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Dear friends,

Since March this year, Taraloka has been unable to run residential retreats due to the Covid 19 pandemic. **Yet we have really wanted to support the women's sangha during these difficult and uncertain times.**

We've been offering online retreats and events for newcomers to meditation right through to Ordination Training and Order level, and we'll carry on doing this. And we're making available talks and led meditations on YouTube, accessible for all. **Perhaps most importantly we are holding this beautiful practice-space of Taraloka in trust, until you are able to return here again.**

Last weekend, our first small, socially-distanced retreat was about to start. Then the Welsh Government declared our county, Wrexham, to be in strict lockdown again. We can't even offer solitaires. Even when we can offer residential retreats, social distancing means they'll only be for small numbers, so we will be running them at a loss.

Taraloka's only income since March has been donations for online teaching, and money from solitary retreatants (while lockdown was eased.) Since the start of the pandemic, Taraloka's average monthly income has been **£3700**. Our average monthly expenditure is **£8900**, meaning that each month Taraloka is making a loss of **£5,200**.

Could you support Taraloka with a [monthly donation](#)?

If 445 women gave £20 / month till the end of 2021, Taraloka would be financially stable.

Of course [any donation](#) would be so much appreciated – and we can't wait to welcome you back here, even with social distancing.

Thank you so much to all our sangha for what you have already given to sustain Taraloka, and will continue to give over the years.

with metta,

Maitridevi
Taraloka Chair of Trustees