

THE LONDON BUDDHIST CENTRE
COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

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THE CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Jnanavaca stepping down, and a new Chair

In March 2018 we said goodbye to Jnanavaca as Chair after nine years of inspiration, guidance and generous service to the LBC. Subhuti led us in a ceremony acknowledging Jnanavaca's many gifts and his contribution to the LBC over the years, and then inaugurated me as Chair. It was a truly wonderful occasion. Both Jnanavaca and I were moved and humbled by the support and well-wishing we received. I would like to thank you for the positive welcome I have received as Chair. It is with your support and encouragement that I felt able to accept the role. My heartfelt thanks go to all those who organised and managed the event too. It was the largest ever event held at the LBC in terms of numbers and it proceeded smoothly and harmoniously. Sadhu!

New Order members

We have been delighted to welcome six new Order members back to the LBC after their ordinations during 2017. Dharmacharini Anudaya was ordained at Akashavana on the three-month retreat in the Spring and Dharmacharini Maitrinita on a two-week retreat in the autumn. Dharmacharis Amalayodhin, Jnanadaya, Maitrinara and Prajnamanas were ordained at Guhyaloka on the four-month retreat. At the time of writing three women are on the 2018 three-month Akashavana retreat: Holly Murray, Karen Liebenguth and Fiona Johnston. Amaladana (ex-Alan Worrell) is on the men's four month Guhyaloka retreat.

Farewell

Sadly this year also saw the passing away of two Order members. Dharmachari Jayamitra died on 23rd August 2017 and Dharmacharini Mallika on 23rd December 2017. Jayamitra's funeral was held at the LBC and led by Mangala. Mallika's funeral took place in Scotland and Srivati led a memorial for her at the LBC.

Perhaps even more importantly, it has meant that more people than ever are going on retreat. For example, over the Christmas and New Year period, we had a record 250 people attending one or other of our retreats – either at Adhithana or at Vajrasana. This will I'm sure have a deepening effect on our Sangha. It's also really pleasing to see the other London Centres, Centres in East Anglia and some others also use Vajrasana and benefit from being there.

Vajrasana

2017 was the first full operational year of the rebuilt Vajrasana retreat centre. After a successful opening the year has exceeded all expectations in terms of the numbers of people attending retreats and the impact the centre has had on the LBC mandala. We ran ten long retreats, which were all well booked-up, indeed some with waiting lists. Last year was the first in which we held two simultaneous winter retreats, one at Adhithana and the other at Vajrasana. As a result there were 200 people on retreat over the Christmas period.

We also made Vajrasana available to 14 other Triratna Sanghas, who gave positive feedback about their experience.

The resident community of Saddhaketu and Jnanaruci, supported by Abhayavajra, worked very hard during this period and were happy to welcome Dridhakarini as a new member too. He is a keen gardener and has been busy with the sizeable grounds since arriving. With the retreat centre up and running, Maitrivajri who led the rebuilding project, has been guiding Vajrasana through the 'snagging' phase, managing contractor relationships and ensuring that defects are resolved before the final accounts are paid. We have deeply appreciated the efforts of Maitrivajri and all those who dedicated so much time, energy and skill to a complex and demanding project. It's a delight to see the project bear fruit in the positive and transformative experiences many people are now having at Vajrasana. With the first year complete and work on the site coming to completion, we are now entering Vajrasana's next phase as a right-livelihood business. Vidyadaka has agreed to guide this as Vajrasana's CEO.

LBC Activities

We had many highlights this year. Jnanavaca led his final Mandala Evening as Chair with a rousing talk, and Subhuti led us through his Rambles. While we folded the sub-35 group in December, our sub-25 activities have been growing significantly. Parents were able to drop in for Dharma talks in a new activity started by Maitrinita and Vijayadipa, extending opportunities for those with children. There were many other activities, which are detailed in Maitreyaraja's Secretary's report. So please do read this for further details.

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Our meditation and Dharma classes continue to be popular, with a distinct increase in numbers following the end of the long Winter Retreats. Lunchtime yoga has also proved highly popular, with people turned away from full classes. As a result the yoga team (Holly Murray and Danayutta with me as their the manager at that time) proposed to the LBC Council that a third team member be employed. Esther McKinney joined, initially on a temporary basis, which has recently been made permanent. The yoga team now run two lunchtime classes daily and have increased their retreats at Vajrasana to five.

Lama's Pyjamas

Lama's Pyjamas continue to contribute significantly to the local community by providing a friendly, high-quality business, and to the LBC Mandala by providing a positive team-based right livelihood experience for team and volunteers. Lamas were also involved in an interfaith pop-up charity shop at Selfridges organised by Artangel and Miranda in July. This generated both revenue and a good deal of publicity in the local and national press. We continue to be deeply appreciative of the efforts of the team and volunteers, and for the financial contribution that Lama's makes to the Centre.

