

VILLAGE RWANDA UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1162004

Details

Other names VRUK

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY IN REMOTE RURAL COMMUNITIES IN RWANDA BY PROVIDING EDUCATION, TRAINING, HEALTHCARE PROJECTS AND THE NECESSARY SUPPORT TO ENABLE INDIVIDUALS TO GENERATE A SUSTAINABLE INCOME AND BE SELF-SUFFICIENT.

Activities: Supporting Education in Rwanda

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Rwanda
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£15,883	£17,732	-	-
2024-06-30	£13,279	£9,830	-	-
2023-06-30	£13,511	£14,346	-	-
2022-06-30	£12,828	£15,276	-	-
2021-06-30	£12,595	£13,476	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
TRICIA ATHERTON	Chair	2015-07-01
John William Spivey		2026-01-01
LYNNE GREGORY		2015-07-01
Petronella Spivey		2021-04-09
Rutagengwa Kanyandekwe		2024-10-10

VILLAGE RWANDA UK

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2024 To 30th June 2025

Charity name: Village Rwanda UK

Charity registration number: 1162004

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve poverty in a remote rural community in Rwanda by providing education, training, healthcare projects and the necessary support to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>VRUK raises funds in the UK and works in partnership with Gihembo Forward (GiFo), a local Rwandan NGO. GiFo manage an Early Years Children's Centre and Nursery School and a number of income generation projects at Gasundwe in Gihombo, Rwanda.</p> <p>The funds VRUK send to GiFo pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A full-time representative responsible for ensuring liaison with local government and implementation of co-ordinated annual plans ,• Shared responsibility for the upkeep of a building in which to deliver services for the surrounding community,• The services of teachers, cook and night watchman,• Teaching resources,• A term time daily feeding programme to deliver protein enhanced porridge for all children who come to the nursery• A range of mutually agreed income generation projects. <p>The trustees and associates of VRUK endeavour to make an annual visit to Rwanda and require regular verbal, written and photographic reports from the representative to enable oversight of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the ongoing development of the Children's Centre and ensure the service is of good quality,• to ensure the income generation projects are being implemented to agreed specifications (Agreements of Expectation). <p>VRUK are also seeking to improve healthcare provision for the children and their parents, by improving links with existing local agencies.</p>

		<p>The public benefits of these co-ordinated efforts are considerable. The work of VRUK focuses on Early Years education (which is not funded by government) in an inaccessible part of Rwanda. Approximately 80 children between 4 and 6 years of age attend the nursery. They benefit from the enhanced nutrition provided each day and from interactive learning which enables them to achieve basic skills. On leaving the nursery, children can walk to their local primary school (about 2 hours walk away), being stronger physically and intellectually more able than they would be without this service.</p> <p>The Nursery and Children's Centre has enabled parents, particularly mothers, to see the benefits of good nutrition and quality interactive learning for their children. Parents and the local population have also had opportunities to participate in income generation projects, which has a benefit for the whole community.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	None
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from the paid representative in Rwanda, no staff are paid by the charity and all work is done on a voluntary basis.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

The period from July 2024 to June 2025, was one of continuing activity and development. VRUK Trustees, working with the local representative for GiFo and the local people have continued to achieve improvements and benefits.

Organisational achievements of VRUK

- **Effective financial management and fundraising** - Fundraising is mainly from regular donations and during 2024/25 VRUK income has been stable.
- **Financial tracking** – this has continued with effective systems for online monitoring of transfers to our Rwandan bank account and withdrawals for items of agreed expenditure to support identified projects.
- **Organisational efficiency** – VRUK hold regular bi monthly trustee meetings. These are mainly virtual with an annual face-to-face meeting in August. Project management and accountability continues via ongoing improvements to a well-established system of Agreements of Expectations to set the anticipated parameters of our project investment. VRUK has continued to update the charity website and sends out bi-annual newsletters. VRUK planning systems continue to be effective and we share these plans with GiFo and are responsive to their planning. The process is reciprocal.
- **Increasing local capacity** - this is mainly by supporting income generation initiatives and holding the local NGO increasingly to account for initiating, implementing and reporting on these developments. The VRUK local representative works to strengthen these projects and he has an annual performance appraisal.

Monitoring

- There have been no visits by trustees during the reporting period.
- Electronic communication between the local representative is monthly and the outcomes are written up and circulated to all trustees.
- Trustees have agreed to undertake a strategic review during the period June 2025 to November 2025.

