

Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
From	Period start date			To	Period end date	
	01	04	2024		31	03

Charity name Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Dinh Viet)

Other names charity is known by n/a

Registered charity number (if any) 1183593

Charity's principal address Evelyn Community Centre
1 Kingfisher Square, Wotton Road, Deptford
London
SE8 5TQ

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	Huyen Le	Chair		
2	Quynhnhu Nguyen	Board member		
3	Thoai Nhu Nguyen	Board member	Until 04 July	
4	Tung Nguyen	Secretary		
5	Van Tim Hoang	Board member	Until 30 April	
6	Jade Yuk Tran Cheng	Treasurer		
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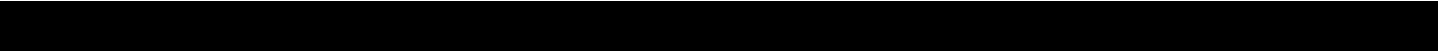
Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Andrew McGuire	30 Sandringham Avenue, Dockings, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE31 8QH

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



Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by the Board of Trustees and approved by a quorum

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Trust is administered by a Board of Trustees that meets four times a year, with additional meetings called when required to discuss and manage new initiatives or plan events.• Every Trustee is provided with information about the Vietnamese Family Partnership’s (VFP) constitution, policies and activities together with information on the Charity Commission guidance.• Trustees are offered the opportunity to attend further training courses should they wish to do so.• VFP maintains open and collaborative relationships with its sponsors, funders, and partner organisations, built on mutual trust and shared goals. Regular communication ensures transparency, accountability, and alignment with project objectives.• Our vision is to build a sustainable, community-led organisation that strengthens Vietnamese identity while supporting integration. We’re developing clearer roles, SMART objectives, and strategic partnerships to ensure long-term impact.
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

As stated in the constitution document

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these

We help people on the journey to connect with their Vietnamese culture and identity to better understand themselves. We welcome and respect people of all ages, backgrounds and beliefs.

objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Vietnamese Family Partnership's (VFP), are a London-based charity that aims to bring the Vietnamese community together. We believe that we are stronger together and that understanding our cultural identity is key to fulfilling our life potential. We provide support and advice, Vietnamese language lessons and cultural events for the entire community, such as our flagship Lunar New Year and Mid-Autumn event.

Key priorities include:

- VietSchool Language Classes: Preserving Vietnamese heritage through engaging language and culture lessons for children and adults.
- Advice & Support Centre: Guiding individuals and families through housing, immigration, welfare, and other essential services with compassion and clarity.
- Luncheon Club & Warm Welcomes: Weekly gatherings that foster connection, reduce isolation, and celebrate community over shared meals.
- Sculpture Heritage Project: Honouring Vietnamese identity through public art and storytelling, building pride across generations.
- Cultural Events: Joyful celebrations of Lunar New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival, and other traditions that bring our community together.
- Mental Health Workshops: Safe spaces to explore wellbeing, reduce stigma, and promote emotional resilience within the Vietnamese diaspora.
- Volunteer Training & Community Action: Empowering individuals to lead, support, and make a difference through hands-on learning and collective care.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Volunteers in support of our main events increased to 155 volunteers, enabling expansion. Our volunteers are diverse and deeply committed. Many are Vietnamese - students, retirees, and service users - who bring lived experience and cultural insight. We also welcome volunteers from other backgrounds, creating a vibrant, inclusive community. Their roles span event planning, peer support, admin, and outreach.

The Charity hosted an evening with the volunteers as a show of appreciation

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

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

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees and CEO continue to closely monitor the charity's reserves to ensure adequate financial resources are available to support the community and to remunerate staff and pay expenses, which aligns with the charity's strategies.

As at FY2024/25, the charity retained a cash reserve of £112.7k (2024: £92.7k). VFP continue to proactively seek funding to support and strengthen the Vietnamese community.

Our funding strategy follows a multi-pronged approach, including:

- Grant applications to trusts, foundations, and local authorities
- Event sponsorships and donor contributions
- Membership schemes and commissioned services
- Partnerships with businesses and NGOs

We are also developing standardised agreements and sponsor networks to promote transparency, accountability, and mutual benefit across all partnerships and funding relationships.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

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.

Funding and income

VFP maintained stable funding and income year-on-year, reporting **£84.2k** for the period (2024/25: £84.4k). This consistent performance underscores VFP's reliable presence and strong relationships within the community.

Strategic grant success

A major highlight was securing £27,174 from the VAWG2 London Community Foundation (LCF) to recruit a specialist women's worker. This funding will support around 125 Vietnamese and South East Asian women in the first year who have experienced domestic abuse, labour exploitation, trafficking, and coercion, primarily in Deptford and London Bridge.

Total core grant income reached £53.6k, supported by key partners including VAWG2 LCF, the London Borough of Lewisham, VHMSUK, and the GLA Untold Stories programme.

