



OXFORD BUDDHIST SOCIETY

Oxford Centre of Theravāda Buddhism

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Dear Friends in the Dhamma,

Dhamma Greetings!

Theravāda Monastery Development Project

We are writing to you with heartfelt gratitude and a sincere request for your support as we work to establish a permanent home for the Oxford Buddhist Society (OBS). As a spiritual community grounded in Theravāda Buddhism, we aim to provide a lasting platform for learning, practising, and sharing the Dhamma. Our vision is to support collective well-being through mindfulness, wisdom, and compassion. Over the past two years, OBS has:

- Offered free mindfulness meditation sessions, seasonal retreats, and special events for Vesak and Poson Poya Days
- Hosted speakers from the University of Oxford, local monasteries, and temples
- Collaborated with groups including the Oxford Postgraduate Society and Existential Mindfulness Society

Currently, we hold our programmes fortnightly at Seacourt Hall in Oxford. However, with the growing interest in meditation sessions, Dhamma discussions, and spiritual gatherings, the need for a permanent, dedicated space has become clear.

We envision a peaceful, welcoming monastery in the heart of Oxford—conveniently located with accessible transport and parking—where both monastics and laypeople can come together to:

- Attend regular mindfulness meditation sessions
- Cultivate spiritual friendship (*kalyāṇamittatā*) and open Dhamma discussions
- Access a free, non-judgemental space for mental and emotional well-being
- Participate in retreats, chanting, community outreach, and cultural events
- Deepen understanding through study, reflection, and practice

We are currently exploring suitable properties that could embody our vision for the monastery—places that balance tranquillity with practical accessibility. At this stage, we are warmly seeking your support to help turn this developing vision into a reality. If you wish to contribute towards this noble mission, you may do so via bank transfer using the details below or through our website:

<https://www.oxfordbuddhistsociety.org/theravadamonasterydevelopmentproject>

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All forms of your support—through generosity, encouragement, or participation—are deeply appreciated and received with gratitude, loving-kindness, and compassion.

Thank you!

With mettā,

Theravāda Monastery Development Committee

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