Developments in Rwanda

- The Children's Centre continues to deliver Early Years education services to seventy 3-5year olds.
- A well-resourced learning environment is provided for the children and teaching staff to learn, work and play. Two teachers work under the oversight of a GiFo board member - a local primary deputy headteacher.
- Quality interactive teaching methods are being used and teachers are being trained through government courses and other NGO providers.
- The children are provided with a meal of beans and rice or protein porridge on all five days of the week. This has eradicated almost all cases of malnutrition in these young children.
- The health worker makes regular visits to give vaccinations, promote family well-being and healthy eating at the termly Parents' meetings.
- VRUK also pay for an adult training programme in house building skills.
- The VRUK representative is working to support the income generation projects currently agreed between VRUK and GiFO. These are written up and form part of the local government organisation for NGOs (JADF). All agreed projects have Agreement of Expectations and the impact of the activities is reported back verbally, photographically and in writing. Impact has been positive and learning for the future noted.
- The local VRUK representative, participates in Rwanda Education NGO Coordination Platform (RENCIP)
- A representative from the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) visited the local NGO during the reporting period and no concerns were reported. Formal feedback is awaited.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As described above, projects were assessed against Agreements of Expectations and broadly meet objectives. The charity continues to develop the capacity of people to report on the outcomes of investment in businesses.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising targets set for 2024/5
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity has no investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Carried forward at the end of the period £11,797
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	VRUK policy on reserves is that we wish to ensure that salaries of Rwandan employees can be covered for a period of 6 months should donations cease.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000 (approx. cost of 6 month salaries)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no immediate concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity relies on six principal sources of funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Regular monthly supporters/donors ● Single donations from individuals ● Single donations from companies with a social responsibility strategy ● Sponsored events ● Promotional entertainment events ● Grant funding from UK grant making bodies. <p>All funds are directed toward key objectives.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	VRUK does not invest other than in essential bank accounts.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The charity maintains a risk register listing principal risks and mitigations. The key risks facing the charity are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Insufficient income to meet commitments. ● Inadequate reserves to manage temporary loss of income. ● Funds in Rwanda misapplied. ● Increase in cost of providing services in Rwanda.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Over-reliance on key people in Rwanda <p>Trustees review the mitigations to these risks continuously.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	VRUK continues to actively seek new trustees with an understanding and interest in Rwanda although our numbers are currently stable.. Advertisement during the reporting period via the VRUK newsletter and on an appropriate charity website has enabled new appointments to be made during the reporting period. Constitutional provisions enable trustees to appoint.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	Induction is individually tailored as required and ongoing as needed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	VRUK is a very small charity, where the trustees have equal powers and shared responsibilities. VRUK seeks to work in England with any overseas development and fundraising organisations which are supportive of our aims. In Rwanda, VRUK works closely with Gihembo Forward (GiFo) our local partner NGO, as well as local government and health organisations in promoting the work of the Children's Centre. VRUK has introduced a new level of Involvement and appointed a small number of ex-trustees as Associates to assist in very specific tasks working with a nominated trustee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Village Rwanda UK
Other name the charity uses	VRUK
Registered charity number	1162004
Charity's principal address	19 West Green, Heighington, DL5 6RA

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Lynne Gregory

Full name(s)

Lynne Gregory

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

6th October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name Village Rwanda UK	No (if any) 1162004
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/07/2024	To	Period end date 30/06/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,852	-	-	13,852	13,279
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	2,031	-	-	2,031	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	15,883	-	-	15,883	13,279
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	15,883	-	-	15,883	13,279
A3 Payments					
Wages & Salaries	1,603	-	-	1,603	2,516
Community Development	15,576	-	-	15,576	6,663
Miscellaneous expenses	156	-	-	156	124
Training	-	-	-	-	92

Income Generation Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Food and Feeding programme	-	-	-	-	320
Hosting fees and IT Consumables	204	-	-	204	115
Bank Charges	86	-	-	86	-
Exchange rate loss	107	-	-	107	-
Sub total	17,732	-	-	17,732	9,830
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	17,732	-	-	17,732	9,830
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,849	-	-	- 1,849	3,450
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,646	-	-	13,646	10,196
Cash funds this year end	11,797	-	-	11,797	13,646

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank (UK)	1,238	-	-
	Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	10,559	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,797	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hopkins (Treasurer and Trustee)	02/08/2025

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Charity registration number: 1162004

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		<p>Years education (which is not funded by government) in an inaccessible part of Rwanda. Approximately 80 children between 4 and 6 years of age attend the nursery. They benefit from the enhanced nutrition provided each day and from interactive learning which enables them to achieve basic skills. On leaving the nursery, children can walk to their local primary school (about 2 hours walk away), being stronger physically and intellectually more able than they would be without this service.</p> <p>The Nursery and Children's Centre has enabled parents, particularly mothers, to see the benefits of good nutrition and quality interactive learning for their children. Parents and the local population have also had opportunities to participate in income generation projects, which has a benefit for the whole community.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The period from June 2023 to July 2024, was one of continuing activity and development. VRUK Trustees, working with the local representative for GiFo and the local people have continued to achieved improvements and benefits.</p> <p>Organisational achievements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective financial management and fundraising - Fundraising is mainly from regular donations and during 2023/24 VRUK income has been stable.

- **Financial tracking** – this has continued with effective systems for online monitoring of transfers to our Rwandan bank account and withdrawals for particular items of agreed expenditure to support identified projects.
- **Organisational efficiency** – VRUK hold regular trustee meetings as required and these have been a mixture of virtual and face-to-face meetings. Project management and accountability continues via a well-established system of Agreements of Expectations to set the anticipated parameters of our project investment. VRUK has continued to update the charity website and sends out regular newsletters. VRUK planning systems continue to be effective and we share these plans with GiFo and are responsive to their planning. The process is reciprocal.
- **Increasing local capacity** - this is mainly by supporting income generation initiatives and holding the local NGO increasingly to account for initiating, implementing and reporting on these developments. The VRUK local representative works to strengthen these projects and he has an annual performance appraisal.

Monitoring

- The secretary and an associate of VRUK visited Rwanda during April 2023 and reported back to trustees and donors.
- Electronic communication between the local representative is scheduled, regular and the outcomes written up and circulated.

