

Dear friend of Amaravati,

The English Sangha Trust (EST) stewards the donations offered to the sangha. It is a charity and Limited Company.

This leaflet is intended to help supporters of the Amaravati sangha:

- See how donations for the year to March 31st 2015, were offered and spent.
- Read about the Trust's plans for 2015-16.
- Understand the ways in which donations of money and skills can be made.

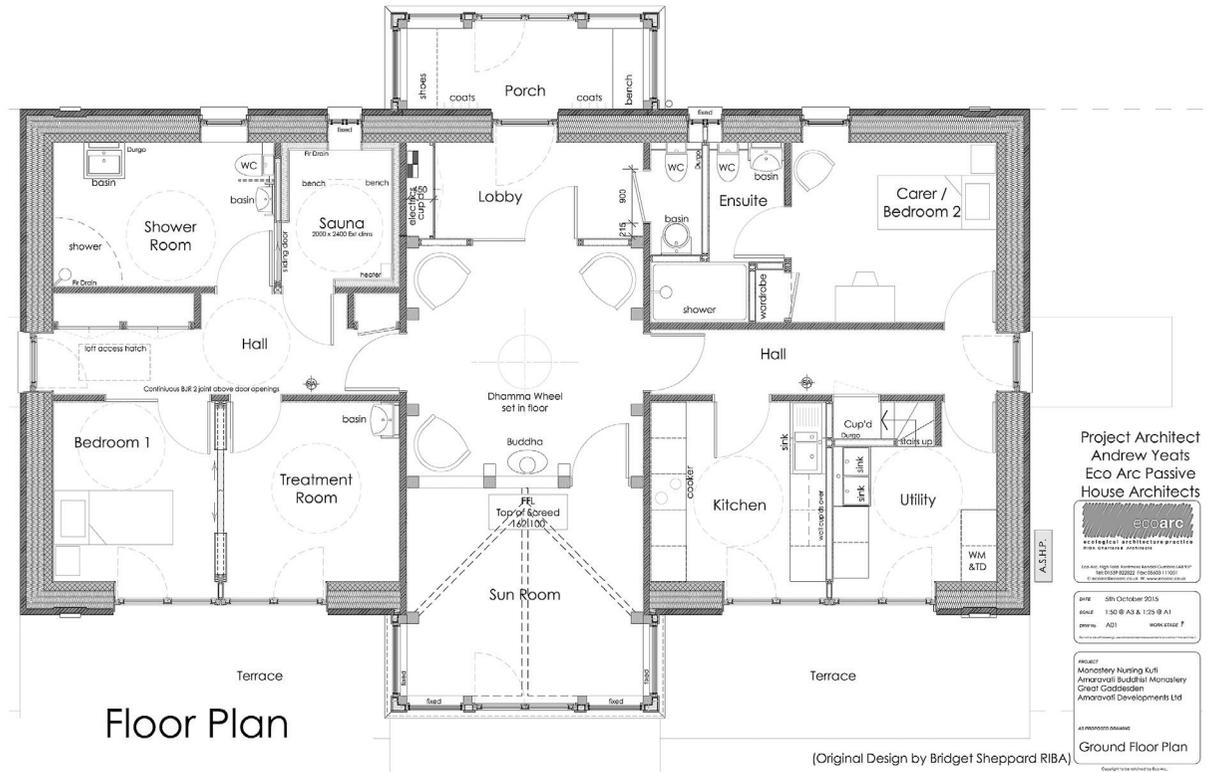
Review of 2014-15

In May 2014, the Amaravati sangha hosted the International Elders' Meeting which inspired specific travel and food donations that supported having over 100 sangha members in residence.

In November Luang Por Sumedho led the Kathina by being a focus for donations of over £500,000 towards the bhikkhus new Nursing Kuti and associated garden, road, drains etc. In March 2015 Planning Permission was granted for this.

The community had expressed the wish that the building, which is the first of the new buildings to be built under the aegis of the Amaravati Long Term Plan, should be environmentally friendly. The design group took this to heart and various combinations of heating and energy-harvesting methods were explored. In the end it was decided to build to Passive House (Passivhaus) standards and principles, which combine high-level comfort with very low energy consumption.

Monastery Nursing Kuti at Amaravati Buddhist Monastery for Amaravati Developments Ltd



Architect's drawing of proposed Nursing Kuti

The architect's drawing shows the thickness of the walls and the exceptionally high level of insulation used throughout. That reflects an emphasis on building energy efficiency into the fabric of the building to the degree that this will be cost efficient over the lifetime of the building. Taking this theme one step further means the windows, which can be opened when required, will incorporate well insulated frames and be triple-glazed to minimize heat loss on this hill-top windy site in winter.

On entering the Kuti the resident or visitor will find themselves in a light and high, oak-framed room, facing a Buddha rupa. Behind this will be a Sun Room or meeting space for resident sangha and their guests. The bedrooms and other spaces are off to each side, giving those areas a degree of privacy.

Further information about the Nursing Kuti is available on the ABM website at www.amaravati.org and is updated from time to time.

Summary of Amaravati's Expenditure 2014-15 (excluding the Retreat Centre)

The following expenditure figures are for Amaravati and do not include the Retreat Centre or Cittaviveka.

Item	Amount spent
Maintenance incl. Health and Safety	125 465
Welfare, food, utilities, phone, internet	121 572
Administration	50 249
Insurance, audit & legal fees	43 337
Travel incl. International Elders' Meeting	34 178
Publications, office & misc.	16 443
Recharges (ADL & RC)	-38 400
Subtotal (General running costs)	352 844
Amaravati Long Term Plan	154 917
Sundry capital	16 132
Subtotal (Capital expenditure)	171 049
Total spent	523 893

Summary of Donations and other Income to Amaravati in 2014-15

General donations	210 647
Standing Orders	52 884
Travel, Welfare etc.	52 541
Gift Aid Claims	32 995
Deposit interest	5 404
Other	500
Legacies	22 417
Subtotal	377 388
Restricted donations	
Amaravati Long Term Plan	657 101
Nuns' Community Fund	20 796
Other Restricted donations	1 887
Subtotal	679 784
Total Income	1 057 172

What the Figures Show

Donations were nearly twice income last year because of the kind gifts towards the Long Term Plan, and the Nursing Kuti in particular.

Taking out the Long Term Plan spending of £154,917 shows that it costs £966 per day to run the monastery (excluding the Retreat Centre) as it currently is, a total of £352,844.

For more details please email accountant@amaravati.org

Ways of Supporting Amaravati

All Forest Sangha monasteries are maintained by the goodwill offerings of supporters and practitioners.

Details of the many ways you can offer support to Amaravati are on the website: www.amaravati.org

These include:

Skills and time: Contact the Lotus Volunteer Group at LVG.enquiry@gmail.com

Food or household dana: To book a food-offering in memory of a loved one or find out what the community could best use, ring the monastery: 01442 842455.

Money: By Standing Order or one-off donations – see the website for Gift Aid and Standing Order forms and for making a donation by credit card. Cheques should be made payable to The English Sangha Trust Ltd.

Leaving a Legacy: Email The Trust Secretary est@amaravati.org or ring the EST on 01442 843721 to help clarify your wishes before you draw up your Will.



SUPPORTING THE AMARAVATI SANGHA 2014-15

Information for Lay Supporters
from The English Sangha Trust

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