

## **Sheffield Buddhist Centre 2022**

### **Outline report**

#### **:Brief Overview of the year**

**20th anniversary of SBC in this building**

**Increasing numbers of new people - and newcomers courses  
Increasing numbers of people at Sangha night  
?Maybe increasing numbers of mitras**

**Ordinations 4**

**women requesting ordination 12**

**Strong hridaya/office team : Aryadasa leaving and  
Prajnahridaya joining**

**Major lawn renovation project**

**More events as Covid restrictions loosened**

**YUBs lively and successful**

**?Charity shop for 2023**

#### **Ethos and principles (1)**

To create a sangha of Buddhist practitioners in the theTriratna tradition, following the Dharma as elucidated by Sangharakshita

To follow the Samgravasthus to create this sangha

#### **:By the following activities (2)**

To provide a pathway from newcomer through to commitment (mitra, perhaps ordination)

##### **By a) Introductory courses to Buddhism and Meditation**

In this time period there was an increase in demand for courses ( at times we had 400 people on a database who had expressed interest - currently over 300.)

. To meet this demand we ran extra courses

In January 2022 we ran the normal course and a course on a Monday led by a

men's mitra group plus some women

In the spring of 2022 we also ran a course on Thursday nights, led by Lilamati's .mitra group and supported by Amalasiddhi and some other men

In the autumn of 2022 , there is a course running for under 30 year olds, run by .the YUBS

:Estimates of numbers

On presenting teams 12 people, (more with YUBs and mitra groups)

On support teams around 80 people

Starting on the courses 350 people

Completing the courses 70 people (some still to complete)

### **b) Sangha night**

,Sangha night has been well attended, often many newcomers

The Sangha night team has recruited new members

.Particular thanks to the new Order members attending

### **: c) Mitras**

:Some numbers

### **Men**

- 36 mitras currently active around the Sangha
- Plus an additional 22 mitras training for Ordination
- 27 Mitras currently inactive
- 8 active mitra groups, plus 1 post mitra group
- 15 Dharmacharis leading Mitra groups
- 51 men in Mitra study
- 2 GFR groups
- Number of men's events between December 21 and November 22:
- 3 Great Gatherings and 1 Open Retreat and 1 young mens retreat at Padmaloka that our men engaged with.
- 4 local day retreats led by Jayagupta and a team of GFR men and new Dharmacharis.
- Plus our second ever Sheffield Mens Weekend at Lockerbrook.
- Plus surfing and camping events organised by Edward, Nigel and Manikaya.
- For several years we have had a Mitra Convening Kula including the mitra convenor and local private preceptors (Achara, Amoghavamsa, Jayagupta and Vadanya). The main emphasis has been on supporting and discussing the men joining the Order.
- We have now added a second kula containing Bodhinaga, Jayagupta and several newer Dharmacharis (Manikaya, Dayaloka, Dayasingha, Mahaprasara, Vimaladasa, Prajnahriadaya) with a focus on befriending and organising events for newer men.

### **Women**

- Women mitras - 111

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- Of whom ..women who are TFO - 56
- Women who asked for ordination in the last year - 12
- Number of women's Dharma Training Course Groups - 5,
- one OM leading each one. 40 women (8 in each group)
- **Post Mitra** study groups 6 ( sizes vary 30 women)
- Number of order members leading the groups 7
- How many women in the Mitra convening kula. 4
- 7 women's events. Other mixed events run by OMs and mitras.

**Support for non binary/gender diverse** people from Dharmamayi - study group that ran for a while, now finished , maybe another one starting soon

**Mitra ceremonies** in April 2022

In November 2022 18 due to become mitras (largest ever..)

### **c) Ordinations**

#### **:Ordinations this year**

Maitrikirina, Vimaladasa, Dayasingha, Manikaya

#### **: Invited for Ordination in 2023**

Edward Lawrence, Owen, Tim Sagrapanti

( Plus 2 women hopefully next year)

#### **d) The Order**

Approx 50 Order members active in Sheffield

Amoghavamsa - rejoice and gratitude

## **Festivals and retreats (2)**

### **Retreats**

Mitra retreat at Adhithana - 5 days  
Sangha Weeknd retreats - 3 weekends  
Men's weekend retreat  
YUBs residential retreat

### **Festivals**

Parinirvana Day  
Buddha Day  
Dharma Day  
Padmasambhava Day  
Sangha Day

### **Other Annual Events**

Padmavajra's Presidential visits  
Winter Mornings  
Puja for Bhante's birthday  
Puja to mark Bhante's Death  
Garden Party  
Sangha Works Days