Developments in Rwanda

- The Children’s Centre continues to deliver Early Years education services to seventy 3-5year olds.
- A well-resourced learning environment is provided for the children and teaching staff to learn, work and play. Two teachers work under the oversight of a GiFo board member - a local primary deputy headteacher.
- Quality interactive teaching methods are being used and teachers are being trained through government courses and other NGO providers.
- The children are provided with a meal of beans and rice or protein porridge on all five days of the week. This has eradicated almost all cases of malnutrition in these young children.
- The health worker makes regular visits to give vaccinations, promote family well-being and healthy eating at the termly Parents’ meetings.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The VRUK representative is working to support the income generation projects currently agreed between VRUK and GiFO. These are written up and form part of the local government organisation for NGOs (JADF). All agreed projects have Agreement of Expectations and the impact of the activities is reported back verbally, photographically and in writing. Impact has been positive and learning for the future noted. • The local VRUK representative, participates in Rwanda Education NGO Coordination Platform (REncP)
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Additional information (optional)

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising targets set for 2023/4
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity has no investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Carried forward at the end of the period £900
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	VRUK policy on reserves is that we wish to ensure that salaries of Rwandan employees can be covered for a period of 6 months should donations cease.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£1000 (approx. cost of 6 month salaries)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no immediate concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity relies on 5 principal sources of funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monthly supporters/donors • Single donations from individuals • Single donations from companies with a social responsibility strategy • Sponsored events • Promotional entertainment events <p>All funds are directed toward key objectives.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	VRUK does not invest other than in essential bank accounts.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The charity maintains a risk register listing principal risks and mitigations. The key risks facing the charity are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient income to meet commitments. • Inadequate reserves to manage temporary loss of income. • Funds in Rwanda misapplied. • Increase in cost of providing services in Rwanda. • Over-reliance on key people in Rwanda <p>Trustees review the mitigations to these risks continuously.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	VRUK has actively sought to recruit new trustees with an understanding and interest in Rwanda as turnover has increased. Advertisement during the reporting period via the VRUK newsletter and on an appropriate charity website has enabled new appointments to be made during the reporting period. Constitutional provisions enable trustees to appoint.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	Induction is individually tailored as required and ongoing as needed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	VRUK is a very small charity, where the trustees have equal powers and shared responsibilities. VRUK seeks to work in England with any overseas development and fundraising organisations which are supportive of our aims. In Rwanda, VRUK works closely with Gihembo Forward (GiFo) our local partner NGO, as well as local government and health organisations in promoting the work of the Children's Centre. VRUK has introduced a new level of involvement and appointed a small number of ex-trustees as Associates to assist in very specific tasks working with a nominated trustee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Village Rwanda UK
Other name the charity uses	VRUK
Registered charity number	1162004
Charity's principal address	19 West Green, Heighington, DL5 6RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Patricia Atherton	Chair		
2	Lynne Gregory	Secretary		
3	Petronella Spivey	trustee		
4	Phillip Adams	trustee		
6	Andy Hopkins	trustee		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

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Date

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**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

For the period from 01 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

Charity No: 1162004

Reference and Administrative Information**Charity Name:**

Village Rwanda UK

Charity Registration Number:

1162004

Contact Address:19 West Green,
Heighington
County Durham
DL5 6RA**Trustees:**

Patricia Atherton	Chair
Petronella Spivey	Trustee
Lynne Gregory	Secretary
Philip Adams	Trustee
Andy Hopkins	Treasurer

Bankers:Coop Bank
PO Box 250
Delf House
Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT



Village Rwanda UK		No: 1162004		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/07/2023	To	30/06/2024	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	13,279	-	-	13,279	12,054
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	-	-	-	-	1,457
Theo's Masters	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,279	-	-	13,279	13,511
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,279	-	-	13,279	13,511
A3 Payments					
Wages & Salaries	2,516	-	-	2,516	1,676
Community Development	6,663	-	-	6,663	12,124
Miscellaneous expenses	124	-	-	124	172
Training	92	-	-	92	-
Income Generation Projects	-	-	-	-	-
Food & Feeding programme	320	-	-	320	252
Hosting fees and IT Consumables	115	-	-	115	122
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	9,830	-	-	9,830	14,346
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,830	-	-	9,830	14,346
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,450	-	-	3,450	(835)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,196	-	-	10,196	11,031
Cash funds this year end	13,646	-	-	13,646	10,196

	£	RWF
Co-operative Bank (UK)	7,307	
Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	6,339	
Total	13,646	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank (UK)	7,307	-	-
	Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	6,339	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,646	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Not applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	See details in Annual Report		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Not applicable - all amounts owed relating to the period ended 30 June 2023 were settled prior to the period end.		-	
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			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Andy Hopkins (Treasurer & Trustee)	08/04/2025

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general charitable activity in accordance with the charity's purpose.

C2 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-
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C3 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-	-
	-	-
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C4 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
	Not applicable - no transactions with trustees or connected persons in the period.	-	-
		-	-
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VILLAGE RWANDA UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1162004

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st July 2022 To 30th June 2023

Charity name: Village Rwanda UK

Charity registration number: 1162004

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To relieve poverty in remote rural communities in Rwanda by providing education, training, healthcare projects and the necessary support to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>VRUK raises funds in the UK and works in partnership with Gihembo Forward (GiFo), a local Rwandan NGO to provide support and management for an Early Years Children's Centre and Nursery School at Gasundwe in Gihombo, Rwanda.</p> <p>The funds VRUK send to GiFo pay for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A full-time representative responsible for ensuring liaison with local government and implementation of co-ordinated annual plans , • Shared responsibility for the upkeep of a building in which to deliver services for the surrounding community, • The services of teachers, cook and night watchman, • Teaching resources, • A term time daily feeding programme to deliver protein enhanced porridge for all children who come to the nursery • A range of mutually agreed income generation projects. <p>The trustees and associates of VRUK make regular visits and require verbal, written and photographic reports from the representative to enable oversight of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the ongoing development of the Children's Centre and ensure the service is of good quality, • to ensure the income generation projects are being implemented to agreed specifications (Agreements of Expectation). <p>VRUK are also seeking to improve healthcare provision for the children and their parents, by improving links with existing local agencies.</p> <p>The public benefits of these co-ordinated efforts are considerable. The work of VRUK focuses on Early Years education (which is not funded by government) in an inaccessible part of Rwanda. Approximately 100</p>

		<p>children between 4 and 6 years of age attend the nursery. They benefit from the enhanced nutrition provided each day and from interactive learning which enables them to achieve basic skills. On leaving the nursery, children can walk to their local primary school (about 2 hours walk away), being stronger physically and intellectually more able than they would be without this service.</p> <p>The Nursery and Children's Centre has enabled parents, particularly mothers, to see the benefits of good nutrition and quality interactive learning for their children. Parents and the local population have also had opportunities to participate in income generation projects, which has a benefit for the whole community.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	None
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	None
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Apart from the paid representative in Rwanda, no staff are paid by the charity and all work is done on a voluntary basis.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	

Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.

