CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1 Nov 2024 To 31 Oct 2025

Charity name: MILTON KEYNES VIHARA: COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MINDFULNESS MEDITATION

Charity registration number: 1183908

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	**For the public benefit, to advance Buddhism in Milton Keynes and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively by: (a) facilitating the teaching of Theravada Buddhism and to provide opportunities for the study and practice of Buddhist philosophy, meditation and mindfulness (b) conducting regular lessons in Buddhism for devotees. (c) establishing centres for the practice of Buddhism and meditation (d) providing residential facilities for Buddhist monks to teach and practice Buddhism.**
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	• **Conducting regular classes teaching Theravada Buddhism to children** • **Conducting a regular programme of meditation courses** • **Organising regular talks and discussions on Buddhism and meditation practice that are open to anyone to attend** • **Maintaining accommodation for the resident monks on the vihara premises**
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**Yes, all trustees have read this guidance.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**Not applicable**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	**Not applicable**
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	• **Volunteers contribute their time and expertise to support the activities of the Milton Keynes Vihara summarised above. This includes:** ○ **Facilitating children's Buddhism programme** ○ **Facilitating regular Buddhism talks and discussions that are open to the public** ○ **Working to maintain the Vihara premises**
Other		**Not applicable**

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	• **Milton Keynes Vihara has continued to conduct regular events that enable the community to learn Buddhist teachings and develop their practice of meditation.** **For example,** **https://mkvihara.org/event/madin-march-full-moon-poya-day-sil-programme/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/vesak-full-moon-poya-day-programme/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/a-special-dhamma-sermon-in-sinhala/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/a-special-sinhala-dhamma-sermon/** • **The children's Dhamma School programme is conducted twice each month, with students having the option to join in person at the Vihara premises or online.** • **Organisation of a Sri Lankan New Year festival, that incorporated Buddhist traditions: https://mkvihara.org/event/sri-lankan-new-year-milton-keynes/** • **Organisation of a programme of devotional songs to mark the Poson full moon day in June 2025** **https://mkvihara.org/event/poson-festival-2025/**

		• **Formal invitation of monks to spend the rains retreat at the vihara (Vas Aradhana, July-Nov 2025):** **https://mkvihara.org/event/esala-full-moon-poya-day-vas-aradhana-invitation-ceremony-3/** • **Weekly Dhamma Sermons and meditation programmes as part of the rains retreat. For example:** **https://mkvihara.org/event/vassana-daham-sisila-dhamma-dana-pooja-blessings-programme-12/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/vassana-season-mindfulness-meditation-session-blessings-programme/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/vassana-daham-sisila-dhamma-dana-pooja-blessings-programme-14/** **https://mkvihara.org/event/medicine-aushadha-and-light-sambuddha-poojava-2/** • **Katina Ceremony at the end of the rains retreat (18 Oct 2025):** **https://mkvihara.org/event/milton-keynes-vihara-annual-kathina-ceremony-2025/**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	**No additional information to add to that provided above.**
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Fundraising to support the activities of the vihara have been through one-off donations from individuals visiting the Vihara or regular contributions from well-wishers and members of the community.** **The funds raised have been sufficient to meet the essential expenses of maintaining the Vihara premises (rent, utilities, telephone / broadband and council tax).**
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**Not applicable**
Other		**Not applicable**

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The financial position of the vihara is now on a more stable footing, with annual income increasing to £34.609 (cf. £24,294 in 2023/24). The higher income reflects the greater range and scale of events that we have been able to hold, such as the Sri Lankan New Year Celebration in April 2025.** **However, this also means that overall expenditure is higher £30,815 (cf. £21,123 in 2023/24). Part of the reason for the higher expenditure was the need to reimburse expenses incurred towards the year, in relation to the annual Kathina Ceremony.** **Overall, successful fund raising activities relating to the Rains Retreat (Vas) programme and other events enabled Milton Keynes Vihara to close the year with an operating surplus of £3,794/-, leading to a current account balance of £14,549/- on 31 Oct 2025.**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**We continue to hold funds towards securing a permanent premises for Milton Keynes Vihara, to which donors have added a further £350/- since our last report. Now that the operating costs of Vihara are being met through our regular donations, the trustees are working to initiate a more concerted fund raising effort to raise donations to the Building Fund in 2025/26/**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	**£10,550/-**
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**The Milton Keynes Vihara is now in its 7th year of operation and the establishment of the 'Building Fund' account was a first step in the long term planning for the development of the vihara. It is the ambition of the trustees to establish a long-term home for the Vihara and as noted above, a concerted fund raising drive to secure a new location will take place in 2025/26.**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**None**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**None**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	**Direct donations from supporters of Milton Keynes Vihara**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**Not applicable**
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**Loss of physical premises** **Cost of living pressures leading to reduction in donations.** **Limited capacity of trustees to develop long term plan for Vihara premises**
Other		**Not applicable**

