

**Charity Number: 273632**

**Company Number: 01038022**

**MEHER BABA ASSOCIATION LIMITED**  
**(A Company limited by guarantee)**

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

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**COMPANY INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees and Directors</b>	R Cork )	Joint Chairpersons
	M Radoje ) *	
	O Vasudeva	Treasurer
	C Bomanji	
	K Ashton	
	B Freije	
	T Moller	
	S Chapman	
	L Benbow	
	H Mahalaxmivalla	
	D Lee	
	J Baker	
<b>Secretary</b>	J Baker	
<b>Registered Office</b>	Flat 1 228 Hammersmith Grove LONDON W6 7HG	
<b>Registered Company Number</b>	1038022	
<b>Registered Charity Number</b>	273632	
<b>Accountants</b>	EMTACS 69 Loughborough Road West Bridgford NOTTINGHAM NG2 7LA	

\* Stepped down as Joint Chairperson on 31 December 2016

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

The Trustees submit their annual report and the financial statements for the year ended 5 April 2017. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in April 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

**Objects of the Charity**

The charity is constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is therefore governed by a Articles of Association in line with current legislation. The directors of the company are also Trustees of the charity.

The charity's objectives and principal activities continue to be that of extending and furthering the spiritual guidance given by Meher Baba. The Trustees have adopted a rolling 3-year Strategic Plan, setting out both specific and ongoing actions required during each year of the Plan on a month by month basis and have also agreed a Mission Statement. We have updated our communications and membership database and continue our archive work. We have increased our online presence, establishing a WhatsApp group and continue to post on our Facebook page and on our website. A Savahas event was hosted at our premises featuring talks, music and poetry.

A Finance Committee has been established and we continue to look at ways to manage the charity's money and raise additional funds. Proposals for limited and occasional hiring out of the basement of the premises have been drafted and discussed at our AGM.

We continue to provide one of the few resources for books, DVDs and CDs about Meher Baba in the UK and operate a lending library. We produce a regular Newsletter and answer queries about Meher Baba, mostly arising from our Internet presence. We have also been actively involved with the necessary oversight of the New Life Management Company Limited, which manages the building where we have our Centre and in which we hold a majority share.

The Trustees have agreed a policy for providing funding, in exceptional circumstances, for those requiring financial assistance in attending events/activities etc relating to Meher Baba and setting out the conditions and requirements relating to such funding.

There have been no other material changes in the policies of the charity during the year. The funds of the charity have been applied in pursuit of its objectives and in accordance with any specific requirements of the fund providers.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

**Members and their Interests**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and was incorporated on 12 January 1972 and obtained charitable status on 23 June 1977. It is governed by its Articles of Association.

**Results and business review**

The results for the year are as set out in the annexed Accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied with the performance of the charity during the year and the position at 5 April 2017. The Trustees consider that the charity is in a strong position to continue in its activities during the coming year and that the assets of the charity are adequate to fulfil its obligations.

In February 2017 the charity received a donation in kind in the form of two paintings, which were gifted by followers of Meher Baba. The paintings have been insured for a combined estimated value of £11,000 and they will be kept by the charity and not sold.

**Financial Position**

The Trustees consider the financial position of the company to be satisfactory.

**Management**

The Trustees manage the over all business of the charity, with the day to day activities being supplemented by outsourced resources as necessary.

**Investment Policy**

Under the Articles of Association the Trustees have the power to invest monies not immediately required for the furtherance of its objects, as it thinks fit. The Trustees' policy is to maximise income within a low risk environment.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which includes the free services of the charity, at a level that provides sufficient funds to meet the ongoing operating expenditure.

**Risk Management**

The charity continues to examine the major strategic business and operational risks that it faces and to develop and ultimately implement systems to mitigate any exposure.

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT (continued)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

**Trustees' responsibilities statement**

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

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:-

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;

Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

Make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken advantage of the small companies exemptions provided by Section 41SA of the Companies Act 2006.

