

SHEFFIELD BUDDHIST CENTRE



ANNUAL REPORT
December 2024 to November 2025

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1. Introduction

Sheffield Buddhist Centre is run by the Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community. Our main activities include **teaching the Dharma** (i.e. the teachings of the Buddha) to people at all levels and supporting around **350** Buddhists to deepen their practice and to benefit the world at large. In order to do that, we seek to **build a thriving, supportive Sangha** (i.e. spiritual community) based on friendship, shared spiritual values and clear Buddhist principles.

We aim to **benefit the world** through these activities. Our newcomers courses are open to anybody and are **free of charge**. Hundreds of people each year learn both the **mindfulness** and **loving kindness** meditation practices and are taught how to apply practical Buddhist teachings in daily life. Those who wish to engage more deeply can move on to become committed members of our Sangha. Through supporting people in their practice of Buddhist ethics, meditation and wisdom, we aim to encourage them to **live in a way** that benefits the world at large.

We seek to **engage with our local community** by hosting our annual Garden Party as well as regular school visits. We are stewards of our Listed Buildings and share their history with the public during our annual Heritage Open Days.

“The Sheffield Buddhist Centre is not only a place of worship and spiritual practice but also a key contributor to the cultural and educational life of Sheffield. As a valued member of the local interfaith network, the Centre plays a crucial role in promoting understanding and respect for minority faiths in our diverse city.”

Councillor Pat Butterell

2. Overview

2024 - 2025 in brief...

End of an Era - a Year of Change

This year has seen several big changes in terms of the leadership of Sheffield Buddhist Centre:

- Satyajyoti stood down as Chair following 6 years in the role and after 14 years working at Sheffield Buddhist Centre. Bodhinaga became our new Chair in April.
- We also have 2 new Mens' Mitra Convenors (Sanghajjiva and Vimaladasa), who are taking on Bodhinaga's previous responsibility for looking after the spiritual welfare of men in our sangha.
- In November 2025 we paid tribute to Padmavajra, who stepped down as our President after 14 years of service. We also expressed our thanks to Prajnahridaya who left his role as Centre Manager in September.
- Prajnahridaya and Khemasuri have stepped down as Trustees, with Aryadasa joining as a Trustee this year.

Securing the Future of our Listed Buildings

In the last year we also took significant steps to begin to secure the future of our Grade 2 Listed Buildings. We carried out 50k of thermal improvements to the Buddhist Centre as Phase 1 of our 'Low Carbon, High Karma Project'. This work was carried out thanks to a 75% grant from the Sheffield City Council's Low Carbon Community and Culture Fund.

Further works are necessary to protect the fabric of these historic buildings and to achieve our aspiration to become a truly 'low carbon Buddhist Centre'. A team of sangha members are looking to secure additional grants to fund these works.

3. Building Sangha

A Shared Enterprise

One of our basic principles, taught from the newcomers' courses onwards, is that **people need the support of a spiritual community (Sangha)** if they are to make consistent progress on the Buddhist path. Building Sangha is therefore **the Centre's primary aim**, and everyone who comes to the Centre is invited to get involved.

Sheffield Buddhist Centre is the joint project of the Sheffield Sangha, and Sangha members take responsibility for it to the extent that they are willing and able. For some that means regular attendance at classes; for others it means helping with Centre activities, from teaching to cleaning.



There are many opportunities to contribute to the running of the Centre:

Gardening teams -

Mondays & Fridays

Caretaking/cleaning team -

Tuesday mornings

Sangha night team -

Tuesday nights

Maintenance team -

Thursday mornings

Newcomers' course teams

Shrine-building team

Regular Sangha Works days -

working outside in the garden and inside decorating and maintaining the buildings.

(volunteers eating lunch together on a works day)

Living Together

In 2024/25 there were 12 people living together in two Buddhist residential communities connected with the Centre. Such communities provide important, stable contexts for people to strengthen their friendships and deepen their Buddhist practice together. They offer opportunities to live a more full-time Buddhist life. People in these communities eat together, meditate together and meet regularly to share their lives and reflect on Buddhist teachings.

i. The Vimalakula Men's Community:

The **Vimalakula men's community** live above the Centre and had 6 residents in 2024/25:

Alex, Aryadasa, Bobby, Prajnahridaya and Viryananda were joined by Akashapala this year. The community also had a number of men staying with them for short periods of time.