Para 1.20

The period from June 2022 to July 2023, was one of continuing activity and development. The economic impact of the Covid pandemic globally and the consequences continue in Rwanda. VRUK Trustees, working with the local representative, GiFo and the local people have achieved a great deal.

Organisational achievements

- **Effective financial management and fundraising** - Fundraising is mainly from regular donations and during 2022/23 VRUK has sought to make good use of reserves out in the field rather than holding them in the bank.
- **Financial tracking** – this has continued with effective systems for online monitoring of transfers to our Rwandan bank account and withdrawals for particular items of agreed expenditure to support identified projects.
- **Organisational efficiency** – VRUK hold regular trustee meetings as required and these have been a mixture of virtual and face-to-face meetings. Project management and accountability continues via a well-established system of Agreements of Expectations to set the anticipated parameters of our project investment. VRUK has continued to update the charity website and sends out regular newsletters. VRUK planning systems continue to be effective and we share these plans with GiFo and are responsive to their planning. The process is reciprocal.
- **Increasing local capacity** - this is mainly by supporting income generation initiatives and holding the local NGO increasingly to account for initiating, implementing and reporting on these developments. The VRUK local representative works to strengthen these projects and he has an annual performance appraisal.

Monitoring

- Two trustees visited in September 2022 and saw houses built as part of a training programme, beneficiaries of animal husbandry and income generation projects as well as the school and feeding programme.
- The secretary and an associate of VRUK visited Rwanda during April 2023 and reported back to trustees and donors.
- Electronic communication between the local representative is scheduled, regular and the outcomes written up and circulated.

Developments in Rwanda

- The Children's Centre continues to deliver

		<p>Early Years education services to seventy 3-5year olds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A well-resourced learning environment is provided for the children and teaching staff to learn, work and play. Two teachers work under the oversight of a GiFo board member - a local primary deputy headteacher. • Quality interactive teaching methods are being used and teachers are being trained through government courses and other NGO providers. • There has been a visit from a member of the Rwanda Education Board who expressed great satisfaction with the provision. • The children are provided with a meal of beans and rice or protein porridge on all five days of the week. This has eradicated almost all cases of malnutrition in these young children. • The health worker makes regular visits to give vaccinations, promote family well-being and healthy eating at the termly Parents' meetings. • The VRUK representative is working to support the income generation projects currently agreed between VRUK and GiFO. These are written up in Rwanda and form part of the local government organisation for NGOs (JADF). All agreed projects have Agreement of Expectations and the impact of the activities is reported back verbally. Photographically and in writing. Impact has been positive and learning for the future noted. • The area has been badly affected by flooding and the charity has provided e,ergency aid in response.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As described above, projects were assessed against Agreements of Expectations and broadly met objectives. The charity continues to develop the capacity of people to report on the outcomes of investment in businesses.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No fundraising targets set for 2022/3
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	The charity has no investments.
Other		

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Carried forward at the end of the period £10,198
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	VRUK policy on reserves is that we wish to ensure that salaries of Rwandan employees can be covered for a period of 6 months should donations cease.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£836 (6 months cost of salaries)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Not applicable
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no immediate concerns.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>The charity relies on 5 principal sources of funds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular monthly supporters/donors • Single donations from individuals • Single donations from companies with a social responsibility strategy • Sponsored events • Promotional entertainment events <p>All funds are directed toward key objectives.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	VRUK does not invest other than in essential bank accounts.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The charity maintains a risk register listing principal risks and mitigations. The key risks facing the charity are,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient income to meet commitments. • Inadequate reserves to manage temporary loss of income. • Funds in Rwanda misapplied. • Increase in cost of providing services in Rwanda. • Over-reliance on key people in Rwanda <p>Trustees review the mitigations to these risks continuously.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	VRUK has actively sought to recruit new trustees as turnover has increased. Advertisement during the reporting period via the VRUK newsletter and on an appropriate charity website has enabled new appointments to be made during the reporting period. Constitutional provisions enable trustees to appoint.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.	Para 1.51	Induction is individually tailored as required and ongoing as needed.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.	Para 1.51	VRUK is a very small charity, where the trustees have equal powers and shared responsibilities. VRUK seeks to work in England with any overseas development and fundraising organisations which are supportive of our aims. In Rwanda, VRUK works closely with Gihembo Forward (GiFo) a local NGO, as well as local government and health organisations in promoting the work of the Children's Centre. VRUK has introduced a new level of involvement and appointed a small number of ex-trustees as Associates to assist in very specific tasks working with a nominated trustee.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Village Rwanda UK
Other name the charity uses	VRUK
Registered charity number	1162004
Charity's principal address	19 West Green, Heighington, DL5 6RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Patricia Atherton	Chair		
2	Lynne Gregory	Secretary		
3	Petronella Spivey	trustee		
4	Ann Durrant	trustee	Until 1 st April 2023	
5	Darryl Gregory	trustee	Until 15 th January 2023	
6	Margo Park	trustee	Until 15 th January 2023	
7	Phillip Adams	trustee	From 15 th January 2023	
8	Ruta Kanyandekwe	trustee	From 15 th January to 31 st March 2023	
9	Andy Hopkins	trustee	From 1st April 2023	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