Jambala

This year Prajnamala joined Jambala as manager, taking over from Mahamani on the latter's appointment as the LBC's second women's mitra convenor. I am very pleased to have welcomed both these Dharmacharinis to their new roles. Adding Mahamani to the LBC women's team takes its number to eight, counting Srivati as an honorary team member. Srivati was instrumental in helping the process of forming a team and is currently part of a sub-group exploring the creation of a new women's office. The new women's team have also been meeting weekly for study. Initially led by Subhadramati, these meetings have been a welcome and positive way for women working at the Centre to get to know each other more deeply.

Teacher Training

This year we continued to run a teacher training week training led by Maitreyabandhu and Subhadramati. Ratnaguna joined the teaching team for support and feedback as the LBC training became officially part of the Sikkha project. The Sikkha project is an International Council initiative which aims to renew and reimagine Triratna's approach to teaching the system of practice. Ratnaguna was positive about the training delivered at the Centre and was especially inspired and indeed impressed by the atmosphere at our public classes. He spoke about his experience at the LBC at the Chairs event, noting specifically the large numbers and the energy and vitality at our main classes. We have since met with Ratnaguna and the Sikkha project team following a request to explore how we could support other Centres in their endeavours to share the Dharma and create positive and vibrant communities.

Mandala Communications

In the light of wider Triratna controversies at the LBC we undertook our own discussions about how people experience Triratna and the LBC Mandala. As part of this we organised forums, both for Mitras and for Order Members. The regional Order convenors, Kalyanavaca and Mangala, organised our first Order forum held at the LBC. It was well attended and appreciated by a wide range of Order members. The conversations were wide-ranging and varied, addressing Bhante and his apology as well as issues from the past. Later forums organised by the LBC Council focused on the LBC itself. Gender and open communication were highlighted as areas for further development. We also explored what the future of the LBC might involve. I would like to thank all those who participated in these events as they proved a helpful way for us to connect meaningfully with each other. I would like to continue developing a variety of avenues for the Mandala to communicate within itself and with the Council. One new communication medium is the Sangha newsletter, initiated by Subhadramati and Jayaka. We also hope to liaise more with our regional Order convenors - Mangala has been joined by Prajnadevi and Dhiraprabha. Kalyanavaca stepped down from her role after serving the region so generously.

Coming full circle in this report, I would also like to thank the local Order and the regional Order convenors for engaging with and supporting the transition to a new Chair. It was positive to see how the LBC Sangha, the Order and the Council worked harmoniously in engaging with an open process of consultation and selection.

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Dana

Generosity and friendship are the foundations on which the Centre flourishes and we continue to share the fruits of our efforts with the wider Triratna movement, in terms of time, energy and other resources. In terms of funds, for example, in the course of 2018 we will donate £28,000 to the European Chairs Assembly (ECA), which supports Movement-wide projects, with smaller amounts going to the India Dhamma Trust and Future Dharma Fund. This year we also made donations for new centres in Paris and Southampton. We wish them well in their next phase of growth.



Yours in the Dharma

Suryagupta

Chair

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THE LONDON BUDDHIST CENTRE

COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The Council Members (which is the board of trustees for charity law purposes) present its annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with its Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Structure, governance and management

The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association and is governed by its Rules.

The Charity is governed by its Council whose members are all of the Triratna Buddhist Order. The members of the Council, who served throughout the year and since except where stated otherwise, are shown below.

Individual members of the Council also hold executive posts for the day-to-day management of the Charity. Council members normally serve for one year and since and are then eligible for re-election at the Annual General Meeting.

The Council meets monthly. The Treasurer reports on financial matters to the Council meeting once per quarter, but is not a trustee. Day-to-day running of the Charity is undertaken by the Centre Support Team, which is managed by a senior team and directed by the Chair of Trustees.

The Charity inducts new Council members by providing them with a copy of 'The Effective Trustee, A Guide for Members of FWBO Councils' (February 2002), the Charity Commission's 'Responsibilities of Charity trustees' and 'The Essential Trustee: An introduction' and by discussing their role during council meetings.

Trustees are aware of the Charity Governance Code and fulfil their trusteeships in that spirit - they are thus able to explain the charity's aims and how those aims are achieved, and are confident of the integrity of the charity's function in the public benefit.

The Council members who served during the year were:

Dishir Thakkar (Jnanavaca) (Resigned 19 March 2018)

Mr P Newman

Mr J Reeves

Ms E Light

Mr P Groves

Ms J Quirke

Mr S Skelton

Ms M Healy

Sandra Turner (Suryagupta), Chair

Mr A Leigh

Ms C Edwards

(Appointed 3 April 2017)

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Objectives and activities

The objects of the Charity consist in the advancement of the Buddhist religion; in particular to encourage members and others to live in accordance with the teachings of the Buddha, and to support ordained members of the Triratna Buddhist Order and other duly ordained Buddhists at the discretion of the Council. In addition, the Charity added the following object to its constitution on 12 March 2007: 'To use applications of the Buddha's teaching to promote the health and well-being of all'.

In pursuit of its objects the Charity runs a variety of activities, both introductory and those designed to help people deepen their practice and understanding of Buddhism. It is also an objective of the Charity to encourage the establishment of residential communities, where Buddhists can live and practise together, and businesses where they can work in accordance with the Buddhist principle of Right Livelihood.