The Vimalakula Community Annual Photograph

Living Together (continued)

ii. The Vajramandala Women's+ Community

The **Vajramandala Women's+ Community** live together in a house in Walkley, and in 2024-25 had six residents: Dharmajivana, Nicolle, Anna and Saffron were joined by Melissa, with others staying for shorter periods to get a taste of community living. Satyajyoti, a founder member of the Vajramandala Community, moved out in April.

2025 marked the 10th Anniversary of the purchase of the Vajramandala Community Building at Hadfield Street and this was celebrated with a party attended by Trustees, Sangha Members and Community members (past and present).



Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the purchase of Vajramandala Community Building

Working together

Centre teams

Working in teams is a key activity at the Centre, as it encourages the Sangha to get to know each other well and to practise going beyond the self (a key aim of Buddhist practice).

During 2024/25:

- 7 people worked on the **Centre Team**, which has overall responsibility for Dharma teaching and Sangha. Bodhinaga, Sanghagita, Vimaladasa, Paranita were already on the team, with Sanghajiva joining in April. Satyajyoti left in April after 14 years on the Centre Team and PrajnaHridaya left in September.
- 8 people worked on the **Hridaya Team** which looks after the day to day administration and upkeep of the Centre. Moksatara, Emma, Paddy, Melissa and Ellie, were joined by Trish to help part time with finances. PrajnaHridaya stepped down as Centre Manager in September and Tee left in November.
- Approx 20 people worked on the **Sangha Night Team** to ensure the smooth running of our weekly Tuesday evening Sangha Nights.



Members of the Centre Team at Mitra Ceremonies



Dayasingha prostrated up Mam Tor to raise money for Guhyaloka

Working together, continued ...

- Large teams of people also support the running of our weekly evening **Newcomers' Courses**. Places on these courses continue to be very much in demand. A team also ran newcomers courses at **Sheffield University**.
- **The Young Buddhists** (YUBS) team organise Dharma events at the Centre for those under 35. This is part of our core principle of presenting the Dharma in a way that is attractive to younger people.
- Many people work twice weekly in the **Gardening Team** to keep our wonderful garden thriving. The garden is an amazing resource: it adds beauty to our environment, gives us an outdoor space in which to meet, and ensures that our Centre shrines have a homegrown supply of fresh flowers throughout the year. Thanks to Suryamati's creative vision and a hard-working and dedicated team, the garden is flourishing and growing more beautiful year on year.



Gardening Team Volunteers

Working together, continued ...

- **The Shrine team** build very beautiful shrines in the Great Hall for Sangha night and for festivals.
- **A Caretaking team** meets together weekly on a Tuesday morning, and is responsible for cleaning the Buddhist Centre
- About 10 people worked together on the **Maintenance Team** under the leadership of Dayasingha and Sanghajiva to ensure the building is kept in good repair. They ran several Sangha Works Days throughout the year, where Sangha Members worked together in a spirit of friendship for a day to keep the building and the garden well maintained. These days are very popular and give people a taste of what it is like to work in a team of Buddhists.
- A group has been working together on a **Low Carbon, High Karma** project, to reduce heat loss in our Grade 2 Listed Buildings exploring options for better insulation at the Centre and exploring the most effective way to heat the Centre.
- A Sheffield team of **Tiratanaloka [Un]limited Champions** are raising money as part of the wider fundraising campaign for a bigger women's ordination retreat centre and we have also run events to raise money to support refurbishments at **Guhyaloka men's ordination retreat centre.**



Maintenance Team members



The Garden Party Team!



