



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	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	
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**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Secretary

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

Receipts and payments accounts

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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	-	-
	(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	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Not applicable		-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
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		-	-
			-	-
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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 2021 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)	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.

	Authority under which paid	£
C2 Trustee remuneration - details	Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-
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		Number of trustees	£
C3 Trustee expenses - details	Not applicable - no monies paid to trustees in the period.	-	-
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	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C4 Transactions with trustees and connected persons		Not applicable - no transactions with trustees or connected persons in the period.	-	-
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