

FWBO (CORWEN)

Annual Report for Year Ending 31st December 2022

The Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (Corwen) – henceforth FWBO (Corwen) – is registered with the Charity Commission , number 514363. The charity runs Vajraloka meditation retreat centre, Tyn y Ddol, Corwen, Denbighshire LL21 0EN. The charity is constituted by Deed Trust, constituted in September 1983 and amended in November 1986 and again in December 2002.

FWBO(Corwen) is administered by a council of Trustees comprising, during 2022, Dh Tejananda (John Wakeman) Chairman, Dh Vidyacitta, Treasurer, Dh Jinapalita, Dh Tejapushpa and Dh Amita (Dr Sion Williams), Dh Rijumitra (William Gow) and Dh Cittamoksa (Mark Shea).

The overall purpose of the charity is the advancement of the Buddhist Religion, and to encourage and teach members of the residential community at Vajraloka, and members of the wider Triratna Buddhist community (FWBO), and others, to live in accordance with the teachings of the Buddha and of Buddhism.

In particular the charity supports members of the Triratna Buddhist Order and Community and works in cooperation with the other groups within the Triratna Buddhist Community. The charity is organisationally and financially independent from these other groups, though all are under the spiritual guidance of the Triratna Buddhist Order.

The charity carries out its objectives principally by running residential retreats on the theme of Buddhist meditation. The retreats are mainly open to the general public, with various degrees of previous meditation experience. The capacity for each retreat is 21 people. In addition, members of the residential team also visit other Buddhist groups and centres to teach.

Vajraloka Retreat Centre aims to have a residential community of between five and seven who support the running of the retreats. During 2022 the team included one woman and five men. As well as living support a small stipend is offered to each member, together with a retreat/vacation stipend allowance.

In 2022 we were able once again to offer a full range of residential retreats, up to our full capacity, as well as two online retreats, these having proved very

popular during the lockdown periods of the previous two years. Retreats were well attended on the whole and the online ones were very well attended with up to 100 people signing up. Donations for these continued to be generous.

During the year, Jinapalita, who had been part of the Vajraloka team and community for 6 years, decided that it was time to move on and left in April. Jinapalita has been a great asset to both the community and the team here and remains a trustee.

Upeksanandi and Cittamoksa joined the residential team in May. Upeksanandi, the first woman to become a full member of both community and team, stayed for six months before moving on to a job at the Nottingham Buddhist Centre. Cittamoksa, who had long planned a sabbatical from his work to spend time here, joined the community and team for approximately one year. Both have made significant contributions to the work and facilities of Vajraloka. Kusalajoti, our second woman community and team member, joined us from Dhanakosa retreat centre in early January 2023.

In addition, other former members of Vajraloka community continue to play an active part in the wider team, which helps Vajraloka greatly: Padmasasa continues with the book-keeping and Prajnapriya administers the bookings. Both have also been active on retreat teams. Upeksanandi also continues with admin work for Vajraloka, having taken on programme planning, and will be ongoingly participating in retreat teams.

Huge gratitude goes to all who help Vajraloka to keep running and fulfilling its purpose, including our guest leaders and retreat team supporters. Particular thanks to our 'external' trustees who have continued to be highly supportive of the project, despite sometimes very demanding personal circumstances.

Having been Chair of FWBO Corwen since 2001, I will be handing over to Rijumitra at the 2023 AGM. It has been my privilege to serve the aims of Vajraloka as best as I have been able during this time and I am confident that, as Chair, Rijumitra will take the community and team into new and exciting directions and that Vajraloka will continue to be a much-valued resource for meditators and Buddhist practitioners throughout the Triratna community.

Dh Tejananda (John Wakeman) Chairman.

12 March 2023

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Financial Activities

January - December 2022

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Donations received	2,242.00
4001 Donations (non gift aid)	563.00
4002 Donations for Online retreats	9,000.00
4006 Bursary donations	0.00
4400 Retreat income	109,964.29
4401 Retreat income following year	0.00
4701 Bank Interest	43.55
4801 Gift aid claimed	614.00
4810 Stationary/pharmacy items	296.67
4901 Solar Panel income	2,110.30
Total Income	£124,833.81
Cost of Sales	
6400 Food and household general	5,403.26
6401 Suma wholefoods	18,069.46
6402 Supermarkets	972.07
6403 Fruit and Veg	6,179.63
6501 Laundry	1,063.75
6601 Guest teachers and team help	11,796.20
Total Cost of Sales	£43,484.37
TOTAL	£81,349.44
Expenditures	
6102 Advertising/Promotional	160.00
7002 Water	861.85
7003 Business tax/rates	2,956.65
7104 Premises Insurances	2,738.73
7105 Electricity	6,005.01
7106 Gas	6,650.95
7251 Chair/Mitra convener costs	356.00
7300 Printing, Postage and Stationery	140.85
7302 Office/General Administrative Expenses	11.65
7303 Bookkeeping	938.49
7304 Computer and software Costs	367.19
7350 Phone Costs	1,062.01
7351 Internet	143.88
7500 Repair and maintenance	2,999.62
7505 Vehicle fuel	1,229.82
7506 Vehicle expenditure	397.76
7507 Vehicle licenses	292.50
7604 Vehicle insurances	1,990.17
7606 Medical	353.42
7701 Bank charges	140.28

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January - December 2022

	TOTAL
7702 Paypal Bank charges	2,360.26
7803 Team Support Akashapala	5,723.20
7805 Team Support Rijumitra	3,960.00
7806 Team Support Tejananda	3,960.00
7808 Team Support Jinapalita	4,915.80
7809 Team Support Prajnapriya	2,437.50
7830 Team Recreation	1,194.56
7902 Accountancy and other Professional Services	300.00
7950 Dues and Subscriptions	396.45
Total Expenditures	£55,044.60
NET OPERATING INCOME	£26,304.84
Other Income	
4100 Grants	2,000.00
Total Other Income	£2,000.00
NET OTHER INCOME	£2,000.00
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	£28,304.84

Note

* Bursary fund nil as funds transferred to 2023. see my report for details of Bursary funds for 2022.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

The Friends of the Western Buddhist Order (Corwen)

On accounts for the year ended

31st December 2022

**Charity no
(if any)**

514363

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2022.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give 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:

Date:

15th April 2023

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Roger Goodman

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