

**The Dhammapadipa Temple
S.C.I.O**

Scottish Charity No. SC036183

**The Trustees Annual Report and Financial
Statements for
The Year Ended 30th November 2025.**

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Trustees Annual Report

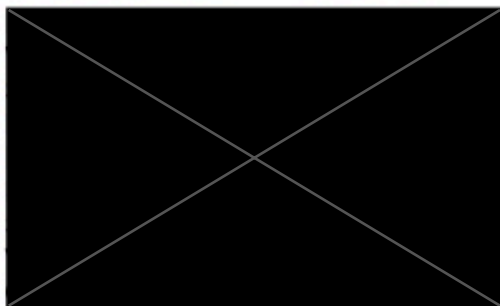
The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 30th November 2025.

Reference and Administration Details

Charity Name: The Dhammapadipa Temple
Charity No: SC036183

Principal Address: 199 Slateford Road
Edinburgh
EH14 1LA

Charity Trustees serving on the date of approval of the Trustees Annual Report :



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The charity is constituted as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation with the charity number SC036183 and is governed by its constitution

Trustee Appointment

The Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM. In addition, the Board may at any time appoint any member to be a Trustee. In selecting new board members, the Trustees seek to identify people who regularly attend events and functions organised by the charity and are willing to volunteer to help our broader community work. Potential Trustees are invited to attend meetings as observers and are given more details of the charity's aims and activities and, if all agree, they are then proposed

as new Trustees at the subsequent meeting. This process allows due consideration of the person's eligibility, competence, specialist knowledge and skills.

Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the charity are:

- Provision of recreational facilities in the interest of welfare, support, assistance and education for anyone living in Scotland, and in particular but not exclusively, Thai people, their families and Buddhists to access and use our organisational facilities as required.
- To advance religion through the provision of facilities for religious worship, observance and education for the beneficiaries; and
- To advance education and Thai cultural knowledge through structured and approved syllabuses; and
- To promote racial harmony, foster cultural and religious tolerance and understanding between the beneficiaries and others and to work towards the elimination of prejudice and discrimination against the beneficiaries, thereby enabling them to participate fully in the social, economic and civic life of the community; and
- To aid the people of Thailand during times of great need or natural disaster when called upon to do so by the Government or other charitable organisations with the same aims

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

The Dhammapadipa Temple has continued to build on its success and growing popularity, remaining firmly committed to providing high-quality Thai Buddhist support, wellbeing services, and spiritual guidance to all who engage with us. We are proud to serve a diverse and inclusive community, ensuring that our temple remains a welcoming and supportive space for all.

This year marked a significant milestone for the Temple as we celebrated our 20th Anniversary. We were honoured to welcome His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand to the United Kingdom and his wife, alongside the Lord Provost of Edinburgh, Members of Parliament, local councillors, and many members of the community we serve. We were also deeply grateful to receive letters of support from His Majesty King Charles III and the Prime Minister, the Right Honourable Keir Starmer MP, which added great significance to this landmark celebration. Throughout the year, the Temple has remained busy and vibrant. We

welcomed visits from community groups, schools, and scouting organisations who came to learn about Buddhism and to participate in guided meditation sessions.

Our Thai and wider Buddhist community continue to visit regularly for prayers, merit-making, and blessings. In addition, our monks have provided outreach support by visiting local businesses and the homes of community members to offer blessings and pastoral care when required. Wellbeing Project Our Wellbeing Project continues to flourish and operates on two strands.

Firstly, we provide not-for-profit, low-cost yoga classes for our local and Thai communities, led by our expert yoga instructor, ██████████. Secondly, our monks deliver guided meditation classes, supported by two lay meditation masters, offering meaningful and enriching practice for participants. Since the project began, we have welcomed 5,024 attendances across yoga and meditation sessions, with many participants returning regularly. This level of engagement has exceeded our expectations, and we extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved in making the project such a success.

Furthermore, we operate courses to our community to learn about the Dhamma teachings and also day-long retreats for guided meditation. These have been hugely popular and we will continue to offer this. Outside Space and Garden Improvements As part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities, we undertook a significant project to the rear garden area of the Temple. A beautifully designed canopy structure has been installed, providing shelter and enhancing the usability of this long, previously limited space. This has greatly improved the visitor experience and the flexibility of our outdoor facilities. Hall Hire by Outside Groups.

We are pleased that the Temple has attracted interest from several local organisations seeking to hire our facilities. Following appropriate due diligence, we entered into agreements with two organisations that provide valuable support services to the local community, allowing them to use our main hall and garden room spaces. Income generated through both the Wellbeing Project and external hall hire has provided valuable additional donation streams, helping to offset the significant energy costs and cost of living rises experienced during the year. Sponsor Licence and Immigration Costs.

The UK Home Office has continued to increase fees associated with migrant worker visas and sponsor licence management. As a small charity, we are not exempt from these increases, and the cost of sponsoring monks has risen accordingly. We remain committed to managing our finances responsibly to ensure full legal compliance and to maintain the high standard of monastic support our community relies upon. We were particularly pleased that our Head Monk, Phramaha Prasert Prommala, was granted Indefinite Leave to Remain during the year. This provides welcome stability for him, the Temple, and the wider community.