### **Special Event**

20th anniversary

### **:Plus many weekend events and other activities**

Monthly YUBs meetings  
Prajnas 5  
Various one off events  
Gender Diverse event  
Etc etc

## **To help build Sangha we support opportunities for sangha members (3 to live together, work together, contribute to the Centre**

### **Communities**

Vajramandala  
Men's community

### **Right Livelihood**

Dana  
Still Learning  
? Charity shop

### **Sangha works days**

### **Special Projects**

Creating new lawns in the garden

### **:Teams that support the work of the Centre**

**Centre team** - Aryadasa leaving July 2022 Prajnahridaya joining March 2021, Paranita and Sanghagita joined the team in January 2022  
(Plus Satyajyoti, Bodhinaga, Maitrivasin)

**Hridaya team** ; Ad/Ph Edward, Emma Ward , recently Tee  
Volunteers : Hilary , Ellie, Paul Coupar and others

**Maintenance team**

**Caretaking team**

**Gardening team**

**YUBS facilitators**

**Sangha night team**

**Introductory course teams** - over 20 etc

**Council**

### **Finances**

Generosity of the Sangha in response to the Standing Order ask in September .2022

Charity number 1024087

# Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community

## Statement of accounts for the Year ended 5th April 2022

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**Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community**  
**Receipts and payments account**  
**for the year ended 5th April 2022**

	Notes	12 months to 05.04.22 £	12 months to 05.04.21 £
<b>Receipts</b>			
Standing orders	1	58,350	58,750
Donations		23,301	13,347
Gift Aid tax recovered		14,948	15,398
Yoga & tai-chi income		104	363
Men's community rents		22,510	24,480
Women's community rents		19,937	20,685
Other earned income		3,462	1,250
Sangha fundraising		1,756	1,693
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		144,368	<b>135,965</b>
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<b>Payments</b>			
Yoga and tai-chi costs		74	-
Costs re. other earned income		2,061	370
Sangha fundraising expenses		-	-
Premises costs		26,101	21,131
Men's community expenses		-	133
Women's community expenses (including interest)		6,792	7,853
Centre team support		63,995	68,483
Retreats, courses, events & projects		15,374	8,583
Charitable giving		10,515	9,295
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		124,912	<b>115,848</b>
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<b>Surplus arising on ordinary activities</b>		<b>19,456</b>	<b>20,117</b>
		=====	=====
<b>Being</b>			
Designated women's community fund	2	13,145	12,832
Undesignated fund		6,311	7,285
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		<b>19,456</b>	<b>20,117</b>
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# Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community

## Balance sheet at 5th April 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>		
Property at cost	624,693	624,693
Stocks	5,000	5,000
Bank and Building Society deposits	80,013	106,408
Gift Aid income accrued	14,948	-
	<u>99,961</u>	<u>111,408</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Other creditors	11,000	11,000
<b>Net current assets</b>	<u>88,961</u>	<u>100,408</u>
<b>Long term liabilities</b>		
Property loans	284,910	315,813
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>428,744</u> =====	<u>409,288</u> =====
<b>Reconciliation of net assets</b>		
Net assets brought forward at start of year	409,288	389,171
Surplus for the year	19,456	20,117
<b>Net assets at end of year</b>	<u>428,744</u> =====	<u>409,288</u> =====
<b>Being -</b>		
Women's community designated fund	86,384	73,239
Undesignated fund	342,360	336,049
	<u>428,744</u> =====	<u>409,288</u> =====

**Signed on behalf of the Trustees**

**Date**

## **Notes to the accounts**

1. Standing Orders income is ring-fenced to support the Team who run the Centre and its activities. With the associated Gift Aid, the standing orders income is currently sufficient for this purpose. We monitor this regularly and communicate with the Sangha about our financial situation at least once per year.
2. The Womens' Community House income and expenses are ring-fenced as a separate designated fund, with all profits from the community (rental income less expenses) being set aside for this purpose. When this is taken into account (ie. both income and expenses of the Women's Community House are removed from the receipts and payments for the year) the Charity made a surplus of £6,311.

## **Accountant's Report**

In accordance with instructions given to me by the Trustees I have prepared, without carrying out an audit, the annexed financial statements.

I confirm that these are consistent with the underlying accounting records, and with the information and explanations supplied to me.

**Andrew Howson**

**17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Chartered Accountant**

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