When planning the activities for the year, the trustees considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and are satisfied that the Charity's activities met the principles laid out in that guidance. The Charity's strategy for achieving its objectives is to agree a list of priorities for the year and to move towards these objectives through agreeing actions at Council meetings, the yearly Council retreat and at meetings with people who regularly attend the London Buddhist Centre. The priorities for the year were to: provide teaching in Buddhism and meditation for all levels of experience; attract a more diverse range of people to its classes, courses and retreats; and to communicate more widely and transparently. These priorities relate to the main objective of the Charity by contributing to the advancement of the Buddhist religion.

Breathing Space was initiated in 2004 by the LBC's then Chairman, Dr Paramabandhu Groves, a Consultant Psychiatrist. Its main focus is to help those who have suffered from depression and anxiety. The programme also helps those who have suffered with addiction and those coping with chronic pain or stress. Breathing Space uses mindfulness-based approaches (MBAs) to enable people to address their problems in group sessions and through self-management techniques.

Achievements and performance

The Charity fulfilled its objectives for the year by continuing to run a full programme of classes at its property and principal office at 51 Roman Road, London E2, as well as running retreats at the newly rebuilt Vajrasana retreat centre in Suffolk, which opened in May 2016. The Charity also continued to teach classes in Central London at St Martin's Lane. Overall, courses, classes and retreats account for approximately 40% of the Charity's regular income.

The Charity also continued to support members of the Triratna Buddhist Order engaged in the organisation of the Charity by the provision of allowances and the opportunity to attend retreats.

The Charity continued to let properties to communities of Buddhists to enable them to practise the teachings of Buddhism. Having sold its legacy flats to help fund the Vajrasana building project, it continues to rent out the refurbished flat at 83a Roman Road. Total income from communities and investment property represents around 30% of the Charity's regular income.

The Charity continued to offer residential breaks for carers in Tower Hamlets and Hackney at its retreat centre in Suffolk, funded by the respective London Boroughs.

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COUNCIL MEMBERS' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

Financial review

The Charity and its subsidiaries achieved a consolidated surplus for the year of £137,294. This has increased reserves from £7,040,998 to £7,178,292.

The Charity's largest regular funding source continues to be its rental income. The Charity also relies on voluntary income in the form of donations and money generated by providing courses, classes and retreats as well as income from its charity shops, Lama's Pyjamas and Jambala. As well as the investment property at 83a Roman Road mentioned above, the restaurant at 241-245 Globe Road continues to be let to the World's Larder Ltd. The Charity's own bookshop in the centre provides additional income.

The Charity's unrestricted reserves are split into a Fixed assets fund representing resources tied up in fixed assets, a Major repairs fund representing funds set aside for major repairs to the Charity's buildings and a General fund representing free reserves. The Fixed assets fund is roughly calculated as the net book value of the Charity's fixed assets less the loans financing them. It is intended that the General fund will be maintained between a lower level equal to two months' expenditure of the Charity and an upper level of six months' expenditure (in each case disregarding exceptional expenditure). In the event of either limit being exceeded, action to return the General fund to within the limits set out above will be decided upon by the Council.

At the year end the General funds amounted to £6,560,683.

Plans for future periods

The Charity will continue to run a full programme of courses, classes and retreats in Buddhism and meditation. It will also continue to develop and expand its range of teaching activities and continue to develop 'Breathing Space', its mental health and well-being programme. Continuing to make good use of the newly rebuilt Vajrasana retreat centre will also be important.

Volunteers

Volunteers are recruited by the Charity to assist with the office and general administration work at the London Buddhist Centre including cleaning and reception duties. Volunteers also assist in the LBC's charity shops. Order members teach classes and run retreats without reimbursement. Volunteers assist Order members in running these classes and retreats.

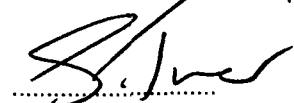
Risk Management

The Council Members keep under review the principal risks faced by the charity and seek to mitigate these. The key risks include the ability of the charity to retain appropriately skilled volunteers and staff to facilitate running events and other sessions, as well as to retain the support of sufficient donors to ensure the charity can continue to operate.

Connected charities

The Charity is part of a worldwide network of similar organisations and charities associated with the Triratna Buddhist Order and Community, each of which is legally autonomous. The various charities in the network co-operate in their shared objective of advancing the Buddhist religion. Specifically the Charity contributes financially to the Triratna Buddhist Community Chairs Assembly, the network's administrative headquarters, and the India Dharma Trust, which provides support to the ordination team in India.

The Council Members' report was approved by the Board of Council Members.



Sandra Turner (Suryagupta), Chair

Chair of trustees

Dated: 19 December 2018

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STATEMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

The Council members are responsible for preparing the Council Members' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Council members to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the Charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council members 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; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Council members are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE LONDON BUDDHIST CENTRE

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of The London Buddhist Centre (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the consolidated statement of financial activities, The consolidated balance sheet, the charity balance sheet, the consolidated statement of cash flows and the 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, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard *applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the Group's and Charity's affairs as at 31 March 2018 and of the Group's 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 Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts 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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the Council Members' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Council members have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the Group's and Charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The Council members are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and 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 there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE LONDON BUDDHIST CENTRE

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities Act 2011 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

Responsibilities of Council members

As explained more fully in the statement of Council Members' responsibilities, the Council members are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Council members 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 Council members are responsible for assessing the Group's and 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 Council members either intend to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's 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 an auditor's report 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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: <http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Council members, as a body, in accordance with Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under Section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Council members 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 Council members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.


