carried out by volunteers which keeps these and other expenditures very low for all that is achieved. The total resource expended this year was £1,517.

Reserves policy

The NBO expenditure pretty much matches its income. The Trustees consider that a reasonable reserve of funds is being held for the present circumstances. There are no restricted funds. The NBO held reserves in unrestricted funds of £5202 this year.

Plans

The NBO plans to continue to network between Buddhist Organisations and Individuals, reach out to new members, promote activities and representation in areas of mutual interest, including BAM, Interfaith, Chaplaincy, Education and Eco Dharma, as well as continuing connections with the EBU and International Buddhists, for the benefit of all.

Covid 19.

The beginning of lockdown in March 2020 due to the pandemic, has affected the meetings we attended face to face but much has continued to be achieved online.

Structure, governance, and management

The organisation is a charitable company limited by guarantee, incorporated on 23rd February 2010 and registered as a charity on 16th February 2012.

The company was established under a memorandum of association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company and is governed under its articles of association.

Members of the charity guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 to the assets of the charity in the event of winding up. The total number of such guarantees at 31st March 2021 was 9 (2020:9).

The Trustees, their nomination and appointment

The NBO is a company, limited by guarantee and governed by its Memorandum and Articles. The NBO charity trustees are also directors of the Company. They are responsible for the decisions made in running the NBO. There is a simple nomination process for new trustees, to be voted onto the board of Trustees at the Annual General Meeting, using a nomination form. The nomination is proposed and seconded by two voting members of the NBO and the trustee elected by the body of voting members. Trustees elected at the AGM become part of the rolling system for retirement and re-election. Trustees hold specific roles such as Chair, secretary, and treasurer and others as needed.

If the trustees are members of the charity this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charity.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no benefits from the charity. Any expenses reclaimed from the charity are set out in note 5 to the accounts.

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Risk management

Consistent with the size of the charity, the trustees review any major risks to which the charity might be exposed and establish systems and procedures to mitigate those risks. There is a Safeguarding Policy.

Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees 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 and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation

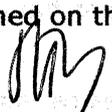
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Slade & Cooper Ltd were re-appointed as the charitable company's Independent Examiners during the year and have expressed their willingness to continue in that capacity.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report has been approved by the trustees on/11/21 and signed on their behalf by:


J H Hackney
Chair

Accountant's Report

To the Trustees of Network of Buddhist Organisations

for the year ended 31 March 2021

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Network of Buddhist Organisations for the for the year ended 31 March 2021 as set out on pages 13 to 18 which comprise of the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the charitable company's accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

As a member firm of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at <http://rulebook.accaglobal.com/>.

It is your duty to ensure that the charitable company has kept adequate accounting records and to prepare statutory accounts that give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities, financial position and incoming and outgoing resources of Network of Buddhist Organisations. You consider that the charitable company is exempt from the statutory audit requirement for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit or a review of the accounts of the charitable company. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the statutory accounts.



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Date 6th December 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities
(including Income and Expenditure account)
for the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2021 £	<i>Total funds</i> <i>2020</i> £
Income from:					
Donations		5	-	5	216
Events		293	-	293	245
Membership		1,425	-	1,425	1,440
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Total income		1,723	-	1,723	1,901
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activity	3	1,517	-	1,517	1,536
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Total expenditure		1,517	-	1,517	1,536
		<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds for the year		206	-	206	365
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		4,396	-	4,396	4,031
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Total funds carried forward		4,602	-	4,602	4,396
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The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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Balance sheet as at 31 March 2021

	Note	2021	2020
		£	£
Current assets			
Cash at bank and in hand		5,202	4,696
Total current assets		5,202	4,696
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due in less than one year	7	(600)	(300)
Net current assets		4,602	4,396
Total assets less current liabilities		4,602	4,396
Net assets		4,602	4,396
The funds of the charity:			
Unrestricted income funds	8	4,602	4,396
Total charity funds		4,602	4,396

For the year in question, the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts are prepared in accordance with the special provisions of part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies and constitute the annual accounts required by the Companies Act 2006 and are for circulation to members of the company.

The notes on pages 12 to 15 form part of these accounts.

Approved by the trustees on 20 / 11 / 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

D.H.S Kennaway
D.H.S Kennaway Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

1 Accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the financial statements are as follows:

a Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), second edition - October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

Network of Buddhist Organisations meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note.

b Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

There are no key judgments which the trustees have made which have a significant effect on the accounts.

The trustees do not consider that there are any sources of estimation uncertainty at the reporting date that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amount of assets and liabilities within the next reporting period.

c Income

Income is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the item(s) of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income received in advance of a provision of a specified service is deferred until the criteria for income recognition are met.

d Donated services and facilities

Donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised as income when the charity has control over the item, any conditions associated with the donated item have been met, the receipt of economic benefit from the use by the charity of the item is probable and that economic benefit can be measured reliably. In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), general volunteer time is not recognised; refer to the trustees' annual report for more information about their contribution.

On receipt, donated professional services and donated facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the charity which is the amount the charity would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

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e Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the Bank.

f Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds of the charity which the trustees have decided at their discretion to set aside to use for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charity.

g Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

h Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

i Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity. The registered office address is disclosed on page 1.

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3 Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
Subscriptions	519	420
Conference & Meetings	-	360
Office	231	189
Travel	-	-
Paypal fees	17	17
Interfaith	250	250
Grants and donations	200	-
Governance costs - Accountancy services	300	300
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	1,517	1,536
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	2021 £	2020 £
Restricted expenditure	-	-
Unrestricted expenditure	1,517	1,536
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	1,517	1,536
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4 Staff costs

The charity employs no staff (2020: none). All activity is carried out by volunteers.

5 Trustee remuneration and expenses, and related party transactions

Neither the trustees nor any persons connected with them received any remuneration. None (2020: one) of the trustees received reimbursed expenses during the year of £nil (2020: £80).

There are no donations from related parties which are outside the normal course of business and no restricted donations from related parties (2020: nil).

No trustee or other person related to the charity had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity, including guarantees, during the year (2020: nil).

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6 Corporation tax

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects. No tax charges have arisen in the charity.

7 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade creditors and accruals	600	300
	600	300
	600	300

8 Analysis of movement in funds

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	As at 31 March 2021 £
Current year					
General fund	4,396	1,723	(1,517)	-	4,602
	4,396	1,723	(1,517)	-	4,602
Previous year					
<i>General fund</i>	4,031	1,901	(1,536)	-	4,396
	4,031	1,901	(1,536)	-	4,396

The General fund represents the unrestricted funds of the charity, and comprises its net assets. The charity has no designated or restricted funds.