



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	April	2019		31	March	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Bhakti Marga UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1176788

Charity's principal address

11 Lyndon Avenue

Pinner

Postcode

HA5 4QF

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	Sonam Shantilal			
2	Hitesh Jogia			
3	Teresa Hale			
4	Merleesa Govender			
5	Shehryar Karbhari			
6	Ana Luisa Marreiros			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Constitution
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	N/A
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the Hindu religion, in accordance with the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda and Bhakti Marga, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of prayer meetings, lectures, public celebration of religious festivals, producing and/or distributing literature to enlighten others about the Hindu religion.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The initiative is to build a community where we promote the path of Bhakti (The Devotion to God) according the teachings of Paramahansa Sri Swami Vishwananda. With a focus on spiritual and non-spiritual seekers, the association in the UK aims to:

- Promote and deliver fairs, teachings and workshops on ancient meditation techniques such as Atma Kriya Yoga, Simply Meditation, OM Chanting, Project Mantra and Babaji Surya Namaskar which all promote spiritual, mental and physical well being
- Yoga retreats for seekers to allow people to meditate in areas of tranquillity and peace with other practitioners
- Promoting Hindu traditions and activities.
- Developing a better understanding to people about the meaning of ancient Hindu scriptures.

We stand by the following core values:

- Respect – we respect people of all gender, caste or creed
- Love – we are inspired and taught by our Living Master, Paramahansa Vishwananda to accept what one is in order to love ourselves and others
- Unity – we aim to work and grow spiritually together so that we can achieve the ultimate
- Engage – we continue to develop relationships with communities and people so that one has a greater understanding of Hinduism

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

All contributions made by volunteers are used for the purpose of charitable activities and to fulfil the strategies of the charity.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Cities of Light Tour – Held the multiple spiritual events in Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow. Highlights of the event included

- Talks and Guided Meditation with Swamini Karuna,
- OM Chanting: A group practice that uses the transformational power of OM to transform negative energy into positive and support the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of participants.
- Singing: The evening finishes with an incredible mix of Sanskrit and Gaelic songs that are composed using guitar, harmonium, drums and vocals to create a unique emotive musical experience

Bhakti Marga Courses – We engaged with the community by hosting various courses which enables one to relax, focus the mind and open their heart. Some of the courses included

- Sri Yantra Workshops (Meditative Art)
- Devotee Courses
- Academy Lectures on Hinduism & Vaishnavism
- Bhakti Marga Essentials Course
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- Kartik Night Dance Workshop
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Bhakti Marga UK Monthly Programme – Public event hosted by Bhakti Marga to enable the UK community to meet and engage and keep up to date with Bhakti Marga activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds which are free reserves of the charity at a level which is required to meet its objectives of approximately six months unrestricted expenditure. This provides sufficient funds to cover management and administrative costs for the charity. The Board reviews this periodically.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Sonam Shantilal

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

16/11/2020



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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

16/11/2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK

1176788

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/04/2019	To	31/03/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	11,216	-	-	11,216	10,812
Donations - Events	748	-	-	748	4,818
Donations - Courses & Activities	3,759			3,759	2,834
Donations - Others	77			77	851
Course fees	7,712	-	-	7,712	4,338
Shop sales	1,255	-	-	1,255	2,204
Country Week 2019	2,948	-	-	2,948	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,715	-	-	27,715	25,857
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,715	-	-	27,715	25,857
A3 Payments					
Country Week 2018	-	-	-	-	10,591
Venue Hire	7,330	-	-	7,330	9,438
Event costs	169	-	-	169	5,918
Marketing	1,473	-	-	1,473	2,736
Shop purchases	518	-	-	518	2,962
Travel & Accommodation	1,848	-	-	1,848	1,784
Food & Meals	316	-	-	316	1,419
Legal & Professional fees	-	-	-	-	800
Equipment	220	-	-	220	745
Charitable contributions	-	-	-	-	643
Website maintenance	254	-	-	254	298
Printing, Postage & Stationery	349	-	-	349	282
Cleaning	-	-	-	-	220
Security costs	-	-	-	-	207
Insurance	-	-	-	-	320
Transaction fees	449	-	-	449	15
Other costs	87	-	-	87	77
Dues and Subscriptions	459	-	-	459	64
Telephone costs	-	-	-	-	40
Course Manuals	70	-	-	70	25
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,542	-	-	13,542	38,586
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,542	-	-	13,542	38,586

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	14,174	-	-	14,174	- 12,728
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,362	-	-	14,362	27,091
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	28,536	-	-	28,536	14,362

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	Cash at bank	28,536	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	28,536	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		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
		SONAM SHANTILAL	16/11/2020



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Bhakti Marga UK

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2020

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176788

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2020.

**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 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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

18/11/2020

Name:

Chaweevan Williams

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body :**

Fellow of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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