Diversified income streams

VFP continued to rely on a diversified income model:

- **Fundraising events** generated £18.2k, consistent with the prior year and reflecting strong community engagement.
- **Legacy income** of £9.0k from VHMS helped offset the absence of National Lottery funding (prior year: £10k).
- **Training and membership** income included £5.1k from training, while Vietnamese language lesson memberships fell by 40% to £6.1k, an area identified for strategic focus in the coming year.

Expenditure

Total expenditure was £64.1k (2024: £67.4k). While overall spending decreased

slightly, allocation shifted to strengthen organisational capacity and service delivery.

Key variances and drivers

- **Staff costs:** increased to £48.1k (2024: £44.5k), reflecting investment in leadership and specialist roles.
- **Event activity costs:** fell sharply to £5.7k (2024: £15.0k), driven by a focus on the Lunar New Year festival, greater reliance on in-kind volunteer resources, and reduced financial support for external student events.
- **Office & operating costs:** rose modestly to £3.5k (2024: £3.0k), though remained below expectations due to delayed council invoicing.
- **Programmatic activities:** increased slightly to £3.4k (2024: £3.0k), reflecting greater investment in direct engagement such as the Luncheon Club.

Governance and Oversight

The Charity maintains stringent financial controls. Funding applications are prepared by the CEO and subject to a thorough review by the **Trustees** to ensure completeness and accurate budget alignment prior to submission.

The Charity's independent examiner report and full accounts are available for public inspection on the **Charity Commission for England and Wales website**.

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Other optional information

VFP continues to face a number of challenges, including:

- **Rising demand for services** across all areas of work.
- **Limited funding and operational capacity**, restricting programme growth.
- **Difficulties forming partnerships** that meet government or trust funding criteria.
- **Overstretch due to increasingly complex community needs**, with some funders reluctant to support high-need cases.
- **Limited support from Vietnamese businesses**, due to differing understandings of charity models between the UK and Vietnam.
- **Challenges in recruiting trustees** with the right expertise and governance experience.

Amidst a difficult funding environment, VFP is actively seeking **new and diverse income sources** to strengthen financial sustainability and continue delivering vital community services.



We collaborate with **local councils** on safeguarding, health, and inclusion; the **Home Office and police** on modern slavery and support for vulnerable individuals; and **statutory bodies** to represent Vietnamese voices in consultations and forums. We also provide **training and cultural insight** to partners working with our community.

Goals and Objectives for the year ahead:

- Fundraising for the *"This Space - As Our Home"* public art project
- Hosting the **Mid-Autumn Festival** and **Lunar New Year Celebration**
- Fundraising to establish a **Bilingual Counselling Service**
- Securing a **lease for VFP's office in Tower Bridge**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jade Y T Cheng	Thi Thu Huyen Le
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairperon
Date	29.12.2025	29.12.2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Dinh Viet)	1183593

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/4/2024		31/3/2025

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					
VAWG2 London Community Foundation		28,505	-	28,505	13,740
Event fundraising	18,225		-	18,225	19,641
VMHS Legacy		9,000	-	9,000	
London Borough of Lewisham		7,700	-	7,700	7,800
UK GLA Untold stories		7,000	-	7,000	20,000
Membership fees/contributions	6,116		-	6,116	10,349
Training	5,100		-	5,100	1,960
Lewisham Local		1,450		1,450	
Donations	1,111			1,111	919
National Lottery		-	-	-	10,000
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,553	53,655	-	84,208	84,408
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	30,553	53,655	-	84,208	84,408
A3 Payments					
Staff costs	5,936	42,128	-	48,064	44,547
Event activities	3,310	2,456	-	5,766	15,009
Office Rent & Hall Hired		3,495	-	3,495	3,050
Activities & Outings	855	2,553	-	3,408	581
Subscriptions & Memberships	22	1,494	-	1,515	1,176
Telephone & Internet	40	806	-	847	912
Governance & Accountancy	20	417	-	437	541
Insurance & DBS checks		314	-	314	347
Training & Travel Expenses		309	-	309	1,277
Sub total	10,183	53,973	-	64,156	67,441
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	10,183	53,973	-	64,156	67,441
Net of receipts/(payments)	20,369	- 318	-	20,051	16,967
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	75,548	17,176	-	92,724	75,757
Cash funds this year end	95,918	16,857	-	112,775	92,724

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	Bank	95,918	16,857	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	95,918	16,857	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	J Y T Cheng	Jade Y T Cheng	29/12/2025	
	Thi Thu Huyen Le	Thi Thu Huyen Le	29/12/2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name

Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Dinh Viet)

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1183593

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 03 / 2025**.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *A McGuire*

Date: 31/07/2025

Name: Andrew McGuire

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.