

**REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**  
**CHARITY NO:1075351**



**Annual Report and Accounts**  
**For the year ended**  
**31 October 2020**

## **Charity Information**

### **President**

Ven. Pethigamuwe Hemaratana – Chief Incumbent

### **Hon. Joint Secretaries**

Mr Bennet Samarakoon

Mr Manoj Fernando

### **Hon. Joint Treasurers**

Mr Mangala Kannangara

Mr Thilak Mudalige

### **Board of Trustees**

Ven Pethigamuwe Hemaratana

Mrs Sumana Hemalatha Wimalasundera

Mrs Mallika Pearl Nanayakkara

Mr Bandu Jay Perera

Dr Siri Abeysekera

Mrs Renuka Perera

Dr Palitha Serasinghe

Mr Aruna Perera

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**Charity Commission registration number:  
1075351**

### **Charity Address**

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### **Trustees' Annual Report of the RBCC for the year 2019/2020**

The Following members served as the Trustees of the charity:

Venerable P. Hemaratana  
Mrs. Mallika Nanayakkara  
Mrs. Hema Wimalasundara  
Mr. Bandula Perera  
Mrs Renuka Perera  
Dr Siri Abeysekara

### **Activities & Achievements of the Charity**

The following activities were carried out to achieve the objectives of the charity during the year 2019/2020.

This year has been a great challenge of achieving the regular charity activities in the usual manner due to the unprecedented global pandemic of COVID -19. We have followed the government guidelines with national and local restrictions, lockdown and health and safety guidelines to prevent the spread of the virus. But we have attempted our best to provide the religious and supportive activities virtually via facebook and zoom platforms.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> January, the annual pirith chanting ceremony was held at the premisses of the vihara and this was the only physical gathering that we were able to have during this year.

The New Year celebration was planned to be held on the 18<sup>th</sup> April, but this was cancelled due to the COVID – 19 pandemic. We also had scheduled to draw the raffle in aid of the building fund on the same day at the time of the ceremony. Initially we postponed this lottery draw to the Katina ceremony day on the 18<sup>th</sup> October and the lottery was cancelled due to further extension of the COVID-19 restrictions. We consulted Redbridge Council in the cancellation procedure of the lottery. A special thank is mentioned to those who supported the lottery.

A special sub-committee was appointed to do risk assessments and make recommendations to follow according to the government guidelines.

The daily and weekend puja (religious ceremonies) were conducted without any interruption virtually via facebook and zoom. Special puja and pirith chanting were performed by the venerable monks for the protection of the devotees and the people of the world.

The Dhamma school was also conducted via zoom platform and the dedication of the dhamma school coordinators and the teachers are highly appreciated for the success of the continuation of the dhamma school classes.

One of the special activities this year was to give mental support and blessings to the patients who contracted COVID – 19 virus. The families and friends always sought blessings and support from the Venerable monks and this was unduly provided and was a great relief to the patients and their families.

We also have given financial and material support for the needy members of devotees who were affected by the COVID – 19.

The annual Vesak and Poson ceremonies were also cancelled and conducted virtual religious activities.

The rain retreat and the Katina ceremony were sponsored by fifteen families of devotees. The religious activities were again limited to private activities to comply with the precautions.

We were unable to have any special fund-raising events but were able to maintain the requirements with the regular donations and the reserves of funds.

The Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre continued to actively participate in the activities of the Redbridge Faith Forum that was held via ZOOM platform. The Annual Peace Walk organised by the Faith Forum was held on 8<sup>th</sup> November. This included a virtual walk with the theme of "love your neighbour".

The Head of the, Venerable P. Hemaratana also represented and actively participated in the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) held on the 24<sup>th</sup> November via zoom.

We would like to appreciate the dedication of the Venerable Monks and all the devotees who were fully understanding and for their patience during the time of restrictions and difficulties moreover for their continuous support despite the hardship during this unprecedented pandemic.

Board of Trustees

Redbridge Buddhist Cultural Centre

22 August 2021

**Independent Examiner's Reports to  
The Trustees of REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2020 which are set out on the page 7-11. My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanation from you as Trustees concerning and such matters. In my examination, no such matters of concern has come to my attention.