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**CIO Constitution**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**The founding trustees were volunteers from the community who wanted to support the establishment of the Milton Keynes Vihara. This includes i. Head of the Centre; ii. President; iii. Secretary; and iv. Treasurer of the Milton Keynes Vihara who are ex-officio trustees as defined in the CIO's constitution.** **We have vacancies for 2 new trustees, a secretary and treasurer.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	**Induction: Trustees will make available to each new charity trustee, on or before his or her first appointment:** **1. a copy of the CIO constitution and any amendments made to it; and** **2. a copy of the CIO's latest trustees' annual report and statement of accounts.** **3. Induction meetings with the Head of Centre and President of the Vihara**
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**Not applicable**
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	**Not applicable**
Other		**Not applicable**

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	**MILTON KEYNES VIHARA: COMMUNITY CENTRE FOR MINDFULNESS MEDITATION**
Other name the charity uses	**MILTON KEYNES VIHARA**
Registered charity number	1183908
Charity's principal address	3 Aldrich Drive Willen Milton Keynes MK15 9HP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Prof. Arosha K. Bandara	Trustee		
2	Ven. Akurala Samithasiri	Head of Centre		
3	Dr. Dinuka De Silva	Trustee		
4	Dr. Mahesh Dias	Trustee		
6				
7				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

One of our long-serving trustees, Dr. Ajit de Silva, died in February 2024.

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Professor Arosha K. Bandara	Ven. Akurala Samithasiri
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	**Trustee**	**Trustee**
Date	*6 Oct 2026*	*6 Oct 2026*

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees Charity Name: MILTON KEYNES VIHARA : Community Centre for Mindfulness Meditation

On accounts for the year ended 31 OCT 2025 **Charity no (if any)** 1183908

Set out on pages 1 & 2 of CC16a (remember to include the page numbers of any continuation sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. *Delete [ ] if not applicable.*

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: [signature] **Date:** 13/11/2026

Name: RANJITH HIKKADUWA LIYANAGE

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body CIMA UK.

(if any):	
Address:	7 RAVENSFIELD GARDENS EWELL SURREY, KT19 0ST

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No material concerns to report.

13/11/2026.

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Milton Keynes Vihara	1183908	CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01-Nov-24	To	31-Oct-25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Income - Standing Order	9,650	-	-	9,650	9,130
Income - KATINA Ceremony (This Year)	7,125	-	-	7,125	1,535
Income - KATINA Ceremony (Last Year)	1,825	-	-	1,825	1,340
Income - ATAVISI PUJA (This Year)	1,110		-	1,110	3,005
Income - VAS PUJA (This Year)	2,075	-	-	2,075	2,190
Income - Poson Celebration	520	-	-	520	2,590
Income - New Year	3,633	-	-	3,633	75
Income - Other Donations	8,670	-	-	8,670	4,429
Income - Building Fund Donations (2024/25)	-	350	-	350	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	34,609	350	-	34,959	24,294
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	34,609	350	-	34,959	24,294
A3 Payments					
Expenditure - Rent	15,000	-	-	15,000	15,000
Expenditure - Council Tax	2,517	-	-	2,517	2,397
Expenditure - Energy	2,625	-	-	2,625	2,767
Expenditure - Water	1,386	-	-	1,386	500
Expenditure - Telecomms	305	-	-	305	460
Expenditure - Poson Event	190	-	-	190	-
Expenditure - New Year Event	3,068	-	-	3,068	-
Expenditure - Kathina Ceremony (This Year)	2,783			2,783	-
Expenditure - Kathina Ceremony (Last Year)	2,940			2,940	-
Other expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Donation to other orgainsations	-			-	-
Returned Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,815	-	-	30,815	21,123
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,815	-	-	30,815	21,123
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,794	350	-	4,144	3,171
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,755	10,200	-	20,955	17,784
Cash funds this year end	14,549	10,550	-	25,099	20,955

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Closing bank balance on 31 Oct 2025	14,549	10,550	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,549	10,550	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)

B3 Investment assets

		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Arosha K. Bandara (Trustee)	06-Oct-26
	Ven. Akurala Samithasiri (Trustee)	06-Oct-26