Cleaning the Centre

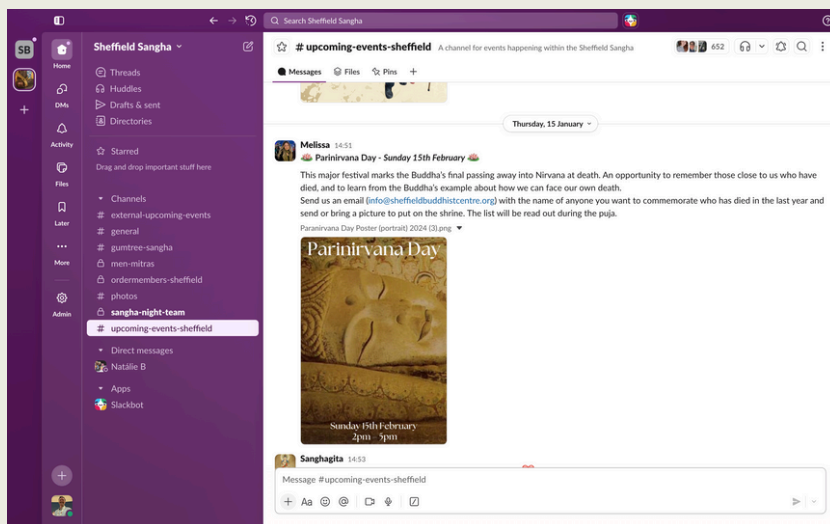
Communication within the Sangha

Communication and connection within the Sangha is aided by the following online resources:

- A **YouTube channel**, with uploads of Sangha Night and other event talks. The channel also enables a weekly online discussion group for those who are unable to be at Sangha Night in person,
- A **Slack Channel**, which has over 570 members and has successfully enabled the Sangha to communicate directly with each other without going through the office or using social media,
- A **'Weekly Essentials' email**, containing news of activities and events at the Centre,
- an **Instagram account**.



A Sangha Night talk streamed on the Youtube channel



Promoting Parinirvana Day to our sangha via the Slack Channel

Significant Sangha numbers

In 2024-25 there were:

8 Private Preceptors and **1** Public Preceptor in Sheffield

69 Order Members involved in the Centre

12 people living in residential Buddhist communities associated with the Centre

5 people who were ordained into the Order

3 people who had been invited for ordination in 2025

79 people training for Ordination, and being supported through pre-ordination study groups and practice sessions, as well as 'kulas' to advise and support individuals. We continue to provide opportunities for more experienced mitras to take responsibility and gain some experience of teaching the Dharma in supported contexts (e.g. our Winter Mornings series)

187 active mitras (including those training for Ordination), who were undertaking or had completed the Triratna Dharma Training Course in study groups facilitated by Order Members (supported in some cases by experienced GFR mitras).

9 people who became mitras

9 people who asked for Ordination

15 mitra study groups meeting at the Centre throughout the week, including one group for gender-diverse people

4. The Generosity Economy

Our Buddhist Centre runs on a 'dana' or generosity basis.

All Dharma events are offered free of charge in a spirit of generosity.

This is only possible because Sangha members give money and time.

Our dana (generosity) economy means that all our Buddhist activities are free of charge – from newcomers' courses to Sangha retreats. It means that anyone can learn the Dharma and be part of the Sangha, regardless of their financial resources, and that has been pivotal in enabling younger people and those with low or no incomes to get involved. Many people take part in the life of the Centre without paying anything, while others give generously, including giving regularly through monthly standing orders. Those who are supported to work at the Centre and in Right Livelihood businesses take only living expenses rather than salaries as an act of generosity, to help the Centre's resources go further.

Thanks to the huge generosity of Sangha members, standing orders this year have been around £6400 per month. With income from the men's community, the bookshop and dana given for courses, this has allowed the Centre not to need to use our reserves. We would like to thank Vimaladasa, Ian Hewson and the Finance kula for all their help this year.

This year **186** people
gave standing orders totalling
£77,226

Giving money away

As part of the flow of generosity, the Centre practises giving away 5% of its annual income to other charitable causes and this year gave money to Tiratanaloka Unlimited (towards a much-needed larger Retreat Centre for women's ordination training) and the European Chairs' Assembly Development Fund.

The money raised by the hard work of many at the Summer Garden Party the previous year was given away to charities including the Future Dharma Fund, India Dhamma Trust, Guhyaloka for the Ages, The Sheffield Buddhist Centre Bursary Fund and Tiratanaloka Unltd.

We also run a retreat bursary fund (from income and special gifts) which enables Sangha members who couldn't otherwise afford it to go on residential retreats.



