

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND**  
**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**  
**FOR**  
**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

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**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

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**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Trustees	Rev S Sarvasthananda (Chairman) Rev S Shivarupananda (Treasurer) Mr M Bedish (Secretary) Mr S Ghosh (Vice-President) Mr J Wilcox Mr V Bhatt (retired 20th October 2024) Mr R Das Ms J A Power V S Anumula Mr H K Shah Mr A Chandran (appointed 2nd June 2024)
Charity Number	206169
Principal address	Blind Lane Bourne End Buckinghamshire SL8 5LF
Auditor	Accumen Business Consultancy Limited Coventry University Technology Park Puma Way Coventry CV1 2TT
Bankers	HSBC Bank Plc 1 Corn Market High Wycombe Buckinghamshire HP11 2AY
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## **THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

The objectives of the Centre, as set out in the constitution, are to promote and propagate Vedanta, the study of comparative religion and philosophy, and to assist in bringing about harmony of religions, and to promote philanthropic work where appropriate.

The aim of the Centre is to continue to promote Vedanta and Spiritual knowledge through lectures, retreats and information via the website. Its aim is to also to continue to provide money for charitable and relief work.

##### **Public benefit**

The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre is the only Centre in the UK affiliated to the Ramakrishna order and for this reason attracts visitors from all over the country. The Centre provides a retreat for these visitors as well as promoting Spiritual knowledge through its bookshop, lectures and its website. The Centre's work is not restricted to Great Britain, though every year the Centre donates funds for charitable and relief work mainly carried out by the Ramakrishna Order overseas.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities, we have given careful consideration to the Charity Commissions' general guidance on public benefit.

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

The Centre's activities returned to normalcy after the pandemic and the monks were able to continue to promote Vedanta and Spiritual knowledge to a wider audience, throughout the year, through talks and classes at the Centre and other parts of UK, like London, Newcastle, Edinburgh, Aberdeen, etc., on a regular basis. Most of these programmes were simultaneously made available online via Zoom and YouTube live. The monks continued to provide individual guidance by meeting spiritual aspirants/visitors in the Centre premises on a regular basis. Swami Sarvasthananda also participated in several international conferences and interfaith programmes in Europe and some other countries.

The Centre continued to publish the 'Vedanta', a bi-monthly journal which entered its 72nd year. Articles from the 'Vedanta' were made available to a wider audience online via the Charity website.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial review**

The Centre generated total income of £458,121 (2023: £445,863). The total expenditure in the year was £369,414 (2023: £331,673) of which £108,786 (2023: £111,719) was spent on relief work and funding welfare programmes, etc. Most of the funds for charitable work was distributed for the work of the Ramakrishna Math and Mission and the Sarda Math, mainly for work in India. Details of major relief and rehabilitation work, medical and educational work etc, conducted by these organisations are given in their Annual Reports. Since the end of the pandemic, Trustees and members have been regularly visiting.

The results for the year are set out in the Statement of Financial Activities in these financial statements.

##### **Investment policy and objectives**

The Board of Management has formulated the most appropriate investment policy and the implementation of the policy has been delegated to fund managers at Investec Wealth & Investment Limited. Report issued by the fund managers are reviewed periodically by the Board to ensure their policy being implemented and to monitor the performance of their investments and they are pleased to report the return on investments is satisfactory.

## **THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

Unrestricted funds at the year end amounted to £16,675,506 (2023: £16,031,417). These funds are held for the purpose of continuing the operations of the Centre. Total unrestricted funds includes £15,416,128 (2023: £14,691,069) designated funds to the Expansion Scheme Fund and £649,376 (2023: £695,257) designated to the Memorial Fund.

It is the policy of the Board of Management to carry the minimum of reserves equivalent to 3 to 6 months of its operational budget. Reserves are considered to be the Net Current Assets stated on the balance sheet of £179,786 (2023: £624,656). The patterns of income and expenditure differ over the course of the year. Expenditure tends to be concentrated in the first half of the year while income is more evenly spread. Thus cash balances are built up during the second half of the year to accommodate this pattern.

##### **Risk Management**

The Board of Management has conducted its own review if the major risks to which the Centre is exposed and systems have been established to mitigate those risks.

Significant external risks to the funding have led to the development of a strategic plan, which will allow for diversification of investments.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre is an unincorporated registered charity. Its is governed by a constitution adopted on 11th December 1951 as amended on 8 April 1962 and 29 June 1996.