In my opinion of the financial statements give true and fair view of the Charity's income and expenditure for the year ended 31 October 2020

Sarath Jayaratne BA(Hon) FCCA

Accountants

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22 August 2021

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**REDBRIDGE BUDDHIST CULTURAL CENTRE-CHARITY  
NO:1075351**

**Statement of Financial Activities  
for the year ended 31 October 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Income from charitable activities</b>			
Donations	1	30,177	39,469
Other income from fund raising	2	4,397	5,915
<b>Total income</b>		<b>34,574</b>	<b>45,384</b>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>			
Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses	3	(922)	(3,880)
Travel and subsistence	4	(4,550)	(5,875)
Utilities, services and insurance expenses	5	(11,666)	(10,366)
Repairs and maintenance		(1,562)	(348)
Telephone and other office expenditure	6	(1,150)	(1,571)
Legal and other professional fees		(765)	(700)
Gift and donation towards community support	8	(4,200)	0
Risk Management expenditure		(240)	0
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>(25,055)</b>	<b>(22,740)</b>
<b>Total income over expenditure</b>		<b>9,519</b>	<b>22,644</b>
<b>Finance cost and other charges</b>			
Interest charges	7	(1,713)	(2,146)
Depreciation		(145)	(145)
<b>Net movement of funds - Surplus(deficit) for the year</b>		<b>7,661</b>	<b>20,353</b>

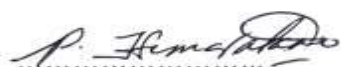
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**Balance Sheet**

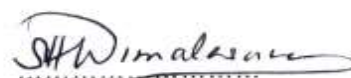
**As at 31 October 2020**

	Notes	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Equipment	9	288	433
Freehold Land & Building.	9	297,673	297,673
<b>Total non-current assets</b>		<b>297,961</b>	<b>298,106</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Bank/building society balances		98,064	97,517
Cash in hand		266	241
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>98,331</b>	<b>97,758</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>396,292</b>	<b>395,864</b>
Loans due after more than one year		(40,569)	(47,802)
<b>Total Net Assets</b>		<b>355,723</b>	<b>348,062</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>			
Unrestricted Fund at the beginning of the period		348,062	327,709
Net Movement For the year		7,661	20,353
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>355,723</b>	<b>348,062</b>

Notes on pages 9 to 11 are form part of this financial statements. The financial statements have been approved by Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf.



Ven. P Hemaratana  
Trustee



Mrs H Wimalasundera  
Trustee

**Notes to the Accounts  
for the year ended 31 October 2020**

<b>Note 1</b>	<b>Income from donations</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Monthly Standing Orders from devotees	19,270	18,453
	Gift Aid	2,981	0
	Vihara Donation Box	823	1,505
	Donation - Katina ceremony	5,653	10,580
	Other donations from devotees & visitors*	1,450	8,932
		<u>30,177</u>	<u>39,470</u>

\*included above, the donation of £6,000 received in memory of Late Mr. Lionel Balasuriya.

<b>Note 2</b>	<b>Income from other fund raising</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Fund raising - cultural events	500	1,735
	Fund raising - religious events	685	1200
	Fund raising - foods stall	0	2,360
	Fund raising - Sunday school & other	17	620
	Donation other - Towards community support	1,665	0
	Donation other - Lottery & vihara development	1,530	0
		<u>4,397</u>	<u>5,915</u>

<b>Note 3</b>	<b>Fund raising, cultural events and other expenses</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Hall & Marquee Hire	549	2,490
	Katina & other festival expenses	-	986
	Raffle Prizes and Gifts	200	350
	Sundry - other expenses	173	54
		<u>922</u>	<u>3,880</u>

**Note 4 Utilities, services and insurance expenses**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Cleaning services	1,055	2,010
Gas and Electricity	8,227	6,089
Insurance - property	1,081	1,057
Licensing Cost, security & alarm	681	567
Water rates/charges	621	644
	<u>11,666</u>	<u>10,366</u>

**Note 5 Travel and subsistence expenses**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Air ticktes and subsistance	4,550	5,075
Travelling - Katina & pirith Ceremony	-	630
Travelling other	-	170
	<u>4,550</u>	<u>5,875</u>

**Note 6 Telephone and other office expenditure**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Postage	121	292
Stationery and printing	30	56
Telephone and fax	1,000	1,222
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>1,571</u>

**Note 7 Finance cost**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Interest paid on mortgage	1,713	2,146
	<u>1,713</u>	<u>2,146</u>

**Note 8 Gift and donation towards community support expenditure**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Funeral expenses paid - devotees	1,200	-
Other gifts	3,000	-
	<u>4,200</u>	<u>2,146</u>

**Note 9. Property, plant and equipments**

	<b>Land &amp; Building</b>	<b>Furnitures &amp; Equipments</b>	<b>Library Books</b>	<b>Total</b>
		£	£	£
<b>Cost or revaluation</b>				
At 1 November 2019	297,673	14,573	1084	313,330
	<u>297,673</u>	<u>14,573</u>	<u>1084</u>	<u>313,330</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 November 2019	0	14,140	1,084	15,224
Charge for the year	0	145	0	145
<b>At 31 October 2020</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,285</b>	<b>1084</b>	<b>15,369</b>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 October 2019	297,673	433	0	298,106
<b>At 31 October 2020</b>	<b>297,673</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>297,961</b>

**Note 10. Trustees and committee members benefits**

The trustees and committee members of RBCC render their service on voluntary basis and and there were no payment made to the trustees or committee members during the year