For the period from 01 July 2022 to 30 June 2023

Charity No: 1162004

Reference and Administrative Information**Charity Name:**

Village Rwanda UK

Charity Registration Number:

1162004

Contact Address:19 West Green,
Heighington
County Durham
DL5 6RA**Trustees:**

Patricia Atherton	Chair
Petronella Spivey	Trustee
Lynne Gregory	Secretary
Philip Adams	Trustee
Andy Hopkins	Treasurer

Bankers:Coop Bank
PO Box 250
Delf House
Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT



Village Rwanda UK

No: 1162004

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/07/2022

To

30/06/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	12,054	-	-	12,054	11,060
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	1,457	-	-	1,457	1,765
Theo's Masters	-	-	-	-	-
Bank interest	-	-	-	-	3
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	13,511	-	-	13,511	12,828
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	13,511	-	-	13,511	12,828
A3 Payments					
Wages & Salaries	1,676	-	-	1,676	2,428
Community Development	12,124	-	-	12,124	6,633
Miscellaneous expenses	172	-	-	12,124	621
Training	-	-	-	-	-
Income Generation Projects	-	-	-	-	5,382
Food & Feeding programme	252	-	-	252	-
Hosting fees and IT Consumables	122	-	-	122	211
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	14,346	-	-	14,346	15,276
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	14,346	-	-	14,346	15,276
Net of receipts/(payments)	(835)	-	-	(835)	(2,448)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	11,031	-	-	11,031	13,480
Cash funds this year end	10,196	-	-	10,196	11,031

	£	RWF
Co-operative Bank (UK)	7,512	
Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	2,686	
Total	10,198	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank (UK)	7,512	-	-
	Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	2,686	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,198	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Not applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	See details in Annual Report		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Not applicable - all amounts owed relating to the period ended 30 June 2023 were settled prior to the period end.		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Andy Hopkins	Ann Durrant (Treasurer & Trustee)	08/04/2024

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general charitable activity in accordance with the charity's purpose.

C2 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-
	-
	-

C3 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

C4 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
Not applicable - no transactions with trustees or connected persons in the period.		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-

VILLAGE RWANDA UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1162004

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	July	2021		30th	June	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Village Rwanda UK

Other names charity is known by VRUK

Registered charity number (if any) 1162004

Charity's principal address

19 West Green,
Heighington
County Durham
Postcode DL5 6RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Patricia Atherton	Chair		VRUK
2	Ann Durrant	Treasurer		VRUK
3	Margo Park	Trustee		VRUK
4	Lynne Gregory	Secretary		VRUK
5	Darryl Gregory	Trustee		VRUK
6	Petronella Spivey	Trustee		VRUK

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Co-opted with agreement by all other trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction and Training

For new trustees this is undertaken individually.

Organisational Structure

VRUK is a very small charity, where the trustees have equal powers and shared responsibilities. VRUK seeks to work in England with any overseas development and fundraising organisations which are supportive of our aims. In Rwanda, VRUK works closely with Gihembo Forward (GiFo) a local NGO, as well as local government and health organisations in promoting the work of the Children's Centre.

Risk Management

We believe our major risks relate to working in a developing country which may have different expectations. To quantify and minimise those risks, trustees make regular/annual visits to Rwanda to ensure there is adequate financial reporting and to observe continuing progress against planned targets in our Annual Plan. Covid interrupted these visits, but trustees used increased levels of virtual meetings, with personnel in Rwanda, to monitor and manage what has been happening.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve poverty in remote rural communities in Rwanda by providing education, training, healthcare projects and the necessary support to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

VRUK raises funds and works in partnership with Gihembo Forward (GiFo), a local NGO to support and manage an Early Years Children's Centre and Nursery school at Gasundwe in Gihombo, Rwanda.

The funds VRUK send to GiFo pay for:

- a representative,
- a building in which to deliver services for the surrounding community,
- the services of teachers, cook and night watchman,
- teaching resources,
- protein enhanced porridge for all children who come to the nursery
- income generation projects.

The trustees of VRUK make regular visits and require verbal, written and photographic reports to oversee:

- the ongoing development of the Children's Centre and ensure the service is of good quality,
- to ensure the income generation projects are being implemented to agreed specification (Agreements of Expectation).

VRUK are also seeking to improve healthcare provision for the children and their parents, by improving links with existing local agencies.

The public benefits are considerable as the work of VRUK focuses on Early Years education (which is not funded by government) in an inaccessible part of Rwanda. Approximately 100 children between 4 and 6 years of age attend the nursery. They benefit from the enhanced nutrition provided each day and from the interactive learning which enables them to achieve basic skills. For primary school. On leaving the nursery, children can walk to their local primary school (about 2 hours walk away), being stronger physically and intellectually more able than they would be without this service.

