

**THE DAME VERA LYNN CHARITABLE TRUST
TRUSTEES REPORT AND UNAUDITED ACCOUNTS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 802365

THE DAME VERA LYNN CHARITABLE TRUST

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Charity number 802365

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees submit their annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comply with the charity's Trust Deed and applicable law.

History, objectives and activities of the Trust

The Dame Vera Lynn Charitable Trust was established by a deed dated 27th October 1989 and is an unincorporated charitable trust.

The Deed requires the capital and income of the Trust to be applied for the relief of need, hardship or distress amongst former members of Her Majesty's Armed Forces and their widows, widowers, dependants and families or for such charitable purposes as the Trustees may from time to time decide.

New trustees may be appointed by a resolution of the Trustees.

The Trustees' investment powers are unlimited.

The Trustees' meet annually to review progress over the past year and to establish policy for the ensuing year.

Trustees

The Board of Trustees is elected annually by the members at the Annual General Meeting of the Settlement. To be eligible for election, a candidate must be a Member of the Settlement. Management Committee members are the Trustees. The Management Committee ("the Committee") is the title and designation of the body responsible for the governance and administration of the Settlement. The board consists of:

Virginia Lewis-Jones
Alan Tom Jones
David Edwards
Deborah Wilson

Members

Any person is deemed to be eligible for the membership of the Trust by the Committee providing they support the Trust Aims and Objectives and abide by the Trust rules as set out in the Constitution.

Aims and objectives

The Constitution defines the aims and objectives of the Trust as to; maintain the Trust's capital and to make grants to charitable causes broadly equivalent to the income generated each year.

The Trust aims to increase royalty income through the use of marketing and creating awareness usually by way of free public relations.

Management and governance arrangements

The Dame Vera Lynn Charitable Trust is a Registered Charity and is governed by its trustees who form the Management Committee and are elected annually by the Annual General Meeting. The day to day running of the Charity is delegated to the Manager and other staff, whose function is to work with the Management Committee to ensure its strategic aims are achieved.

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Risk Management

The Trustees have reviewed the Charity's activities and have not identified any major risks faced by the Charity.

The Funds of The Trust are used only for the work of The Trust and no part is distributed among the members.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees wish to retain an asset reserve of between £50 - £50,000 which would enable the Trust to run down over a period of six months should circumstances dictate this to be necessary. Our Reserves policy is available for inspection if required. The Reserve will also be available to ease cash flow should an emergency occur, such as a legal fee or similarly unforeseen operational expense. The Trust receives a large percentage of income prior to expenditure so cash flow generally is not a problem.

Plans for the Future

The Trust will continue to receive royalty income through the sale of merchandise, investment income through the investment of surplus cash held within the trust and donations.

Costs will only be incurred where income is expected to be received (such as seeking legal advice regarding the royalties contracts) so that an overall surplus can be expected on an annual basis.

Achievements and Progress during the year

The charity has unrestricted funds carried forward of £184,641 (2023: £257,106) from which they can continue to make grants towards charitable causes falling within the objects of the charity. Full details are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on Page 6 and in the supporting Notes.

Key Management personnel remuneration

The trustees consider the board of trustees and the manager as comprising the key management personnel of the charity in charge of directing and controlling the charity and running and operating the charity on a day to day basis.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee remuneration was paid in the year.

Financial review

During the year £6,864 was generated from donations and £3,653 was generated from the charity's investments and bank deposits. Grants of £98,300 were made to charitable causes falling within the objects of the charity. Full details are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on Page 6 and in the supporting Notes.

At the year-end, the charity held £185,061 in deposit.

The main Resource Income stream for the Charity is donations.

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The Resource Expenditure is defined as either direct charitable activities or governance costs.

The allocation of Income and Expenditure is on a gross basis since the Charity is not currently VAT registered and VAT is therefore an irrecoverable cost.

The objectives and activities have been pursued during the year and the results are shown in the attached accounts, which form an integral part of this report. They show a net deficit of resources of £72,465 (2023: £12,983).

The unrestricted funds in the balance sheet represent funds for the current and prior years which have accumulated and are to be spent on supporting the Charities objectives.

Compared with last year income in total is £24,729 higher.

On the expenditure side costs, including grants made, are £84,211 higher than last year. Bank charges increased by £4. Donation platform fees of £216 were incurred in the year. Insurance costs were £737 this year.

Net Current Assets in the Accounts of £184,461, this relates to cash in hand of £185,061 and a creditor for £420.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare the financial statements for each financial year which show a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and its financial activities for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements', and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operational existence.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention of fraud and other irregularities.

Charitable Status

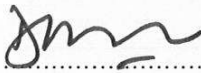
The charity is registered with the Charity Commissioners with the No. 802365

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Independent Examiner

The trustees intend to ask the existing independent examiner to undertake the independent examination of the Trust in the following year.

Approved by the Trustees on 8th Sep 2025 and signed on their behalf by


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Virginia Lewis-Jones
Alan Tom Jones
David Edwards
Deborah Wilson
Trustees

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE DAME VERA LYNN CHARITABLE TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Dame Vera Lynn Charitable Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

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 Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Signed:

Name: Alison Price FCA

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Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

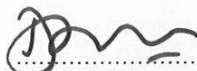
		Unrestricted funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income	Note			
Donations received		6,864	6,864	1,516
Interest received		3,653	3,653	1,032
Dame Vera Lynn Will bequest		16,760	16,760	-
Total income		27,277	27,277	2,548
Expenditure				
Grants for Charitable Purposes	3	98,300	98,300	15,250
Other Expenditure				
Insurance		737	737	-
Bank charges		69	69	65
Donation platform fee		216	216	216
Professional fees		420	420	-
Total expenditure		99,742	99,742	15,531
Net expenditure for the year		(72,465)	(72,465)	(12,983)
Net Movement in Funds		(72,465)	(72,465)	(12,983)
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		257,106	257,106	270,089
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		184,641	184,641	257,106

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024	2023
		£	£
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in hand		185,061	75,339
Debtors - Dame Vera Lynn Will bequest		-	181,767
Current Liabilities			
Other Creditors		420	-
Total Net Assets		<u>184,641</u>	<u>257,106</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds		<u>184,641</u>	<u>257,106</u>

The financial statements on pages 6 to 9 were approved by the trustees on 8. Sep 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


D Edwards

Charity number : 802365

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

No restatements were required as a result of the change in generally accepted accounting practice affecting charities.

The Trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

1.2 Income recognition

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Investment income is recorded when receivable.

1.3 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged against the expenditure heading for which it was incurred.

1.4 Funds structure

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

2. Taxation

The Settlement is a registered charity and accordingly is exempt from taxation on its income and gains where they are applied for charitable purposes.

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3. Grants for Charitable Purposes

	2024	2023
	£	£
Parkinsons	2,000	-
Action Aid	300	-
RSL	30,000	-
Royal National Lifeboat Institution	500	-
National Foundation for Retired Service Animals	500	-
Burma Star	30,000	2,000
DVLCC	35,000	250
Royal Marsden Cancer Charity	-	1,000
Jewish Music Institution	-	1,000
NHS Together	-	1,500
Greenaway Foundation	-	1,500
Help 4 Forgotten Allies	-	2,000
Care for Veterans	-	2,000
Scottish Little Soldiers	-	2,000
Alzheimers Society	-	2,000
	<u>98,300</u>	<u>15,250</u>

4. Related party transactions and trustees' expenses and remuneration

The trustees all give freely their time and expertise without any form of remuneration or other benefit in cash or kind.

There are no related party transactions to report.