(volunteers from the maintenance team)



(volunteers making drinks at our Garden Party)

Giving ourselves

The Generosity Economy is not just about giving money. Sangha members of all levels of experience give their time, energy, skills and friendship in many ways, as can be seen throughout this booklet. This includes cleaning, gardening and decorating, running the Centre library and bookshop, supporting classes, running events and social activities and serving on the Centre's Council.

5. Reaching out – engaging the local community

Garden Party

In July we held the annual Summer Garden Party which was a huge success and attended by several hundred people from the local community. The hard work of over 70 Sangha members who ran stalls selling plants, books, food, refreshments and a Bazaar raised over £4,000 for good causes. The charities which will benefit from this were decided by votes at the Sangha Day festival.



The Music, food, book stall and games at the 2025 Summer Garden Party

Free 6 Week Courses

Every year, around 250 members of the local public attend our free **Introduction to Buddhism and Meditation** courses. The 6 week course is **open to anyone** and provides an introduction to the **Mindfulness** and **Loving Kindness** meditation practices - plus the practical teachings that help people to make positive changes in daily life.

Foodbank

Throughout the year, the Sangha has brought in contributions of food and other essential items towards the Sheffield S6 foodbank. These efforts have been coordinated with great dedication by Aryasakhi.

Heritage Open Day

As part of our ongoing commitment to make our Grade 2 Listed buildings more accessible to the public, we hosted a Heritage Open Day in September, which attracted 80 visitors. Visitors were provided with refreshments by volunteers and were given tours of the buildings, with displays and photos explaining different phases of the buildings' fascinating story.

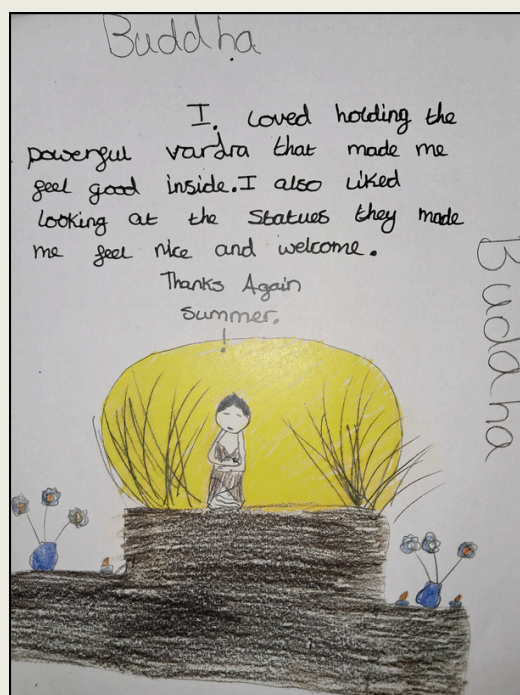
School Visits

Over the past 15 years, the Centre has welcomed over 80 local schools, providing workshops on Buddhism and meditation, and offering guided tours of our historic building. These experiences are vital in helping children develop an understanding of other faiths, fostering empathy, and encouraging respect for cultural and religious diversity.



The poster features a pink background with a white 'H' logo and the text 'heritage open days'. It includes a photograph of the Sheffield Buddhist Centre building under a red archway. Text on the poster reads: 'Come and be helpful and friendly on Saturday 20th September between 10am-4pm when the centre will be open to the general public to see inside the building with all its heritage.' Below the photo, it says: 'Your centre needs you to be here. Serve tea. Chat with visitors. Capture memories people may have.' At the bottom, it says: 'Come with your family and friends to learn about the history of this building.'

Heritage Open Day Publicity



A thank you letter after a school visit

6. Practising & Celebrating Together

Through the year there are many opportunities for the Sangha to come together. There are regular events such as Sangha Night, celebrations of the major Buddhist festivals, newcomers' course nights, mitra study nights and both meditation and Sangha retreats. There are also special study, meditation and social events, and a number of other regular groups based around particular themes or interests. Here we give examples of some of the many activities that have happened in the sangha over the course of a year!

Spreading the Dharma

Spreading the Dharma is a voluntary activity, and one in which every Sheffield Order Member engages to some extent, through teaching, leading events or study groups and through spiritual friendship with individuals.



Newcomers' courses

Teams of experienced Order Members and mitras ran 3 'Introduction to Buddhism and Meditation' courses during this period.