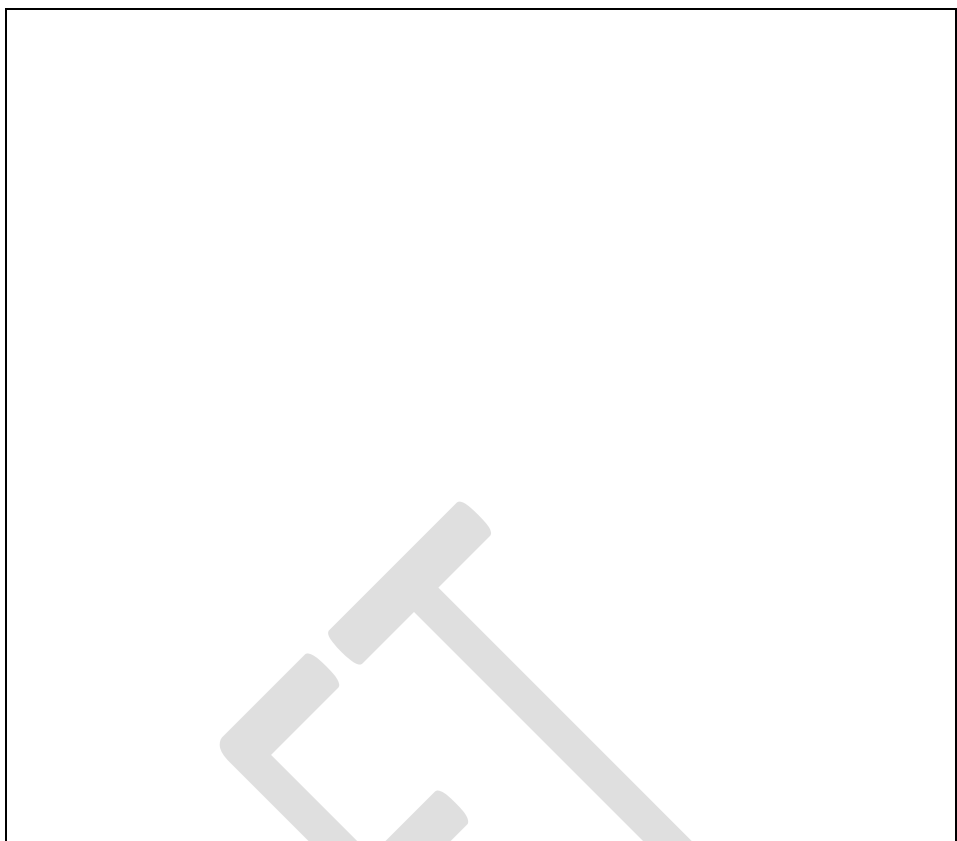
The Nursery and Children's Centre has enabled parents, particularly mothers, to see the benefits of quality interactive learning for their children. They have also had opportunities to participate in income generation projects, which has a benefit to the whole community.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The period from June 2021 to July 2022, was one of continuing development despite the continuing impact of the Covid pandemic and the consequent impact on livelihoods in Rwanda. Trustees, the local representative and the local people achieved a great deal.

Organisational achievements

- **Effective fundraising** - this is mainly from regular donations.
- **Improved financial tracking** – this has continued with effective systems for online monitoring of transfers to our Rwandan bank account and withdrawals for particular items of agreed expenditure to support identified projects.
- **Organisational efficiency** – VRUK hold regular trustee meetings as required and these have been a mixture of virtual and face-to-face meetings. Improvements during this reporting period involved streamlining meetings with our local representative by using a monthly schedule on a shared electronic calendar and increasing use of Google DRIVE to share information across continents. Project management and accountability continues via a well-established system of Agreements of Expectations to set the anticipated parameters of our project investment. VRUK has continued to update the charity website and sends out regular newsletters. VRUK planning systems continue to be effective and we share these plans with GiFo and are responsive to their planning. The process is reciprocal.
- **Increasing local capacity** - this is mainly by supporting income generation initiatives and holding the local NGO increasingly to account for initiating, implementing and reporting on these developments. The VRUK local representative works to strengthen these projects and he has an annual performance appraisal.
- **Monitoring** – The chair of VRUK visited Rwanda during May 2022 and electronic communication continues.

Developments in Rwanda

- The Children's Centre continues to function to deliver Early Years education services to the children, with an improved learning environment made available for the children and teaching staff in which to work and enjoy. Two new teacher replacements have recently been recruited and work under the oversight of a GiFo board member - a local primary deputy headteacher. Good quality educational resources are being used.
- The VRUK representative is working to support the income generation projects currently underway. These have been subject to written reports and the impact of the activities has been positive.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our policy on reserves is that we wish to ensure that salaries of Rwandan employees can be covered for a period of 6 months should donations cease.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity relies on 5 principal sources of funds

1. Regular monthly supporters/donors
2. Single donations from individuals
3. Single donations from companies with a social responsibility strategy
4. Sponsored events
5. Promotional entertainment events

All funds are directed toward key objectives.

VRUK does not invest other than in essential bank accounts.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) Lynne Gregory

Lynne Gregory	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Secretary	
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Date TBD

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the period from 01 July 2021 to 30 June 2022

Charity No: 1162004

Reference and Administrative Information**Charity Name:**

Village Rwanda UK

Charity Registration Number:

1162004

Contact Address:19 West Green,
Heighington
County Durham
DL5 6RA**Trustees:**

Patricia Atherton	Chair
Margo Park	Trustee
Lynne Gregory	Secretary
Darryl Gregory	Trustee
Ann Durrant	Treasurer

Bankers:Coop Bank
PO Box 250
Delf House
Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT



Village Rwanda UK

No: 1162004

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/07/2021

To

30/06/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	11,060	-	-	11,060	10,520
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Gift aid	1,765	-	-	1,765	1,415
Theo's Masters	-	-	-	-	660
Bank interest	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,828	-	-	12,828	12,595
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,828	-	-	12,828	12,595
A3 Payments					
Wages & Salaries	2,428	-	-	2,428	1,977
Community Development	6,633	-	-	6,633	5,636
Miscellaneous expenses	621	-	-	621	52
Training	-	-	-	-	1,283
Income Generation Projects	5,382	-	-	5,382	3,929
Food & Feeding programme	-	-	-	-	-
Hosting fees and IT Consumables	211	-	-	211	600
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,276	-	-	15,276	13,476
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	15,276	-	-	15,276	13,476
Net of receipts/(payments)	(2,448)	-	-	(2,448)	(882)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,480	-	-	13,480	14,362
Cash funds this year end	11,031	-	-	11,031	13,480

