

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

Scottish Charity No. SC036183

**The Trustees Annual Report and Financial
Statements for**

The Year Ended 30th November 2024.

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Trustees Annual Report

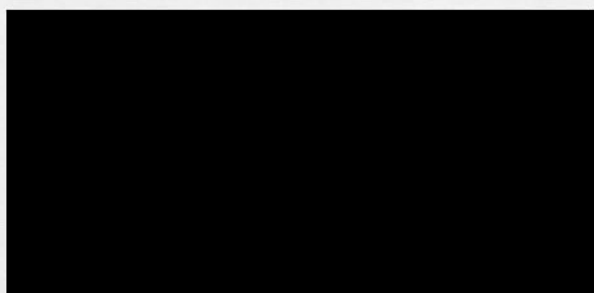
The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report together with the financial statements and the Independent Examiner's report for the year ended 30th November 2024.

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 enjoyed continued success after much groundwork was put in the previous years to renovate the building, improve its online profile, embrace our local community and ensure we give the best Thai Buddhist support, wellbeing and spiritual guidance possible to all who engage with us. Our visitor footfall and community engagement numbers have been significantly stronger over this last period and we are so proud of this and we believe our community is stronger as a result.

We have had a busy year with community groups, schools and scouts coming along to learn about Buddhism and guided meditation. We continue to have regular visits from our Thai and Buddhist community for prayers, giving merit and blessings. Our monks have also been visiting businesses and homes of our Thai community to offer blessings and community support to them when needed.

Well being project

Our Wellbeing Project is two-fold. 1) We offer 'not for profit' low cost yoga classes to our local and Thai community taught by our yoga expert, [REDACTED] to lead the yoga instruction. And 2) In addition to this, our monks lead a guided meditation class, assisted by two meditation masters, to provide meaningful and enriching meditation classes.

Since our wellbeing project beginnings 3,535 people have attended our yoga classes and meditation classes and we have had regular repeat attendances by many. This is beyond our hopes and expectations and we thank all involved for making this work so well.

Hall used by outside groups

We are delighted that our temple has attracted the attention from so many local groups, some of which approached us to secure an agreement in principle that we allow them to use our main hall and garden room space for their organisations. After due diligence was carried out, we now have two organisations who provide support services to the local community.

The Wellbeing Project and Outside Groups Hall Use has given us notable additional donations income that have been essential to offset the rise in energy bills we endured.

Sponsor licence and immigration fees for our Temple

The UK Home Office has continued to increase its fees for applying for working visas for migrant workers and for managing a sponsor license. Unfortunately, small charity organisations like us are included in those fee increases therefore our monks work visa application costs have increased too. We will continue to ensure our finances are managed professionally so we are compliant in law to hold the sponsor license and to ensure we have sufficient funds to maintain a consistent approach to resourcing good quality and hard working candidates of monks who would like to stay at our temple and support our community.

This year, we said farewell to Phramaha Pratan who stayed with us for 2 years. He was hugely popular with our community in his relaxed, humble and hard working attitude to his efforts in supporting our temple services. We give thanks to his time and contributions to our community and we wish him all the best for the future.

This year, we welcomed Phra Warakorn and welcomed back Phramaha Akkaporn. Both have settled back into Edinburgh and supporting our Thai and local community. We give thanks to them for agreeing to move to Edinburgh and for working so hard for our temple and our community. Phramaha Prasert, our head monk, continues his stay under Tier 2 visa. His enthusiasm to driving our temple and the support for the community forward is exceptional. We are so lucky to have such an inspirational leader and we give thanks to his continued service.

2025 Plans

We will ensure our standards and professionalism continues as we have grown so well and come so far since our humble beginnings. We have plans afoot to build a temporary structure canopy to the rear of the building which will offer shelter for storage, but also for comfort to our visitors who walk to the rear of the building. We will also renovate the storage / utility area on the ground floor to ensure it is fit for purpose for our busy temple.