Sangha Night

Those who join the Sangha from introductory courses attend our popular **Sangha nights** on Tuesday evenings. On average, around 60-80 people were attending Sangha nights in person, and around 20 were attending online.



Aryadasa giving a Sangha Night talk

Meditation

We have offered a range of ways for the Sangha to meditate together:

- **Mon-Fri morning meditation** in the Red Shrine Room, led by the men's community at 7 a.m.
- **Friday evenings on Zoom**, 7.30 - 9.30 p.m., led by a team of Order Members
- **Monthly Sunday mornings** of walking and sitting meditation with Dharmajivana
- **Adventures in Meditation**, a six-week course run by Upeksaraja and Khemasuri with a team of Order Members

Retreats

We encourage Sangha members to deepen and intensify their practice by attending residential retreats at retreat centres. We also ran retreats ourselves including:

- **Winter Sangha Retreat**, December 2024 at Dukes Barn
- **Mitra Meditation Retreat**, January 2025 at Adhithana
- **Spring Sangha Retreat**, April 2025 at Lockerbrook
- **YUBS (Young Buddhists) Retreat**, May 2025 at Sheffield Buddhist Centre
- **Mens Weekend Retreat**, July 2025 at Sheffield Buddhist Centre
- **Summer Sangha Retreat**, August 2025 at Adhithana
- **Mitra Meditation Retreat**, September 2025 led by Jayagupta at Dukes Barn
- **Chapter, mitra group and solitary retreats** during November 2024 at Mokshadara's barn



Festivals

The **Sangha Day** festival took place in November 2024. The Sangha voted to decide how to give away the money raised at the Garden Party, made food offerings for the local food bank, and reaffirmed their commitment to the Buddhist Path in large numbers.

Parinirvana Day in February 2025 was a day to celebrate the final passing of the Buddha into Nirvana and to remember loved ones who had died during the past year.

Ambedkar Day Festival in April offered an Indian feast and a chance to hear from some of our Indian Sangha.

The biggest festival of the year, **Buddha Day** in May 2025, offered a morning families session, a Buddhānusati (recollection of the Buddha) meditation, opportunities to create ritual offerings and a beautiful puja.

Dharma Day in July 2025 included activities for families, study sessions and ‘Dharma Gems’ talks, as well as the main ritual.

And finally, **Padmasambhava Day** in September 2025 featured a very powerful ritual drawing out key symbolism from the semi-legendary founder of Tibetan Buddhism.



Order Members expressing devotion during a festival ritual



Dharma Day study in the garden

Rituals and ceremonies

Passing the Flame:

In April 2025, our President Padmavajra presided over a very moving ritual, where **Satyajyoti** stepped down as Chair and passed that responsibility onto **Bodhinaga**.

In November 2025, Padmavajra stepped down as our President after making a very significant contribution to our sangha following 14 years of very generous service.

During a brief visit to Sheffield, he also led a day retreat and shared some significant pieces of music and memories, during a 'Desert Island Retreats' interview with Prajnasri.

We are taking our time to find an appropriate senior Order Member who can become our President in due course.



Satyajyoti handed on the Chair's staff to Bodhinaga



Padmavajra presented Bodhinaga with a vishvavajra to hand on to our next President.

Rituals and ceremonies

Mitra ceremonies

We had mitra ceremonies in April 2025 and November 2025 where 9 people committed themselves to the Dharma. May all blessings be yours!!



Five new Order members

We welcomed 5 new Order members back from their Ordination Retreats: Anantakirti, Moksadevi, Sridhara, Bodhikaya, Guhyadevi. Sadhu!



L-R: Anantakirti. Moksadevi, Guhyadevi, Sridhara and Bodhikaya.

Other Sangha activities

One-off events:

Sangha members and visiting guests have organised an enormous variety of **one-off events** this year. Including:

- **Adventures in Meditation** Course, Jan 2025
- **Adventures in Space and Time** retreat, in March 2025, led by Khemasuri and Upeksharaja
- **Weekend on Inspiration and Myth** in June 2025, led by Vimalamati and Khemasuri
- **How Clean is your Bowl?** A Day retreat led by Dharmamayi and Cat exploring the wonderful Anangana Sutta, which describes some very relatable 'blemishes' experienced by the members of the Buddha's Sangha
- **The Earth Metta Sangha** held rituals throughout the year to mark the different elements at each solstice, led by Dayaloka, Lilamati, Liz and Anna.
- **Singing with the Sangha** in July 2025, led by Joy and Prajnahridaya
- **Work that Reconnects** - Weekend retreat 25th and 26th October Led by Khemasuri, Lilamati and team
- A ritualised reading of the **Tibetan Book of the Dead** in Oct 2025 promised a 'journey through the Bardo' for Order Members and experienced Mitras.
- Our regular **Winter Mornings** series We also held the annual **Winter Solstice** and **New Year's Eve** rituals.