	£	RWF
Co-operative Bank (UK)	6,344	
Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	4,687	5,161,251
Total	11,031	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank (UK)	6,344	-	-
	Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	4,687	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	11,031	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Not applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	See details in Annual Report		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Not applicable - all amounts owed relating to the period ended 30 June 2022 were settled prior to the period end.		-	
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			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	Ann Durrant	Ann Durrant (Treasurer & Trustee)	05/02/2023	

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general charitable activity in accordance with the charity's purpose.

C2 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-
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C3 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

C4 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
	Not applicable - no transactions with trustees or connected persons in the period.	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

VILLAGE RWANDA UK

England & Wales - Charity number 1162004

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T O	Period end date		
	1st	July	2020		30th	June	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Village Rwanda UK

Other names charity is known by

VRUK

Registered charity number (if any)

1162004

Charity's principal address

19 West Green,

Heighington

County Durham

Postcode

DL5 6RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Patricia Atherton	Chair		VRUK
2	Ann Durrant	Treasurer		VRUK
3	Margo Park	Trustee		VRUK
4	Lynne Gregory	Secretary		VRUK
5	Darryl Gregory	Trustee		VRUK
6	Petronella Spivey	Trustee	April 21 to April 24	VRUK
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
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How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Co-opted with agreement by all other trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction and Training
For new trustees this is undertaken individually.

Organisational Structure
VRUK is a very small charity and the trustees have equal powers and shared responsibilities. VRUK seeks to work in England with any overseas development and fundraising organisations which are supportive of our aims. In Rwanda, VRUK works closely with Gihembo Forward (GiFo) a local NGO and also local government and health organisations to promote the work of the Children's Centre.

Risk Management
We believe our major risks relate to working in a developing country with different expectations. In order to quantify and minimise those risks, trustees make regular/annual visits to Rwanda to ensure adequate financial reporting and observe continuing progress against planned targets in our Annual Plan. Covid has interrupted these visits but trustees have used increased levels of virtual meetings with personnel in Rwanda to monitor and manage what is happening.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve poverty in remote rural communities in Rwanda by providing education, training, healthcare projects and the necessary support to enable individuals to generate a sustainable income and be self-sufficient.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

VRUK raises funds and works in partnership with Gihembo Forward (GiFo), a local NGO to support and manage an early years children's centre and nursery school at Gasundwe in Gihombo, Rwanda.

The funds VRUK send to GiFo pay for the following,

- a representative,
- a building to deliver services in the surrounding community,
- the services of a education staff, cook and night watchman,
- teaching resources,
- protein enhanced porridge for the children who come to school malnourished,
- Income generation projects.

The trustees of VRUK make regular visits and require verbal, written and photographic reports to oversee,

- the ongoing development of the children's centre and ensure the service is of good quality,
- to ensure the income generation projects are being implemented to agreed specification (Agreements of Expectations).

VRUK are also seeking to improve healthcare provision (for the children and their parents) by improving links with existing local agencies.

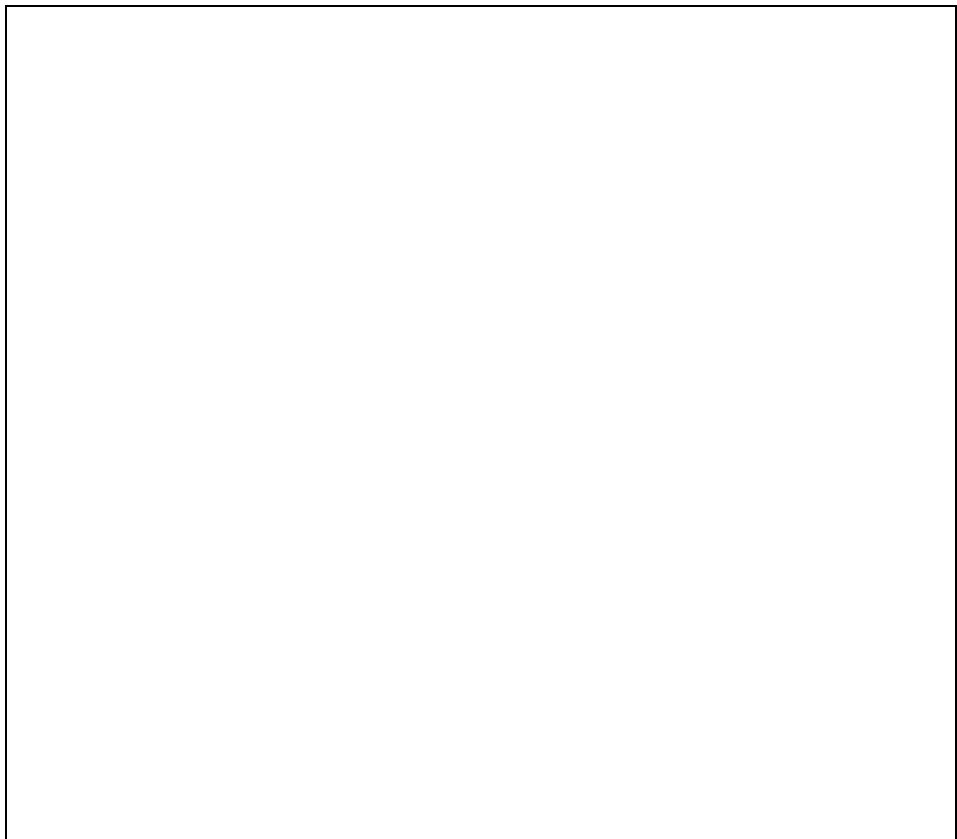
The public benefits are considerable as the work of VRUK focuses on early education in an inaccessible part of Rwanda. Approximately 100 children between 4 and 6 years of age attend the nursery and benefit from the enhanced nutrition provided each day and the interactive learning which enables them to make good progress with basic skills. The children leaving the nursery to start walking to their local primary school (about 2 hours walk away) are stronger physically and intellectually than without this service. The nursery and children's centre has enabled parents, particularly mothers to benefit from seeing the interactive learning and also the opportunity to participate in income generation projects.

