



25th September 2017

Dear Samatha Friend

### **National Appeal for donations towards a Southern Samatha Centre**

After a long search, we are delighted to announce that we have found an attractive property for the new Southern Samatha Centre. It is a spacious and comfortable modern house with a large garden in the Great Holm area of Milton Keynes. We have made an offer and it has been accepted.

A new Southern Samatha Centre will be an important development for Samatha as a whole. It will offer exciting opportunities for growth and creativity for new generations of Samatha meditators and teachers, nurturing and strengthening the Samatha Sangha. More weekends and weeks of practice will be available for Samatha meditators from around the country, beginner and intermediate weekends for new meditators, and classes for the local community. It will be especially convenient for meditators in the South who are far away from the national centre at Greenstreete.

**A National Appeal for donations towards a new Southern Samatha Centre is now launched.**

Your generous and prompt response will be very welcome!

**£675,000 has to be raised by Friday 20th October 2017.**

This will be achieved through cash donations, interest free loans, and a mortgage serviced primarily through donated standing orders.

Speed is essential in order to proceed successfully to the Completion of the purchase.

### **The property**

A video of one of our visits can be seen at: <http://www.samathasouth.org.uk/property>

The property has nine possible individual bedrooms, a shrine room, the necessary living areas, and potential to build on a first floor roof terrace. It has a big garden to be beautifully developed and three further outside convertible spaces. The building itself is modern, light and spacious. It is in an urban area and comes with a certain amount of traffic noise, but the house itself feels private and the area is leafy and attractive. A great asset is a peaceful park and lake only five minutes' walk from the house. Milton Keynes Central station, with a direct line to London (30 mins), is a pleasant 25-minute walk away. It is an hour's drive from both Oxford and Cambridge.

## Donations

Your donations to the Samatha Trust are very welcome.

a) *One-off donations. Most useful!*

**A target of £450,000 in cash donations** has been set to limit total loans to a manageable amount.

b) *Standing orders.*

Will be used towards servicing a mortgage.

c) *Interest-free loans.*

Will help reduce the size of the mortgage required. Convenient repayment conditions will be agreed.

*All donations of any size are very welcome!*

If you wish to donate but cannot access your money before **20th October**, it is possible to bridge the gap through short term loans that have been offered by a number of Samatha meditators. Please contact Charles King at [charlesking5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlesking5@yahoo.co.uk) or 01865 862680.

## How to Donate

You can donate to the Samatha Trust:

- By cheque (to *The Samatha Trust*): post to  
Southern Samatha Centre Appeal  
c/o Simon Merrell  
37A Beaconsfield Road  
Twickenham  
TW1 3HX
- By bank transfer:  
*Account name:* Samatha Trust South  
*Account Number:* 00021294  
*Sort Code:* 40-52-40
- By Standing Order: to the above Bank account
- Online (securely): using BT's MyDonate, visit <http://www.samathasouth.org.uk/donate>
- Interest-Free Loans. Please let us know what repayment arrangements you would require.

**Gift Aid:** If you are a British tax payer, please complete the enclosed Gift Aid form for the Samatha Trust.

If you have any queries, contact Charles King at [charlesking5@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:charlesking5@yahoo.co.uk) or 01865 862680.

Thank you!

The Southern Samatha Centre Committee

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