Regular events and groups

As well as the one-off events, we have other regular opportunities throughout the year for study, retreat, ritual and creativity, either open to all or organised for particular groups. These include:

- **A Century of Study!** Century of Study was launched in August 2025, studying Bhante Sangharakshita on Tuesday mornings for 100 years!
- **Men's mornings:** opportunities for meditation, talks, puja and discussion
- **Women's Order/mitra mornings**
- **Women's Order/GFR mitra day retreats**
- The **People of Colour** team have run meditation and check-in events for those from an ethnic minority/global majority background,
- The **Neurodiverse group** has met and has a channel on Slack.



The YUBS group in Berlin

YUBS [Young Under 35 Buddhists] events:

The YUBS team have organised monthly evenings of meditation, Dharma discussion and ritual with other young Buddhists, and an annual retreat, offering opportunities to explore what it means to practise as young people living in the world today. In November 2025, the YUBS group took over 30 young Buddhists to an International event in Berlin.

Regular events and groups

Arts Events

We have expanded the number of opportunities to engage with the arts this year, thanks to a number of committed creative beings! There is now a regular Sangha **Arts Expo** event (which ran this year in November, April, October) where members of the Sangha can share their creations and hear about others'. And there are regular changing exhibitions on the **Art Wall** in the bookshop,

Earth Metta Sangha

The Earth Metta Sangha team has run regular Puja in the Peaks events: opportunities for outdoor meditation, poetry and ritual organised by Lilamati, Liz Annable and Liz Zijlstra. This year they celebrated the Spring Equinox, Midsummer the Autumn Equinox.

Sangha choir

The Sangha choir, led by Sanghagita, has added much beauty and joy to our festivals and celebrations.