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The period from June 2020 to July 2021, was one of continuing development in spite of the Covid pandemic and the consequent impact on livelihoods in Rwanda. Trustees, the local representative and the local people achieved a great deal.

Organisational achievements

- Effective fundraising - this is mainly from regular donations.
- Financial tracking has improved with effective systems for online monitoring of transfers to our Rwandan bank account and also withdrawals for particular items of agreed expenditure to support identified projects.
- Organisational efficiency – VRUK hold regular trustee meetings as required and these have been virtual meetings during Covid lockdown. Improvements during this time include a focus on project management and accountability by using Agreements of Expectations to set the anticipated parameters of our investment in a number of projects. VRUK has continued to update the charity website and sends out regular newsletters. VRUK planning systems continue to be effective and we share these plans with GiFo and are responsive to their planning. The process is reciprocal.
- Increasing local capacity - this is mainly by supporting income generation initiatives and holding the local NGO increasingly to account for initiating, implementing and reporting on these developments. The VRUK local representative works to strengthen these projects and he has an annual performance appraisal.
- Monitoring - It has not been possible to visit Rwanda during this reporting period but electronic communication has increased in quality and volume and this is linked to a shared electronic overview of progress in the field.

Developments in Rwanda

- The Children's Centre continues to function to deliver early education services to the children and a better learning environment has been made available for the children and teaching staff to work in and enjoy. Two new teachers have been recruited (to replace staff) and they work under the oversight of a trustee who is also a local Deputy Head teacher. Good quality educational resources are being used.
- The Nursery education service was suspended according to government directive but the feeding programme continued with GiFo members providing packages of porridge ingredients for local families with children of nursery age during these periods.
- The VRUK representative is working to support the income generation projects currently underway. These have been subject to written reports and the impact of the activities has been positive.
- Covid-19 lockdown continues to affect the local economy and day to day life considerably.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

VRUK is carrying forward a balance of £13,480.25 (30th June 2021). Our policy on reserves is that we wish to ensure that salaries of Rwandan employees can be covered for a period of 6 months should donations cease.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The charity relies on 5 principle sources of funds

1. Regular monthly supporters/donors
2. Single donations from individuals
3. Single donations from companies with a social responsibility strategy
4. Sponsored events
5. Promotional entertainment events

All funds are directed toward key objectives.

VRUK does not invest other than in essential bank accounts.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s) Lynne Gregory

Lynne Gregory	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Secretary

Secretary	
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Date ????

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS

For the period from 01 July 2020 to 30 June 2021

Charity No: 1162004

Reference and Administrative Information**Charity Name:**

Village Rwanda UK

Charity Registration Number:

1162004

Contact Address:19 West Green,
Heighington
County Durham
DL5 6RA**Trustees:**

Patricia Atherton	Chair
Margo Park	Trustee
Lynne Gregory	Secretary
Darryl Gregory	Trustee
Ann Durrant	Treasurer

Bankers:Coop Bank
PO Box 250
Delf House
Southway
Skelmersdale
WN8 6WT



Village Rwanda UK		No: 1162004		CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	01/07/2020	To	30/06/2021	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restrict ed funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	10,520	-	-	10,520	8,172
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	1,460
Gift aid	1,415	-	-	1,415	1,446
Theo's Masters	660	-	-	660	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	12,595	-	-	12,595	11,078
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,595	-	-	12,595	11,078
A3 Payments					
Wages & Salaries	1,977	-	-	1,977	4,470
Community Development	5,636	-	-	5,636	-
Miscellaneous expenses	52	-	-	52	1,074
Training	1,283	-	-	1,283	644
Income Generation Projects	3,929	-	-	3,929	2,753
Food & Feeding programme	-	-	-	-	978
Hosting fees and IT Consumables	600	-	-	600	484
Sub total	13,476	-	-	13,476	10,403
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	13,476	-	-	13,476	10,403
Net of receipts/(payments)	(881)	-	-	(881)	675
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,362	-	-	14,362	13,686
Cash funds this year end	13,480	-	-	13,480	14,362

	£	RWF
Co-operative Bank (UK)	8,049	
Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	5,431	6,772,904
Total	13,480	

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Co-operative Bank (UK)	8,049	-	-
	Bank of Kigali (Rwanda)	5,431	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	13,480	-	-

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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	Not applicable		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	See details in Annual Report		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Not applicable - all amounts owed relating to the period ended 30 June 2021 were settled prior to the period end.		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Ann Durrant	Ann Durrant (Treasurer & Trustee)	08/10/2021

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general charitable activity in accordance with the charity's purpose.

C2 Trustee remuneration - details

Authority under which paid	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-
	-
	-

C3 Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£
Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-	-
	-	-
	-	-

C4 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
	Not applicable - no transactions with trustees or connected persons in the period.	-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-