



OXFORD BUDDHIST SOCIETY

Oxford Centre of Theravāda Buddhism

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Dear All 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 held 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 have identified a potential property that closely reflects our vision for the Oxford Centre of Theravāda Buddhism, offering both tranquillity and practical accessibility. We are now kindly seeking your support to bring this vision to life.

If you wish to contribute towards this noble mission, please visit our website at:

<https://www.oxfordbuddhistsociety.org/theravadamonasterydevelopmentproject>, for more information. All means of your support to help actualise this noble mission is greatly appreciated out of loving-kindness and compassion.

May inner calm, peace and wisdom be with you today and always.

Thank you!

With mettā,

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