##### **Trustees**

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of these financial statements were:

Rev S Sarvasthananda (Chairman)  
Rev S Shivarupananda (Treasurer)  
Mr M Bedish (Secretary)  
Mr S Ghosh (Vice-President)  
Mr J Wilcox  
Mr V Bhatt (retired 20th October 2024)  
Mr R Das  
Ms J A Power  
V S Anumula  
Mr H K Shah  
Mr A Chandran (02nd June 2024)

##### **Recruitment and appointment of new trustees**

The members of the Board of Trustees are appointed from among the members of the Centre and hold office for three years. At the end of this period the members of the Centre elect a new Board an the annual general meeting.

##### **Organisational structure**

Day to day management of the charity is taken on by the Board of Trustees as a whole.

**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Title of Land and Buildings**

The following Trustees hold title to the freehold land and buildings belonging to the charity:

Rev S Sarvasthananda  
Rev S Shivarupananda  
Mr S Ghosh

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

Rev S Sarvasthananda (Chairman) - Trustee

**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law, the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under charity law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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 accounting standards 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 business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and The Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above and on the Financial Reporting Council's website, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud.

We obtain and update our understanding of the entity, its activities, its control environment, and likely future developments, including in relation to the legal and regulatory framework applicable and how the entity is complying with that framework. Based on this understanding, we identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. This includes consideration of the risk of acts by the entity that were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, including fraud, we designed procedures which included:

- Enquiry of management and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation and claims as well as actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Assessing the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations considered to have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company through enquiry and inspection;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management bias and override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for indicators of potential bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

**REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
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**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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28 October 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	4	41,800	106,651	148,451	159,586
Other trading activities	5	3,025	-	3,025	2,609
Investment income	6	114	306,646	306,760	283,668
<b>Total</b>		<u>44,939</u>	<u>413,297</u>	<u>458,236</u>	<u>445,863</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
<b>Raising funds</b>					
Other trading activities	7	8,886	-	8,886	7,514
Investment management costs	8	-	67,230	67,230	63,052
		<u>8,886</u>	<u>67,230</u>	<u>76,116</u>	<u>70,566</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Provision of the Centre	9	66,859	117,894	184,753	149,388
Relief work and charity		4,409	104,377	108,786	111,719
<b>Total</b>		<u>80,154</u>	<u>289,501</u>	<u>369,655</u>	<u>331,673</u>
Net gains on investments		-	555,382	555,382	646,346
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		<u>(35,215)</u>	<u>679,178</u>	<u>643,963</u>	<u>760,536</u>
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		645,091	15,386,326	16,031,417	15,270,881
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u><u>609,876</u></u>	<u><u>16,065,504</u></u>	<u><u>16,675,380</u></u>	<u><u>16,031,417</u></u>

**CONTINUING OPERATIONS**

All income and expenditure has arisen from continuing activities.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes form part of these financial statements

**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	General fund £	Designated fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	14	556,012	-	556,012	571,486
Investments	15	-	15,939,708	15,939,708	14,835,275
		<u>556,012</u>	<u>15,939,708</u>	<u>16,495,720</u>	<u>15,406,761</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Stocks	16	6,774	-	6,774	7,630
Debtors	17	10,743	-	10,743	31,267
Cash at bank and in hand		68,172	125,796	193,968	617,629
		<u>85,689</u>	<u>125,796</u>	<u>211,485</u>	<u>656,526</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	18	(31,825)	-	(31,825)	(31,870)
		<u>53,864</u>	<u>125,796</u>	<u>179,660</u>	<u>624,656</u>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
		<u>53,864</u>	<u>125,796</u>	<u>179,660</u>	<u>624,656</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>					
		<u>609,876</u>	<u>16,065,504</u>	<u>16,675,380</u>	<u>16,031,417</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>					
		<u>609,876</u>	<u>16,065,504</u>	<u>16,675,380</u>	<u>16,031,417</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
	19				
Unrestricted funds:					
General fund				609,876	645,091
Designated fund				16,065,504	15,386,326
				<u>16,675,380</u>	<u>16,031,417</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>					
				<u>16,675,380</u>	<u>16,031,417</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 October 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

Rev S Sarvasthananda (Chairman) - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## **THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

#### **1. CHARITY INFORMATION**

The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre is an unincorporated registered charity in England and Wales. The charity's principal address is Blind Lane, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire, SL8 5LF.

The financial statements have been prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### **2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The charity has taken advantage of the following disclosure exemption in preparing these financial statements, as permitted by FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland':

- the requirements of Section 7 Statement of Cash Flows.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on reducing balance
Motor vehicles	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer equipment	- 20% on reducing balance

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Tangible fixed assets**

**Fixed asset investments**

Fixed asset investments are initially measured at transaction price excluding transaction costs, and are subsequently measured at mid prices as per reports from investec - independent fund manager. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred.

**Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

**Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Stocks held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured at the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

**Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

**Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds which the trustees have chosen such funds to be earmarked for specific purpose.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

**Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

**Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

**THE RAMAKRISHNA VEDANTA CENTRE**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued**

**Financial instruments**

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENTS AND KEY SOURCES OF ESTIMATION UNCERTAINTY**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**4. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	31.12.24	31.12.24	31.12.24	31.12.23
	General	Designated	Total	Total
	fund	fund	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Shrine box, collection & freewill donations	24,789	80,562	105,350	122,851
Gift aid	17,010	26,089	43,100	36,735
Legacies	-	-	-	-
Members subscription	-	-	-	-
	<u>41,799</u>	<u>106,651</u>	<u>148,450</u>	<u>159,586</u>

**5. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	Unrestricted	Total
	funds	funds
	£	£
Sale of books, CDs and magazines	<u>3,025</u>	<u>2,609</u>

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**6. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	31.12.24 General fund £	31.12.24 Designated fund £	31.12.24 Total funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
Income from listed investments	-	305,689	305,689	282,653
Interest receivable	-	957	957	1,015
	-	306,646	306,646	283,668

**7. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES**

	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
Opening stock	7,630	9,156
Purchases	8,030	5,988
Closing stock	(6,774)	(7,630)
	8,886	7,514

Purchases, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.24 General fund £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<u>Trading costs:</u>		
Purchases	-	1,577
Printing Vedanta	5,988	6,105
	5,988	7,682

Purchases represents purchase of books which are sold at the Centre.

Printing Vedanta are costs involved with the provision of the magazine.

**8. INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT COSTS**

	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
Portfolio management	67,230	63,052

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**9. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS**

	Direct Costs £	Support costs (see note 10) £	Totals £
Provision of the Centre	160,946	23,807	184,753
Relief work and charity	108,786	-	108,786
	<u>269,732</u>	<u>23,807</u>	<u>293,539</u>

	31.12.24 Provision of the Centre £	31.12.24 Relief work and charity £	31.12.24 Total activities £	31.12.23 Provision of the Centre £	31.12.23 Relief work and charity £	31.12.23 Total activities £
Rates and water	4,439	-	4,439	469	-	469
Insurance	11,470	-	11,470	9,106	-	9,106
Light and heat	24,358	-	24,358	24,240	-	24,240
Telephone	2,574	-	2,574	1,553	-	1,553
Postage and stationary	9,534	-	9,534	4,194	-	4,194
Sundries	1,612	-	1,612	1,480	-	1,480
Repairs and maintenance	53,811	-	53,811	38,565	-	38,565
Laundry and household	5,654	-	5,654	4,810	-	4,810
Travel and preaching	18,508	-	18,508	6,010	-	6,010
Food	13,452	-	13,452	18,945	-	18,945
Shrine sundry	919	-	919	3,832	-	3,832
Garden maintenance	11,115	-	11,115	9,190	-	9,190
Subscription	30	-	30	18	-	18
Funeral	3,229	-	3,229	-	-	-
Relief work and charity	-	108,786	108,786	-	111,719	111,719
	<u>160,705</u>	<u>108,786</u>	<u>269,491</u>	<u>122,412</u>	<u>111,719</u>	<u>234,131</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	23,807	-	23,807	31,487	-	31,487
	<u>184,512</u>	<u>108,786</u>	<u>293,298</u>	<u>153,899</u>	<u>111,719</u>	<u>265,618</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>						
Unrestricted funds - general	184,323	4,409	188,732	153,899	30,369	184,268
Unrestricted funds - designated	-	104,377	104,377	-	81,350	81,350
	<u>184,323</u>	<u>108,786</u>	<u>293,109</u>	<u>153,899</u>	<u>111,719</u>	<u>265,618</u>

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**10. SUPPORT COSTS**

	Finance	Governance	Totals
	£	costs £	£
Provision of the Centre	792	23,015	23,807

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	Provision of the Centre £	Total activities £
Bank charges	792	1,265
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	9,120
Legal and professional fees	1,541	630
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	15,474	15,961
	<u>23,807</u>	<u>26,976</u>

**11. OTHER EXPENDITURE**

	31.12.24	31.12.23
	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Support costs	23,807	26,976

**12. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS**

During the year, no trustees (2023: nil) received remuneration or benefits from the charity (2023: £Nil) in relation to personal expenses.

**Trustees' expenses**

During the year, none of the trustees (2023: nil) were reimbursed expenses nil (2023: nil) in relation to charitable expenses paid on behalf of the charity.

**13. EMPLOYEES**

There were no employees during the current year and previous year.

