



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **Period start date** 23 January 2018 **To** **Period end date** 31 March 2019

## 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			
7	Dr Manish Pankhania			
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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

Trustee selection methods  
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Apart from the first charity trustees, every appointed trustee must be appointed for a term of two years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees.  
In selecting individuals for appointment as appointed charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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

- 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

## 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)**

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

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

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

**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
- Simple Puja & Abhishekham Courses
- Kartik Night Dance Workshop
- Ayurvedic Cooking Workshop

**Bhakti Marga Sadhana** – Multiple courses were held on the Bhakti Marga Sadhana which dives into the mysteries of ancient techniques to quiet the mind, gain clarity & cultivate inner balance and establish a deeper connection with ourself and others. The practices include Atma Kriya Yoga, Simpy Meditation, Babaji Surya Namaskar, Project Mantra & OM Chanting circles.

**Kartik Night UK** – Public event hosted by Bhakti Marga to celebrate the month of Kartik and sing the glories of Lord Krishna. The night involved multiple prayers, singing, kirtans, dancing and vegan & vegetarian food.

## 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)

*Sonam*

Full name(s)

SONAM SHANTILAL

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TRUSTEE

Date

16/12/2019



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bhakti Marga UK

1176788

## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	23/01/2018	To	31/03/2019
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations - Tithes & Offerings	10,812	-	-	10,812	-
Donations - Events	4,818	-	-	4,818	-
Donations - Courses & Activities	2,834	-	-	2,834	-
Donations - Others	851	-	-	851	-
Course fees	4,338	-	-	4,338	-
Shop sales	2,204	-	-	2,204	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>25,857</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,857</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>25,857</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>25,857</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Country Week 2018	10,591	-	-	10,591	-
Venue Hire	9,438	-	-	9,438	-
Event costs	5,918	-	-	5,918	-
Marketing	2,736	-	-	2,736	-
Shop purchases	2,962	-	-	2,962	-
Travel & Accommodation	1,784	-	-	1,784	-
Food & Meals	1,419	-	-	1,419	-
Legal & Professional fees	800	-	-	800	-
Equipment	745	-	-	745	-
Charitable contributions	643	-	-	643	-
Website maintenance	298	-	-	298	-
Printing, Postage & Stationery	282	-	-	282	-
Cleaning	220	-	-	220	-
Security costs	207	-	-	207	-
Insurance	320	-	-	320	-
Transaction fees	15	-	-	15	-
Other costs	77	-	-	77	-
Dues and Subscriptions	64	-	-	64	-
Telephone costs	40	-	-	40	-
Course Manuals	25	-	-	25	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,586</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,586</b>	<b>-</b>

Net of receipts/(payments)	12,728			12,728	
A5 Transfers between funds	-			-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	27,091			27,091	
Cash funds this year end	14,362			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	14,362	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>14,362</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	account(s))			
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>Diana</i>	SONAM SIAN TICAL	16/12/2019