

The Abhayaratna Trust

- Helping Order Members in Need -

Objects: *“To relieve financial hardship among members of the Western Buddhist Order, particularly in the face of sickness, old age or disability”.*



The Abhayaratna Trustees

STOP PRESS!!! The Abhayaratna Trust has just been granted Charitable status!

Set up by a working party* who have been meeting over a two-year period the scope of this new Charity is to help members of our Order who find themselves in hardship due to poverty, particularly in old age, sickness or disability. The need may be particularly acute for those who have worked for a large part of their lives to bring the Dharma to others, either directly or indirectly, through the structures of the F/WBO, living on incomes which have not allowed for savings or pension.

A channel for us to help each other in times of need.

The vision is of Order Members helping each other through the transitions of life, in sickness and old age, eventually preparing for death supported by their friends in the Sangha. Donations to the Abhayaratna Trust will go directly towards helping individual Order Members in need, or to support relevant new projects or research. Through grants we hope to bring ease to the lives of Order Members in need, helping them to continue leading an active spiritual life within the Sangha for as long as they want to. Help might be given with cost of mobility aids or attendance on retreats, for items of practical or spiritual benefit – where other funding bodies are unable to help. We hope the providing of grants towards projects or research might encourage the initiation of projects of benefit to Order Members in need such as a Buddhist hospice or specially adapted community facilities.

You can give in two ways:-

* **Make a donation** now using the bank details below. This money will go directly to the first annual Disbursement towards the end of 2009. All of your donation will go to benefit someone as administration costs are already covered.

* **When making or amending your Will**, please consider leaving a portion of your legacy to the Abhayaratna Trust. You can use following form of words:-

“I give free of taxes as a charitable bequest (either a specific sum or a proportion of the residuary estate) to the Western Buddhist Order Benevolent Fund, "The Abhayaratna Trust", (UK Registered Charity Number 1126494) to be used as to both capital and income for the general purposes of "The Abhayaratna Trust". I direct that the receipt of the Finance Secretary for the time being or other duly authorised officer shall be a full discharge to my executors.”

Bank Account details;

ABHAYARATNA TRUST; HSBC Bank, Sort Code 40-35-34 account number 82228777 (Details of "The Abhayaratna Trust" can be found at <http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/>)

International Scope:

We hope that this Charity will form a model for a series of charitable trusts to arise in the countries where the Order has a presence, each autonomous, and relevant to the legal and Order situation of each country.

* **Note:- The Abhayaratna Trust Working Party, now Founding Trustees:-** Dayanandi (Chair), Jnanamitra (Secretary), Shantiprabha (Treasurer), Cittapala, Dharmottara, Padmadhara.