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**14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>					
At 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024	902,535	97,203	5,000	1,768	1,006,506
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>					
At 1 January 2024	340,664	88,378	4,789	1,189	435,020
Charge for year	13,540	1,765	53	116	15,474
At 31 December 2024	354,204	90,143	4,842	1,305	450,494
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>					
At 31 December 2024	548,331	7,060	158	463	556,012
At 31 December 2023	561,871	8,825	211	579	571,486

**15. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	Listed investments £
<b>MARKET VALUE</b>	
At 1 January 2024	14,835,275
Additions	1,889,053
Disposals	(1,340,002)
Revaluations	555,382
At 31 December 2024	15,939,708
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 31 December 2024	15,939,708
At 31 December 2023	14,835,275

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

Cost or valuation at 31 December 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2024	555,382
Cost	15,384,326
	15,939,708

The historical cost of fixed asset investments at 31 December 2024 was £11,456,804 (2023: £10,537,698).

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<b>16. STOCKS</b>		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
Books		6,774	7,630
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<b>17. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
Other debtors		3,632	11,709
Prepayments and accrued income		7,111	19,558
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		10,743	31,267
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<b>18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>		31.12.24	31.12.23
		£	£
Other creditors		8,865	22,390
Accruals and deferred income		22,960	9,480
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		31,825	31,870
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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Balance at 1/1/24 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	Balance at 31/12/24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General fund	645,091	44,824	79,913	-	-	610,002
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Expansion Scheme	14,691,069	408,946	289,501	-	605,614	15,416,128
Memorial Fund	695,257	4,351	-	-	(50,232)	649,376
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	16,031,417	458,121	369,414	-	555,382	16,675,506
	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>	<u>        </u>

**Comparatives for movement in funds**

	Balance at 1/1/23 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers between funds £	Revaluations, gains and losses £	Balance at 31/12/23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>						
General fund	715,240	117,122	187,271	-	-	645,091
<b>Designated funds</b>						
Expansion Scheme	13,882,384	326,721	144,402	-	626,366	14,691,069
Memorial Fund	673,257	2,020	-	-	19,980	695,257
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	15,270,881	445,863	331,673	-	646,346	16,031,417
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**Funds**

The Charity has the following type of funds:

**Unrestricted fund:**

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**19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued**

This fund is available for general purposes which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

**Designated fund:**

This fund is available for general purposes, however, the Trustees have chosen such funds to be used for specific purpose. This fund includes the following:

Expansion Scheme

The fund was created with a view to establish another centre in the UK in the future.

Memorial fund

The fund was established in memory of Swami Ghanananda and Swami Bhavyananda for relief work

**20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

The Ramakrishna Vedanta Centre entered into the following transactions with related parties during the year:

a. There are three (2023: three) trustees who work at the Centre, their accommodation and food is provided for at the Centre.

b. Zero member of key management personnel received healthcare costs amounting to £nil (2023: £nil).

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
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	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Shrine box, collection & freewill donations	105,352	122,852
Gift aid	43,099	36,734
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	148,451	159,586
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Sale of books, CDs and magazines	3,025	2,609
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from listed investments	305,689	282,653
Deposit account interest	1,071	1,015
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	306,760	283,668
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<b>Total incoming resources</b>	458,236	445,863
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Opening stock	7,630	9,156
Purchases	836	-
Printing Vedanta	7,194	5,988
Closing stock	(6,774)	(7,630)
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	8,886	7,514
<b>Investment management costs</b>		
Portfolio management	67,230	63,052
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Rates and water	4,439	469
Insurance	11,470	9,106
Light and heat	24,358	24,240
Telephone	2,574	1,553
Postage and stationery	9,534	4,194
Sundries	1,612	1,480
Repairs and maintenance	53,811	38,565
Laundry and household cleaning	5,654	4,810
Travel and preaching	18,749	6,010
Food	13,452	18,945
Shrine sundry	919	3,832
Garden maintenance	11,115	9,190
Relief work and charity	108,786	111,719
Subscription	30	18
Carried forward	266,503	234,131

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	31.12.24 Unrestricted funds £	31.12.23 Total funds £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	266,503	234,131
Funerals	3,229	-
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	269,732	234,131
 <b>Support costs</b>		
 <b>Finance</b>		
Bank charges	792	1,265
 <b>Governance costs</b>		
Auditors' remuneration	6,000	9,120
Legal and professional fees	1,541	630
Freehold property	13,540	13,540
Fixtures and fittings	1,765	2,206
Motor vehicles	53	70
Computer equipment	116	145
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	23,015	25,711
 Total resources expended	<hr/>	<hr/>
	369,655	331,673
 <b>Net income before gains and losses</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	88,581	114,190
 <b>Realised recognised gains and losses</b>		
Realised gains/(losses) on fixed asset investments	555,382	646,346
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<b>Net income</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	643,963	760,536

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