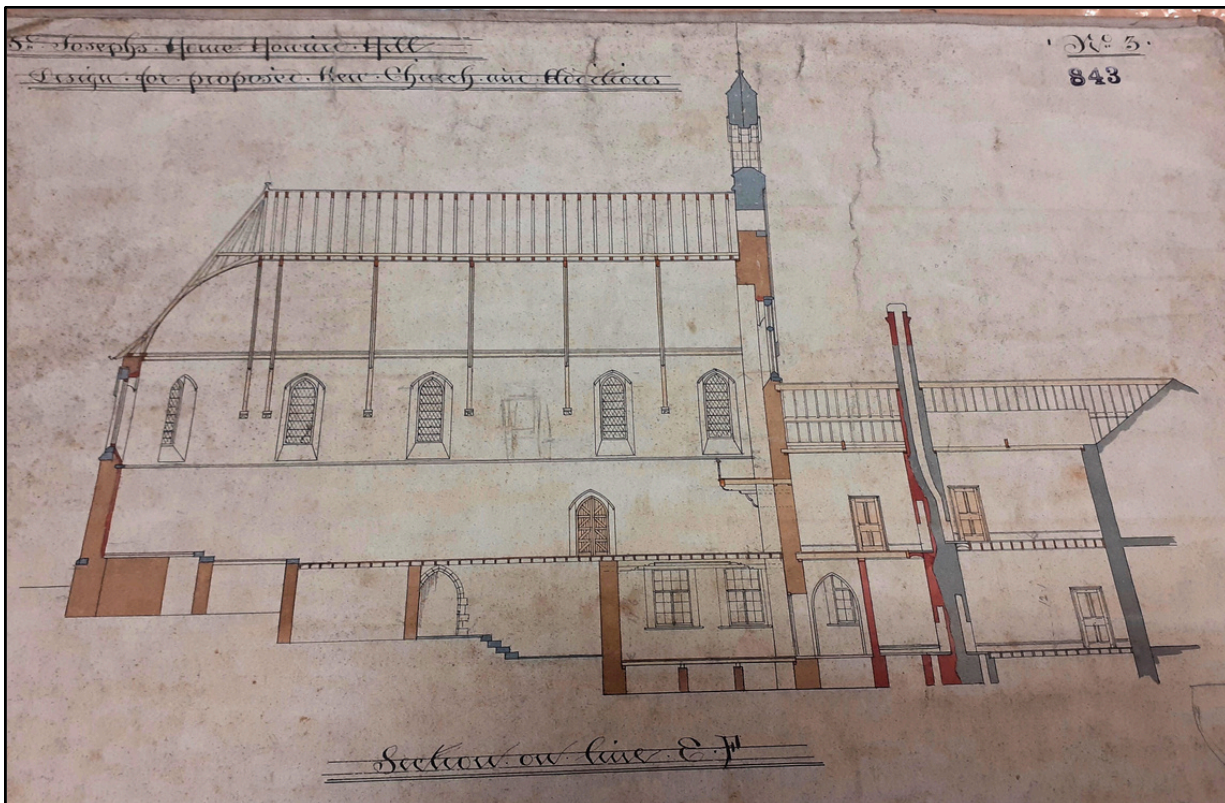
Sangha choir with Sanghagita,

7. Protecting the future of our listed buildings

Stewardship of our wonderful Listed Heritage Buildings:

Sheffield Buddhist Centre comprises 2 historic buildings, **Howard House** (built circa 1800) and **St Joseph's Chapel** (built 1872), both of which are **Grade 2 Listed**. Both buildings have a long history of religious use and community engagement. 2026 marks 25 years since we purchased these buildings and began to restore them.

We take our stewardship of these buildings very seriously and are taking action to carry out maintenance and improvements to protect their future.



Historic Architect Drawings for St Joseph's Chapel built in 1872

Protecting our Listed Buildings - Reducing Heat Loss

Grant Funded Thermal Improvements

Last year we carried out £50,000 of thermal improvements to the Buddhist Centre as Phase 1 of our 'Low Carbon, High Karma Project'.

We received 75% Grant Funding from the Sheffield City Council's LCCC Fund, which enabled us to carry out the following works:

- We installed secondary glazing in the Great Hall and in the corridor,
- We installed wifi controlled radiator valves in 'Howard House' so that each room can have heated individually,
- We installed top up roof insulation in Howard House.

We are working with architects and other heritage experts to plan future phases of the project, which would include double glazed sash windows, PV Solar Panels and installing an air source heat pump to fulfill our aspiration to become a fully low carbon Buddhist Centre.



Volunteers prepare for the installation of secondary glazing.

8. Leadership & vision

The Buddhist Centre Council consists of 12 trustees who meet monthly to discuss business relating to the financial, legal and spiritual vitality of the Centre. During 2024/25 they were: Aryasakhi, Bodhinaga (Chair), Dayaloka, Khemasuri, Prajnahridaya, Prajnasri, Punyamala, Satyajyoti, Sanghagita, Suryamati, Vadanya and Vimaladasa. During the past year, Aryadasa joined the council as a trustee and Khemasuri and Prajnahridaya both stepped down as trustees. In addition, Ian Hewson is co-opted by the Council to act as Treasurer.

The Centre Team is delegated to coordinate Dharma teaching and Sangha building. All the team receive living expenses which are funded by the standing orders of Sangha Members or are able to support themselves financially. The team for most of this year has consisted of Bodhinaga, Paranita, Sanghagita, Sanghajiva and Vimaladasa. Prajnahridaya and Satyajyoti both left the Centre Team during this period.

The Hridaya Team takes care of the day-to-day admin and premises work. It is a context where mitras training for ordination can work alongside Order Members. During 24-25, the team included Prajnahridaya, Moksatarra, Paddy, Melissa, Tee, Ellie, Emma, Angela and Trish.

The **Mitra Convenors** are responsible for the spiritual welfare of mitras. Bodhinaga stepped down as the mitra convenor for men in December 2024 and handed this responsibility onto Sanghajiva and Vimaladasa, who will share this role, They are supported by a kula of Order members. Sanghagita is the women's mitra convenor and is also supported by a kula of Order members. Dharmamayi supports the mitra convenors by meeting with people who are gender diverse.