Yuen Man Anna Bulmer (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of Harwood Hutton Limited

Chartered Accountants
Statutory Auditor

14 December 2018

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Harwood Hutton Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
<u>Income from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	3	100,147	51,855	152,002	209,939
Charitable activities	5	964,623	-	964,623	933,443
Trading activities - shops	4	234,956	-	234,956	240,181
Investments	6	13,614	-	13,614	15,138
Total income		1,313,340	51,855	1,365,195	1,398,701
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Expenditure on raising funds - shops running costs	7	200,100	-	200,100	185,316
Analysis of expenditure by charitable activities	8	1,015,486	38,325	1,053,811	914,318
Total resources expended		1,215,586	38,325	1,253,911	1,099,634
Net gains/(losses) on investments	13	26,010	-	26,010	-
Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds		123,764	13,530	137,294	299,067
Fund balances at 1 April 2017		7,049,502	(8,504)	7,040,998	6,741,931
Fund balances at 31 March 2018		7,173,266	5,026	7,178,292	7,040,998

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

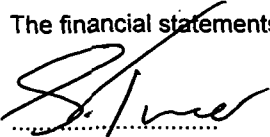
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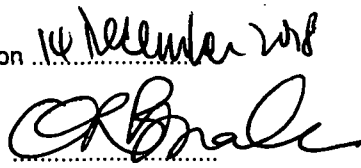
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	7,786,948		7,607,023	
Investment properties	15	484,470		458,460	
		<u>8,271,418</u>		<u>8,065,483</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	17	13,415		15,694	
Debtors	18	68,757		113,632	
Cash at bank and in hand		636,150		413,128	
		<u>718,322</u>		<u>542,454</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(186,989)		(150,273)	
Net current assets		<u>531,333</u>		<u>392,181</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>8,802,751</u>		<u>8,457,664</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(1,624,459)		(1,416,666)	
Net assets		<u><u>7,178,292</u></u>		<u><u>7,040,998</u></u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	23	5,026		(8,504)	
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	24	612,583		6,251,085	
General unrestricted funds		<u>6,560,683</u>		<u>798,417</u>	
		<u>7,173,266</u>		<u>7,049,502</u>	
		<u><u>7,178,292</u></u>		<u><u>7,040,998</u></u>	

The financial statements were approved by the Council Members on


Sandra Turner (Suryapupta)
Chair


Oliver Brock (Prajnamanas)
Treasurer

14/12/18

THE LONDON BUDDHIST CENTRE

CHARITY BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	14	1,624,345		1,659,633	
Investment properties	15	484,470		458,460	
Investments		1,368,508		1,309,786	
		<u>3,477,323</u>		<u>3,427,879</u>	
Current assets					
Stocks	17	13,415		15,694	
Debtors falling due after more than one year	18	5,074,179		4,888,741	
Debtors falling due within one year	18	222,627		259,963	
Cash at bank and in hand		478,852		209,002	
		<u>5,789,073</u>		<u>5,373,400</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	19	(172,927)		(129,698)	
Net current assets		<u>5,616,146</u>		<u>5,243,702</u>	
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>9,093,469</u>		<u>8,671,581</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	20	(1,624,459)		(1,416,666)	
Net assets		<u><u>7,469,010</u></u>		<u><u>7,254,915</u></u>	
Income funds					
Restricted funds	23	5,026		(8,504)	
Designated funds	24	612,583		6,251,085	
General unrestricted funds		6,851,401		1,012,334	
		<u>7,463,984</u>		<u>7,263,419</u>	
Total funds		<u><u>7,469,010</u></u>		<u><u>7,254,915</u></u>	

The financial statements were approved by Council Members on 14 Dec 2018 and signed on their behalf, by:



Sandra Turner (Suryagupta)
Chair



Oliver Brock (Prajnamanas)
Treasurer

14/12/18

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

	Notes	2018 £	£	2017 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash generated from operations	28		256,522		541,631
Investing activities					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(255,578)		(1,051,400)	
Interest received		14		1,018	
Net cash used in investing activities			(255,564)		(1,050,382)
Financing activities					
Net repayment of borrowings		(77,936)		30,953	
Proceeds of new bank loans		300,000		451,103	
Net cash generated from financing activities			222,064		482,056
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents			223,022		(26,695)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			413,128		439,823
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			636,150		413,128

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1 Accounting policies

1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with it Charity's Rules, the Charities Act 2011 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016) and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, modified to include the revaluation of freehold properties and to include investment properties and certain financial instruments at fair value.

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) and Balance Sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

No separate SOFA has been presented for the Charity alone. The net income for the year dealt with in the accounts of the Charity was £214,095 (2017 - £291,005).