We will also provide three substantial religious and cultural festivals for our community to enjoy, as well as several smaller events based in our temple. It will be the temple's 20th anniversary in August 2025 and we plan to celebrate with this with a special event that month.

Financial Review

We had an income of £64,493 which was in-keeping with a good year for donations. Our expenditure was £59,311 which was anticipated. Home Office fees and monks travel costs were higher than usual due to sponsoring two new monks and one returning to Thailand within the last year. The last two years visa costs will therefore level out over the coming year. Our main source of income was from community donations alongside related Gift Aid claims. We also received a generous sum from the Royal Thai Embassy in London as well as donations via 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



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 2024 which are set out on pages 11-13
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, andto 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 nts to be reached.
	April 2025

Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 30th November 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted fund	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Receipts					
Grants	2	-		-	5,879
Donations	3	54,587		54,587	56,924
Gift Aid		9,494		9,494	21,484
Fundraising		362		362	593
Bank interest		50		50	4
Total Receipts		64,493		64,493	84,884
Payments					
Cost of Charitable Activities	4	58,024		58,024	92,307
Governance	5	300		300	300
Donations	6	700		700	910
Bank Fees		287		287	406
Total Payment		59,311		59,311	93,923
Surplus / (Deficit)		5,182		5,182	(9,039)

The notes on page 11-13 form an integral part of these financial statements

Statement of Balances for the year ended 30th November 2024

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted fund	Total funds 2024	Total funds 2023
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and cash in hand	36,011	1,166	37,177	46,216
Opening Balances				
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	5,182	0	5,182	(9,039)
Closing Balance	41,193	1,166	42,359	37,177

Restricted Funds

Fund	Balance 1/12/2023	Received	Paid	Balance 30/11/2024
Temple School	1,166	0	0	1,166

Other Assets - Unrestricted Fund

	Value 2024	Value 2023
Temple building, 199 Slateford Road EH14 1LA	500,000	500,000
Ford van minibus	2,744	3,920
Main Prayer room Buddha	7,000	7,000
Meditation room Buddha	3,000	3,000
Garden Buddha	6,000	6,000

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The above report was approved by the Trustees and signed on the 5th April 2025 on their behalf by:

Notes to the Financial Statements for year ended 30th November 2024

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. Nature and purpose of funds:

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. This year the charity did not apply for or received any grants.

Grants received

Funder	Purpose	Restricted	Total 23-24	Total 22-23
National Lottery Fund	Thai King Coronation event			5,379
Local Giving Ltd	Volunteer support			500
Total		-	-	5,879

3. Donation

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
Donation Box Collections	10,419		10,419	32,957
Individual Donations	29,492		29,492	6,522
Monk Donations	9,117		9,117	9,164
Yoga /Mediation Well being project	4,359		4,359	6,519
Royal Thai Embassy	1,000		1,000	938
Edinburgh University	200		200	200
Weatherby Thai Community	-		-	399
National Museum of Scotland	-		-	225
Total	54,587		54,587	56,924

4. Cost of Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
Property repair/maintenance	2,700		2,700	3,309
Temple running costs	7,923		7,923	9,699
Energy Costs	4,182		4,182	4,933
Disabled toilet /fires safety upgrade	-		-	28,868
Monk's salary payment and tax	9,117		9,117	9,397
Monk's expenses & travelling costs	11,416		11,416	7,405
Events	5,384		5,384	7,887
Sponsor/Licence /Visa	5,226		5,226	3,500
Equipment	2,900		2,900	2,642
Temple Vehicle costs	2,734		2,734	4,316
Yoga Project	2,350		2,350	3,500
Training costs	-		-	361
Office costs	2,709		2,709	4,590
Volunteer Costs	1,383		1,383	1,900
Total	58,024		58,024	92,307

5. Governance

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
Independent Examiner	300		300	300

6. Donations Made

Recipient	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
UK Council Buddhist Monks	500	100
Wat Buddharam Temple Aberdeen	200	-
Buddhapadipa Temple for venerable Monk funeral	-	500
Turkey earthquake DEC appeal	-	310
Total	700	910

7. Trustees Remuneration

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