Plans for 2026

Looking ahead, we will continue to uphold the high standards and professionalism that have supported our growth from humble beginnings. Key priorities for the coming year include improving our ground floor office and utility space to meet operational need and managing the planned transition of our two temporary-visa monks, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], whose visas expire early in the year. We will identify and sponsor suitable replacement monks to ensure continuity of support for our community. This will have a financial impact due to Home Office fees and associated travel costs. We also plan to deliver three major religious and cultural festivals, alongside several smaller temple-based events for our community to enjoy.

Financial Review

Total income for the year was £65,670 representing a solid year for donations. While community donations remains strong, income was lower than in previous years, reflecting the wider cost-of-living and energy crisis affecting households nationally. Total expenditure amounted to 66,710, in line with expectations. Our primary income sources continued to be community donations and associated Gift Aid claims. We were also grateful to receive a generous contribution from the [REDACTED], along with donations through Easy fundraising and JustGiving. Our wellbeing project and hall hire income has also assisted with ensuring we have sufficient income to continue to support and offer service to our community Easy Fundraising and Just Giving online apps for which we are most grateful.

Reserves Policy

The trustee's policy is to keep a minimum of reserves equal to 4 months overhead expenses to cover any period when there is a fall in income. We achieved that this year.

Signed on the behalf of The Dhammapadipa Temple

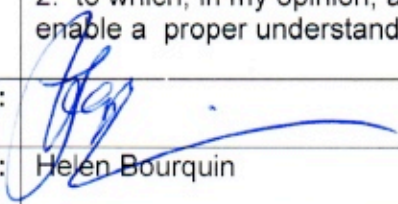
Name: s

Position: Treasurer

Date: 6th March 2025

Signed: .....

The Dhammapadipa Temple

Independent Examiner's Report on the Financial Statements	
Report to the trustees/members of	The Dhammapadipa Temple S.C.I.O
Registered charity number	SC036183
On the accounts of the charity for the year ended	30 th November 2025 which are set out on pages 9-12
Respective responsibilities of trustee s and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006(as amended) ('the 2006 Accounts regulations') The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention : 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and • to prepare accounts with accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or 2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
Signed:	 Date: 9 th March 2026
Name:	Helen Bourquin
Address:	The Dell East End Gordon Berwickshire TD3 6JS

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th November 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted fund	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Receipts					
		-			
Donations	2	49,184		49,184	54,587
Gift Aid		15,427		15,427	9,494
Fundraising					362
Income from Trading		1,010		1,010	50
Bank Interest		49		49	50
Total Receipts		65,670		65,670	64,493
Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	3	65,645	369	66,014	58,024
Governance	4	300		300	300
Donations	5	100		100	700
Bank Fees		296		296	287
Total Payment		66,341	369	66,710	59,311
Surplus / (Deficit)		(671)	(369)	(1,040)	5,182

The notes on page 11-12 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Balances for the year ended 30th November 2025

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds 2025	Total funds 2024
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and cash in hand	41,193	1,166	42,359	37,177
Opening Balances				
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	(671)	(369)	(1,040)	5,182
Closing Balance	40,522	797	41,319	42,359

Restricted Funds


Fund	Balance 1/12/2024	Received	Paid	Balance 30/11/2025
Temple School	1,166	0	369	797

Other Assets - Unrestricted Fund

	Value 2025	Value 2024
Temple building, 199 Slateford Road EH14 1LA	500,000	500,000
Ford van minibus	1,920	2,744
Main Prayer room Buddha	7,000	7,000
Meditation room Buddha	3,000	3,000
Garden Buddha	6,000	6,000
IT equipment	1,560	-

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The above report was approved by the Trustees and signed on the 6th March 2025 on their behalf by:

Signature: 

Full name :Sumalee Higgins

Position: Treasurer

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 30th November 2025

1. Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended)

2. Donation

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Donation Box Collections	25,525		25,525	10,419
Individual Donations	5,762		5,762	29,492
Monk Donations	11,104		11,104	9,117
Yoga /Mediation Well being project	5,593		5,593	4,359
Royal Thai Embassy	1,000		1,000	1,000
Edinburgh University	200		200	200
Total	49,184		49,184	54,587

3. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2025
Property repair/maintenance	14,189		14,189	2,700
Temple running costs	9,142		9,142	7,923
Energy Costs	3,895		3,895	4,182
Monk's salary payment & tax	11,800		11,800	9,117
Monk's expenses & travelling costs	8,057		8,057	11,416
Events	3,557		3,557	5,384
Sponsor/Licence /Visa	3,679		3,679	5,226

Equipment	2,299		2,299	2,900
Temple Vehicle costs	1,420		1,420	2,734
Yoga Project	2,967		2,967	2,350
Office costs	574		574	2,709
Advertising /Promotion	2,886		2,886	
Temple school expenses		369	369	
Volunteer Costs	1,180		1,180	1,383
Total	65,645	369	66,014	58,024

4. Governance	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
Independent Examiner	300		300	300

5. Donations Made

Recipient	Total 2025	Total 2024
UK Council Buddhist Monks	100	500
Aberdeen	-	200
Total	100	700

6. Trustees Remuneration

No Trustees or related parties received remuneration or expenses during this accounting period or the previous one.