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Council members have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Council members continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Council Members in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Council Members for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1 Accounting policies

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1.4 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the Charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the Charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with the governance of the Charity and are primarily associated with compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All resources expended are inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.6 Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £500 are capitalised.

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

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land	Not depreciated
Freehold buildings	50 years
Furniture and equipment	5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

The 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.

1.7 Investment properties

At each reporting end date, the 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).

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1 Accounting policies

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1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end 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).

Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives and intangible assets not yet available for use are tested for impairment annually, and whenever there is an indication that the asset may be impaired.

1.9 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. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured 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.

1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.11 Financial instruments

The company has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 "Basic financial Instruments" 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.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances are measured at transaction price less any provision for impairment. Loans receivable are measured initially at fair value, net of transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised costs using the effective interest method, less any provision for impairment.

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.

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.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

1.12 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

1.13 Other trading activities

Income from trading activities includes income earned from trading activities to raise funds for the charity. Income is received in exchange for supplying goods and services in order to raise funds and is recognised when entitlement has occurred.

Gifts in kind donated for resale are included at fair value, being the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale. Where estimating the fair value is practicable upon receipt it is recognised in stock and 'Income from other trading activities'. Upon sale, the value of the stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds are recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'. Where it is impracticable to fair value the items due to the volume of low value items they are not recognised in the financial statements until they are sold. This income is recognised within 'Income from other trading activities'.

1.14 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount repaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.15 Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Council members 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.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	100,147	51,855	152,002	209,939
For the year ended 31 March 2017	183,879	26,060		209,939

4 Trading activities - shops

	2018	2017
	£	£
Shop income	234,956	240,181

5 Incoming resources from charitable activities - analysis by activities

	2018 £	2017 £
London Buddhist Centre events	236,611	215,081
Breathing Space	85,099	98,830
Retreat centre events	345,061	322,980
Properties and residential communities	297,852	296,552
	964,623	933,443

6 Investments

	2018 £	2017 £
Interest receivable	14	1,018
Investment property	13,600	14,120
	13,614	15,138

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7 Expenditure on raising funds - shops running costs

	2018	2017
	£	£
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Shop running costs	55,499	54,965
Staff costs	114,137	106,341
Support costs	30,464	24,010
	<u>200,100</u>	<u>185,316</u>

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8 Analysis of expenditure by charitable activities

	London Buddhist Centre event	Breathing space	Property and residential communities	Grant payablecentre event	Retreat event	Total 2018	Total 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	162,386	48,966	80,173	-	55,574	347,099	273,267
Charitable activities	110,871	7,084	235,595	42,332	204,783	600,665	538,986
	<u>273,257</u>	<u>56,050</u>	<u>315,768</u>	<u>42,332</u>	<u>260,357</u>	<u>947,764</u>	<u>812,253</u>
Share of support costs (see note 10)	27,344	8,246	22,858	-	-	58,448	61,700
Share of governance costs (see note 10)	15,999	4,823	26,777	-	-	47,599	40,365
	<u>316,600</u>	<u>69,119</u>	<u>365,403</u>	<u>42,332</u>	<u>260,357</u>	<u>1,053,811</u>	<u>914,318</u>
Analysis by fund							
Unrestricted funds	278,275	69,119	365,403	42,332	260,357	1,015,486	
Restricted funds	38,325	-	-	-	-	38,325	
	<u>316,600</u>	<u>69,119</u>	<u>365,403</u>	<u>42,332</u>	<u>260,357</u>	<u>1,053,811</u>	
For the year ended 31 March 2017							
Unrestricted funds	264,552	57,359	281,750	55,663	207,644		866,968
Restricted funds	47,350	-	-	-	-		47,350
	<u>311,902</u>	<u>57,359</u>	<u>281,750</u>	<u>55,663</u>	<u>207,644</u>		<u>914,318</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2018

9 Grants payable

	2018 £	2017 £
Grants to institutions:		
Triratna Buddhist Order Central	27,000	27,500
Triratna Buddhist Order India	3,900	4,155
Bodhi Tree	-	6,210
Other grants under £2,000 each	4,022	7,299
	<u>34,922</u>	<u>45,164</u>
Grants to individuals	7,410	10,499
	<u>42,332</u>	<u>55,663</u>

10 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2018 £	2017 £	Basis of allocation
Depreciation	39,697	-	39,697	38,815	Staff time on activity
Postage and stationery	2,859	-	2,859	5,862	Staff time on activity
IT costs	9,957	-	9,957	15,189	Staff time on activity
Bank charges	6,682	-	6,682	5,018	Staff time on activity
Telephone	2,461	-	2,461	3,517	Staff time on activity
Travel	12,782	-	12,782	13,768	Staff time on activity
Sundry expenses	3,229	-	3,229	3,541	Staff time on activity
Audit fees	-	13,400	13,400	15,000	Governance
Accountancy	-	6,100	6,100	13,000	Governance
Legal and professional fees	-	39,344	39,344	12,365	Governance
	<u>77,667</u>	<u>58,844</u>	<u>136,511</u>	<u>126,075</u>	
Analysed between					
Fundraising	19,219	11,245	30,464	24,010	
Charitable activities	58,448	47,599	106,047	102,065	
	<u>77,667</u>	<u>58,844</u>	<u>136,511</u>	<u>126,075</u>	