Safeguarding: Prajnahridaya stepped down as the Safeguarding Lead in September. Dayaloka is the Safeguarding Trustee and acting Safeguarding Lead.

Satyajyoti stepped down as **The Chair** of Sheffield Buddhist Centre in April 2025 and handed on responsibilities to Bodhinaga our new Chair.

Padmavajra has been the **President** of Sheffield Buddhist Centre since 2012 and stepped down from this responsibility in November 2025. The trustees are engaged with finding an appropriate senior order member to take on that responsibility going forwards.

Charity number 1024087

Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community

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Receipts and payments account for the
year ended 5 April 2025

	Notes	12 months to 5 April 2025 £	12 months to 5 April 2024 £
Receipts			
Standing orders	1	77,226	72,772
Donations	3	50,488	50,529
Gift Aid tax	1	24,695	22,118
Mens' community rents		26,898	26,425
Womens' community rents	2	21,522	20,610
Other earned income (book shop etc.)		5,690	5,412
Sangha fundraising		5,825	7,074
Bank interest		2,056	1,483
		<u>214,400</u>	<u>206,423</u>
Payments			
Costs re. other earned income		4,396	3,056
Sangha fundraising expenses (mainly summer fair)		1,747	1,822
Premises costs		37,497	34,992
Mens' community expenses		493	1,464
Womens' community expenses	2	2,554	836
Centre team support	1	89,994	88,875
Retreats, course, events & projects		35,281	37,650
Charitable giving		12,433	12,315
Interest on Womens' Community Property loans	2	12,577	13,976
		<u>196,972</u>	<u>194,986</u>
Surplus arising on ordinary activities		<u>17,428</u>	<u>11,437</u>
Environmental building project	4	21,566	-
(Deficit) / surplus arising during the year		<u>- 4,138</u>	<u>11,437</u>
Being			
Designated womens' community fund	2	6,391	5,798
Undesignated fund		- 10,529	5,639
		<u>- 4,138</u>	<u>11,437</u>

Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community
Balance sheet at 5 April 2025

	Notes	12 months to 5 April 2025 £	12 months to 5 April 2024 £
Fixed assets			
Property at cost		<u>624,693</u>	<u>624,693</u>
Current assets			
Stocks		5,000	5,000
Bank		100,656	120,495
Gift aid accrued		-	22,118
Local authority grant	4	32,112	-
		<u>137,768</u>	<u>147,613</u>
Current liabilities			
Other creditors		11,000	11,000
Net current assets		<u>126,768</u>	<u>136,613</u>
Long term liabilities			
Property loans		264,541	270,248
Net assets		<u>486,920</u>	<u>491,058</u>
Reconciliation of net assets			
Net assets at start of year		491,058	479,621
(Deficit) / surplus for the year		- 4,138	11,437
Net assets at end of year		<u>486,920</u>	<u>491,058</u>
Being			
Womens' community designated fund	2	105,775	99,385
Undesignated fund		381,145	391,673
		<u>486,920</u>	<u>491,058</u>

Notes to the accounts

- 1 Standing Orders income is ring-fenced to support the Team who run the Centre and its activities. Together with the associated Gift Aid, this is currently sufficient for this purpose. Trustees monitor this regularly and communicate with the Sangha about our financial position at least once per year.
- 2 The Womens' Community House income and expenses are ring-fenced as a separate designated fund, with all the profits from the community (rental income less direct costs and interest on loans) being set aside for this purpose. When this is taken into account (ie. both income and expenses of the Womens' Community House are removed from the receipts and payments for the year) the Charity made a surplus of £16,037, which amount includes two specific donations - see note 3 below.
- 3 Donations include a gift from the Dana cafe (£9,296).
- 4 The Centre is undertaking a major project on the building to improve its energy efficiency. During the year £66,185 was spent; a local authority grant of £7,507 was received, together with a donation of £5,000 from a member of the Sangha towards these costs. In addition, £32,112, being a further grant from the local authority, was received in April 2025. This has been accrued, and matched against expenditure in this accounting period, alongwith the initial grant and the donation mentioned above.

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of the Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Sheffield Triratna Buddhist Community Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 5 April 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Ian Hewson

Chartered Accountant