This report was approved by the Trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> Sept '17 and signed on their behalf by:



**J Baker**  
**Secretary, Director and Trustee**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>				
<b>from charitable activities</b>	<b>1</b>			
Donations		11,185	11,185	12,112
Sale of Books and Videos		2,186	2,186	2,817
Sale of Newsletters		478	478	478
Gift Aid		2,637	2,637	2,300
Raffle Collections		553	553	117
Fund Raising		581	581	-
Archives		1,020	1,020	-
		<u>18,640</u>	<u>18,640</u>	<u>17,824</u>
<b>Investment Income</b>				
Interest Receivable		13	13	30
		<u>13</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>30</u>
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>		<u>18,653</u>	<u>18,653</u>	<u>17,854</u>
<b>Resources Expended</b>				
Costs of Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects	<b>2</b>	5,332	5,332	12,586
Leasehold property renovations & repairs	<b>2</b>	-	-	54,448
Management and Administration	<b>2</b>	12,733	12,733	14,959
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>		<u>18,065</u>	<u>18,065</u>	<u>81,993</u>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<u>588</u>	<u>588</u>	<u>(64,139)</u>

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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 5 APRIL 2017**

	Note	2017 £	2016 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	3	77,082	78,843
Investments	4	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>
		77,084	78,845
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Stock	1	3,302	3,597
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>41,594</u>	<u>38,950</u>
		44,896	42,547
<b>Creditors</b>			
Amounts falling due within one year	5	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		44,296	41,947
<b>Total Assets less current liabilities</b>		<u>121,380</u>	<u>120,792</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	7	<u>121,380</u>	<u>120,792</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>		<u>121,380</u>	<u>120,792</u>


For the year ended 5 April 2017 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Directors' responsibilities**

- i the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its Accounts for the year in question in accordance with Section 476.
- ii the directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These Accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Board on 09.9.2017.

  
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R Cork - Chairperson, Director and Trustee

  
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O Vasudeva - Treasurer, Director and Trustee



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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2017**

**1 Accounting Policies**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective April 2008) and the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" (SORP) issued in April 2005.

The principal accounting policies adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

**1.1 Compliance with the Companies Act 2006**

The Statement of Recommended Practice is at variance with the disclosure requirements of the Companies Act 2006. The directors consider that departing from the Companies Act 2006 and complying with the Statement of Recommended Practice is more meaningful for the charity.

**1.2 Donations and similar resources**

Donations are included when received at the business address.

**1.3 Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees 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 Trustees for particular purposes. There are no designated funds.

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 raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. There are no restricted funds.

**1.4 Grants payable in furtherance of the objectives of the charity**

The charity has not paid any grants in the year.

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**1.5 Activities in furtherance of the objectives of the charity**

The cost of activities in furtherance of the objectives of the charity represents the cost of goods sold and services that have been incurred in charitable activities.

**1.6 Management and administration of the charity**

Management and administration costs represent expenditure incurred in the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with charitable and statutory requirements.

Administration expenditure includes all expenditure not directly related to charitable activity. In respect of certain items of expenditure it is a matter of judgement as to whether such items are direct charitable expenditure or are administrative and the Trustees have applied what they consider to be reasonable judgement in apportioning such costs.

**1.7 Fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation.

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets, less their expected residual value, over their estimated useful economic lives:

A regular annual review of the likelihood of asset impairment is undertaken.

Fixtures, fittings & equipment	15% on written down value
Leasehold properties	Straight line over the life of the lease

**1.8 Stock**

Stock is stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

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<b>2</b>	<b>Analysis of total resources expended</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
	<b>Costs of Activities in furtherance of the charity's objects</b>			
	Cost of Books and Videos Sold	1,828	1,828	1,196
	Cost of Newsletters Sold	388	388	582
	Donations	1,835	1,835	4,918
	Sahavas	(130)	(130)	471
	Archives	1,223	1,223	5,269
	Outreach	43	43	150
	Bursary Funding	145	145	-
		<u>5,332</u>	<u>5,332</u>	<u>12,586</u>
	<b>Repair and Renovation of leasehold property</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,448</u>
	<b>Management and Administration</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>2017 £</b>	<b>2016 £</b>
	Rates	669	669	1,094
	Insurance	1,488	1,488	1,385
	Light & Heat	972	972	390
	Repairs, Maintenance & Security	4,016	4,016	3,499
	Telephone	281	281	279
	Administration	2,856	2,856	5,470
	Bank Charges	11	11	119
	Website & Publicity	66	66	214
	Accountancy	600	600	600
	Professional Fees	13	13	13
	Depreciation of long leasehold	1,000	1,000	1,000
	Depreciation of Fixtures & Fittings	761	761	896
		<u>12,733</u>	<u>12,733</u>	<u>14,959</u>