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11 Employees

Number of employees

The average monthly number employees during the year was:

	2018 Number	2017 Number
LBC charity shops	7	7
London Buddhist Centre events	9	9
Breathing space	2	2
Retreat centre events	3	3
Buddhist Communities	1	1
Support	5	5
Governance	1	1
	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>

Employment costs

	2018 £	2017 £
Wages and salaries	358,840	304,921
Social security costs	20,982	16,181
Other pension costs	25,839	4,212
Retreat	55,575	54,294
	<u>461,236</u>	<u>379,608</u>

Each staff member has percentages allocated to the various activities, adding up to 100% of their time; these then produce totals for these categories, rounded to the nearest whole number of employees

Staff costs represent living allowances paid to those involved in the running of the Charity, tax and national insurance due thereon, and the cost of retreats to enable them to develop their Buddhist practice. Although deemed to be taxable by HMRC, the purpose of the living allowances is to enable those concerned - all of whom are practising Buddhists - to continue with their Buddhist practice at the same time as helping the Charity. They do not represent remuneration for services rendered.

Staff costs for the year to March 2018 include £39,600 (2017 - £39,600) recharged to Pure Land Limited relating to the Vajrasana development.

The number in receipt of allowances in the Charity was 28 (2017 - 28). All staff were based at the London Buddhist Centre and cannot be easily categorised. All received less than £30,000 p.a. During the year, 1 (2017 - 1) member of the Charity's Council (who are the trustees for charity law purposes) were reimbursed expenses totalling £516 (2017 - £724) for costs incurred with respect to travel and accommodation.

The Charity's Rules allow for support - such as the living allowances mentioned above - to be given to members of Council who are members of the Triratna Buddhist Community and during the year 7 (2017 - 8) members of the Council received such allowances totalling £102,255 (2017 - £89,262). In pursuit of its objects, the Charity also paid for retreats for Council members during the year totalling £9,064 (2017 - £6,956).

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12 Remuneration paid to Council Members

Remuneration was paid to the following Council members during the year:-

Abhayavajra (Paul Newman) £nil (2017 - £2,076)
 Jayaka (Jeff Reeves) £10,152 (2017 - £9,122)
 Jnanavaca (Dishir Thakkar) £7,646 (2017 - £7,592)
 Maitrivajri (Erica Light) £14,530 (2017 - £21,880)
 Subhadramati (Mary Healy) £11,899 (2017 - £7,887)
 Vidyadaka (Alban Leigh) £9,960 (2017 - £14,845)
 Sraddhagita (Joanne Quirke) £nil (2017 - £15,506)
 Suryagupta (Sandra Turner) £29,042 (2017 - £10,409)
 Abhayanandi (Claudine Edward) £11,541 (2017 - £nil)

13 Net gains/(losses) on investments

	2018	2017
	£	£
Revaluation of investment properties	26,010	-

14 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land	Fixtures, Motor vehicles fittings	Total
	£	£	£
Group Cost			
At 1 April 2017	8,118,626	243,910	8,372,085
Additions	230,949	24,629	255,578
At 31 March 2018	8,349,575	268,539	8,627,663
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 April 2017	642,186	113,326	765,061
Depreciation charged in the year	38,692	36,962	75,654
At 31 March 2018	680,878	150,288	840,715
Carrying amount			
At 31 March 2018	7,668,697	118,251	7,786,948
At 31 March 2017	7,476,439	130,584	7,607,023

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14 Tangible fixed assets

(Continued)

	Freehold land	Fixtures, Motor vehicles fittings		Total
	£	£	£	£
Charity				
Cost				
At 1 April 2017	2,153,525	84,342	9,549	2,247,416
Additions	-	4,409	-	4,409
At 31 March 2018	2,153,525	88,751	9,549	2,251,825
Depreciation and impairment				
At 1 April 2017	494,258	83,976	9,549	587,783
Depreciation charged in the year	38,692	1,005	-	39,697
At 31 March 2018	532,950	84,981	9,549	627,480
Carrying amount				
At 31 March 2018	1,620,575	3,770	-	1,624,345
At 31 March 2017	1,659,267	366	-	1,659,633

The Charity owns a number of freehold properties held for charitable purposes (as well as the investment properties, shown in Note 14). All are in East London and owned by the Charity:

- 51 Roman Road houses the London Buddhist Centre, where most of its London activities are run, including the Breathing Space. The rest of the property houses Buddhist communities. The cost of land attributable to this property is £NIL.

- 241/3/5/7 Globe Road primarily houses a Buddhist community and the Charity's second-hand shop. Part of the ground floor is let on a commercial basis. The element of land in respect of these buildings which has not been subject to depreciation is £14,190.

- 16,18,20 and 22 Approach Road houses Buddhist communities. The element of land in respect of these buildings which has not been subject to depreciation is £97,396.

The Council do not consider it practical or helpful (given that the properties are all held for the long term) to quantify any difference between the net book value of freehold buildings and their fair values at the year end.

15 Investment property

	2018
	£
Group and Charity	
Fair value	
At 1 April 2017	458,460
Net gains or losses through fair value adjustments	26,010
At 31 March 2018	484,470

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15 Investment property

(Continued)

The fair value of the investment property has been arrived at on the basis of a valuation carried out by Council Members. The valuation was made on an open market value basis by reference to market evidence of transaction prices for similar properties.

Council members are satisfied with the fair value of investment properties stated at the balance sheet date.

On a historical cost basis these would have been included at an original cost of £250,000 (2017 - £250,000).

16 Subsidiaries

These financial statements are separate financial statements for the subsidiary, Pure Land Limited (Company Registration No. 02495212 (England and Wales)).

	2018 £	2017 £
Tangible fixed assets	6,325,269	6,110,058
Cash at bank	157,298	204,126
Trade debtors	6,913	3,588
Other debtors	3,795	3,285
VAT recoverable	3,322	-
Accruals	(44,065)	(3,100)
Due to parent Charity (excluding loan)	(115,323)	(153,193)
Trade creditors	(21,857)	(9,612)
Other creditors	(715)	-
VAT payable	-	(7,874)
Loan from parent Charity	(5,074,178)	(4,888,741)
Capital and reserve at period end (including £10 share capital)	1,240,459	1,258,537

Details of the Charity's subsidiaries at 31 March 2018 are as follows:

Name of undertaking	Registered office	Nature of business	Class of shares held	% Held	
				Direct	Indirect
Pure Land Limited	England and Wales	Retreat centre	Ordinary	100.00	

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16 Subsidiaries

(Continued)

The Charity owns all the issued share capital of Pure Land Limited ("Pure Land"), a UK company, which was dormant until April 2014. The value of the investment equals that of the share capital held (104 ordinary shares of £0.10 each).

As at 31 March 2018, the loan balance with Pure Land Limited was £5,074,178 (2017: £4,888,741). The amount showed in the financial statements was discounted at present value to comply with Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102). The original loan amount was £6,402,243 (2017: £6,168,350).

The loan is at a fixed rate of interest of 1%. The loan is repayable on a monthly interest only basis, due starting from when the retreat centre opened in May 2016, with the capital due in four ten-yearly instalments (with early repayment possible without penalty). The interest payable in the year was £60,000 (2017: £48,404).

Day to day management of the Company is carried out by the staff of the LBC and the cost is recharged to the Company. The costs charged in the period, including allocated support costs, was £39,600 (2017: £39,600).

17 Stocks

	2018	2017	2018	2017
	£	Group £	£	Charity £
Finished goods and goods for resale	13,415	15,694	13,415	15,694

18 Debtors

	2018	2017	2018	2017
	£	Group £	£	Charity £
Amounts falling due within one year:	£	£	£	£
Trade debtors	13,408	42,714	6,497	39,127
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	-	-	115,323	153,193
Other debtors	54,131	67,774	99,589	64,499
Prepayments and accrued income	1,218	3,144	1,218	3,144
	68,757	113,632	222,627	259,963
Amounts falling due after more than one year:	£	£	£	£
Amounts due from subsidiary undertakings	-	-	5,074,179	4,888,741
Total debtors	68,757	113,632	5,296,806	5,148,704

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19 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2018 £	2017 Group £	2018 £	2017 Charity £
Bank loans	21	88,190	73,062	88,190	73,062
Other borrowings: Windhorse Trust	21	7,440	8,297	7,440	8,297
Other taxation and social security		11,625	7,090	14,947	(783)
Deferred income		15,075	-	15,075	-
Trade creditors		14,906	23,650	5,707	14,038
Other creditors		14,107	8,875	14,117	8,885
Accruals and deferred income		35,646	29,299	27,451	26,199
		<u>186,989</u>	<u>150,273</u>	<u>172,927</u>	<u>129,698</u>

20 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2018 £	2017 Group £	2018 £	2017 Charity £
Bank loans	21	1,608,576	1,394,010	1,608,576	1,394,010
Other borrowings: Windhorse Trust		15,883	22,656	15,883	22,656
		<u>1,624,459</u>	<u>1,416,666</u>	<u>1,624,459</u>	<u>1,416,666</u>

21 Loans and overdrafts

	Notes	2018 £	2017 Group £	2018 £	2017 Charity £
Bank loans		1,696,766	1,467,072	1,696,766	1,467,072
Other loans: Windhorse Trust		23,323	30,953	23,323	30,953
		<u>1,720,089</u>	<u>1,498,025</u>	<u>1,720,089</u>	<u>1,498,025</u>
Payable within one year		95,630	81,359	95,630	81,359
Payable after one year		<u>1,624,459</u>	<u>1,416,666</u>	<u>1,624,459</u>	<u>1,416,666</u>

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21 Loans and overdrafts

(Continued)

The loans were all obtained to help finance the purchase of and/or works to various of the Group's properties.