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3	<b>Tangible Fixed Assets</b>	<b>Leasehold property £</b>	<b>Plant, Equipment, Fixtures &amp; Fittings £</b>	<b>Total £</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>					
	As at 6 April 2016	95,858	9,720	105,578		
		<u>95,858</u>	<u>9,720</u>	<u>105,578</u>		
	<b>Depreciation</b>					
	As at 6 April 2016	22,085	4,650	26,735		
	Provided in the year	1,000	761	1,761		
		<u>23,085</u>	<u>5,411</u>	<u>28,496</u>		
	<b>Net Book Value</b>					
	As at 5 April 2017	72,773	4,309	77,082		
	As at 5 April 2016	<u>73,773</u>	<u>5,070</u>	<u>78,843</u>		
4	<b>Intangible Fixed Assets</b>			<b>Unlisted Investment £</b>		
	<b>Cost</b>					
	At 6 April 2016 & 5 April 2017			<u>2</u>		
	<b>Net Book Value</b>					
	At 5 April 2017			<u>2</u>		
	At 5 April 2016			<u>2</u>		
5	<b>Creditors:</b>		<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>		
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>		
	Trade Creditors & Accruals		600	600		
			<u>600</u>	<u>600</u>		
6	<b>Taxation</b>					
	The company is a registered charity and thus is exempt from Corporation Tax.					
	Value Added Tax is not recoverable by the charity and is therefore included in the relevant cost in the Statement of Financial Activities.					
7	<b>Statement of Funds</b>	<b>Balance 06/04/16</b>	<b>Income £</b>	<b>Expenditure £</b>	<b>Transfers £</b>	<b>Balance 05/04/17 £</b>
	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	120,792	18,653	(18,065)	-	121,380
		<u>120,792</u>	<u>18,653</u>	<u>(18,065)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,380</u>

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<b>8</b>	<b>Analysis of net assets between funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds £</b>	<b>Total Funds £</b>
	Fund Balances as at 5 April 2017 are represented by:		
	Fixed Assets	77,084	77,084
	Current Assets	44,896	44,896
	Current Liabilities	<u>(600)</u>	<u>(600)</u>
		<u><u>121,380</u></u>	<u><u>121,380</u></u>

- 9 Trustees' remuneration**  
The Trustees did not receive any emoluments during the year. The total amount reimbursed to Trustees for travel and parking in the year amounted to £645.

- 10 Controlling Party**  
The company is controlled by the Trustees.

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**REPORTING ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**  
**ON THE UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**OF MEHER BABA ASSOCIATION LIMITED**

We report on the Financial Statements of Meher Baba Association Limited for the Year Ended 5 April 2017, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and the related Notes. These Financial Statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and the accounting policies set out therein.

**Respective Responsibilities of the Trustees and reporting Accountants**

As described in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Financial Statements and they consider that the Company is exempt from an audit. It is our responsibility to carry out procedures designed to enable us to report our opinion.

**Basis of Opinion**

In accordance with our instructions and in order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have compiled the Accounts of the Company from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

Our work was conducted in accordance with the Statement of Standards for Reporting Accountants and so our procedures consisted of comparing the Financial Statements with the accounting records kept by the Company and making such limited enquiries of the officers of the Company as we considered necessary for the purposes of this report. These procedures provide only the assurance expressed in our opinion.

This report is made solely to the Company's Trustees as a body, in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the Accounts that we have been engaged to compile, report to the Company's Trustees that we have done so and state those matters which we have agreed to state to them in this 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 Company and the Trustees.

You have acknowledged on the Balance Sheet as at 5 April 2017 your duty to ensure that the Company has kept proper accounting records and to prepare Accounts that give a true and fair view under the Companies Act 2006. You consider that the Company is exempt from the statutory requirement for an audit for the year.

We have not been instructed to carry out an audit of the Accounts. For this reason, we have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the Accounts.

## **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- i the Financial Statements are in agreement with the accounting records kept by the Company under Section 386 of the Companies Act 2006.
- ii the Trustees are entitled to deliver abbreviated accounts according to Section 444 (1) or (3) of the Companies Act 2006 and they have been properly prepared in accordance with the regulations made by the Secretary of State in relation to small companies.

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**Reporting Accountants**

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