The loan from Triodos Bank (20239920) is secured on the Charity's freehold property at 51 Roman Road and is repayable over 20 years from September 2010 at the higher of 2% over base rate and 3.5%. Interest for the year was £26,836 (2017 - £28,563).

The loan from Windhorse Trust, which was provided for the purchase and a previous development of the Vajrasana retreat centre, is charged interest equivalent to the rate on the Triodos Bank loan. Interest for the year is included under Retreat centre costs and amounted to £724 (2017: £1,028).

The loan from Triodos Bank (20632339) is secured on the Charity's freehold properties at 16, 18, 20 and 22 Approach Road and is repayable over 20 years from November 2016 at the higher of 2.25% over base rate and 2.75%. Interest for the year was £19,819 (2017 - £17,525).

22 Financial instruments	2018 £	2017 Group £	2018 £	2017 Charity £
Carrying amount of financial assets				
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	67,539	110,233	5,295,588	5,145,305
Carrying amount of financial liabilities				
Measured at amortised cost	1,784,748	1,559,849	1,767,365	1,547,147

23 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2017 £	Movement in funds Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Balance at 31 March 2018 £
Triratna Buddhist Order India	(8,504)	51,855	(38,325)	5,026

The Triratna Buddhist Order India fund represents grants and donations, inclusive of Gift Aid recoverable, restricted for use towards the work of the Triratna Buddhist Order in India.

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24 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 April 2017	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 March 2018
	£	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	£
Vajrasana retreat centre	4,868,165	-	-	(4,618,165)	250,000
Fixed assets fund	1,210,000	-	-	(895,500)	314,500
Major repairs reserve	172,920	-	-	(132,920)	40,000
Residential community fund	-	-	-	8,083	8,083
	<u>6,251,085</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,638,502)</u>	<u>612,583</u>

The Vajrasana fund represents funds set aside to loan to Pure Land Limited in case of need. All re-building work having been completed, the trustees have agreed to transfer all excess on this discretionary amount back into the general fund.

The Fixed assets fund represents the amount of the Group's funds tied up in fixed assets, including the investment properties. This is calculated as the book value of tangible fixed assets less the long-term loans financing them (including the amounts due after and within one year) and the value of the investment property at 83 Roman Road (on the basis that the intention is for it to be held in the long term to generate income for the Charity's activities). The Fund does not include the Vajrasana retreat centre as it is held by Pure Land Limited.

The major repairs reserve is held to meet the cost of major improvement or maintenance works to the exterior of the building, for example restoration to the roof or chimneys, or painting work on all window frames, the Trustees calculating that large costs of this kind are incurred approximately every six or seven years. The policy for this designated fund is therefore to set aside £20,000 per year until reaching £120,000. Any amounts in excess of this then go into the charity's unrestricted funds.

The residential community fund retains a certain amount per person per month from the rent payment to cover maintenance and voids on rooms as necessary. In 2017-18, this was at £32 per person per month. This fund is used at the community's discretion for a prescribed set of purposes.

25 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 March 2018 are represented by:			
Tangible assets	7,786,948	-	7,786,948
Investment properties	484,470	-	484,470
Current assets/(liabilities)	526,307	5,026	531,333
Long term liabilities	(1,624,459)	-	(1,624,459)
	<u>7,173,266</u>	<u>5,026</u>	<u>7,178,292</u>

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26 Reconciliation between group funds and charity funds

	2018 £	2017 £
Group funds at the year end	7,178,292	7,040,998
Add: Pure Land General Fund	86,019	9,218
Add: Gain recognised by the Charity on sales of Vajrasana retreat centre to the subsidiary Pure Land (eliminated on consolidation)	131,817	131,817
Add: Interest on the intercompany loan (eliminated on consolidation)	30,851	30,851
Add: FRS 102 interest on the intercompany loan (eliminated on consolidation)	42,031	42,031
Charity funds at the year end	<u>7,469,010</u>	<u>7,254,915</u>

The restricted and designated funds are the same for the Charity and the Group. The Charity General fund is increased by £131,817 for the Charity compared to the Group as a result of the Charity having sold the Vajrasana property to the subsidiary for an excess of the original cost to the Charity.

27 Grant to breathing space project

During the year the Charity received two grants from the Borough of Tower Hamlets, the Breathing Space project received £15,000 to provide free places on its courses, and £13,015 to provide services to carers in the borough, including a weekly respite session and two yearly retreats. In addition, there was a grant for £10,950 in the year from the insurers XL Catlin, for delivering mindfulness courses to a carers' centre in Newham.

Both were fully expended on the purposes for which they were given.

28 Cash generated from operations

	2018 £	2017 £
Surplus for the year	137,294	299,067
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(14)	(1,018)
Fair value gains and losses on investment properties	(26,010)	-
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	75,653	68,164
Movements in working capital:		
Decrease/(increase) in stocks	2,279	(7,694)
Decrease in debtors	44,875	175,587
Increase in creditors	7,370	11,275
Increase/(decrease) in deferred income	15,075	(3,750)
Cash generated from operations	<u>256,522</u>	<u>541,631</u>