Valerie Taylor Trust

Supporting the work of Valerie Taylor in Bangladesh

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Valerie Taylor Trust

Charity Number
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Throughout the year, the trustees organized a variety of events aimed at raising funds and increasing community engagement. These events provided opportunities for supporters to come together, contributing to the Trust's ongoing efforts.

Trustees and other Supporters visited and worked at various CRP Centres, helping the Trust to keep in touch with CRP's work and Valerie Taylor herself.

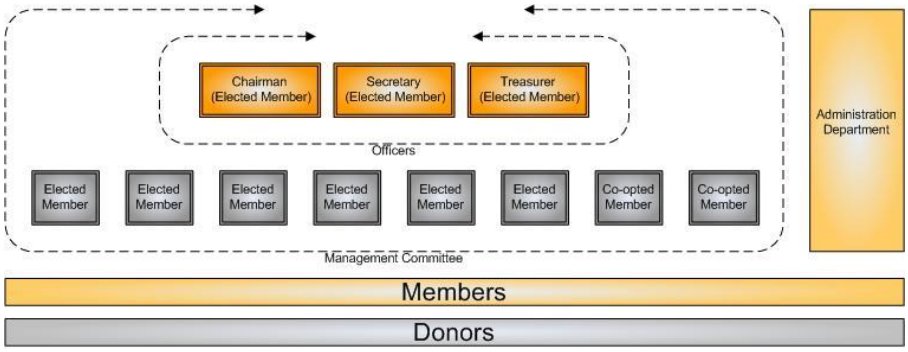
Annual Report 2024 – 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The Valerie Taylor Trust is governed by a constitution adopted on 5 September 2007 as amended on 16 December 2007.

The charity is managed and administered by a Management Committee. The Management Committee for the year 2024-2025 consisted of elected members who are also the trustees of the charity.

The chart below indicates the organisational structure of the Valerie Taylor Trust:



Recruitment of the Management Committee

At the 2024 annual general meeting, three members of the Management Committee stood down. Mr Jahangir Alam was willing to be re-elected, but Dr Mohamed Sakel and Mr Zahirul Haque stood down. However, a valid nomination was received from Mr Shahinoor Islam and Mr Karim Miah and accordingly these three were elected.

At the 2025 annual general meeting one third of the members of the Management Committee will again stand down but will be eligible for re-election. The Management Committee may also appoint up to three co-opted members.

All members of the Valerie Taylor Trust are eligible to become members of the Management Committee. To become a member of the Management Committee, a member of the Valerie Taylor Trust needs to be nominated by another member of the Valerie Taylor Trust and stand for election at the next Annual General Meeting.

Our Objects

The objects of the Valerie Taylor Trust are:

(a) To assist in the treatment, care and rehabilitation of disabled people in Bangladesh, in particular but not exclusively by promoting reintegration into the community, raising awareness of disability issues, and educating health care workers.

(b) To relieve poverty in Bangladesh.

The Trustees have decided that at the moment the best way of fulfilling these aims is by making grants to the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP).

Total income = £247,068

Financial Review

Funds are raised by donations, membership support, fundraising events, trusts and companies. Expenditure is aimed to promote all these forms of giving, such as providing access on the Just Giving website, Gift Aid envelopes, leaflets and mailing campaigns. During the period of this report, the total income was £247,068. This consisted of donations and subscriptions totalling £85,690, reclaimed tax as Gift Aid of £8,316, £2,385 from other activities, and £149,929 from companies. Income from companies was much higher than in the last financial year because the donation from Primark for 2023/2024 was not received until 2024/2025. Expenses related to supporting this giving were £17,163. Expenses were higher due to even organisers costs. Net Income was £229,906 compared to £97,000.

Grants made to support CRP amounted to £230,000, At the end of the reporting period the remaining balance of cash funds stood at £17,344. The trustees consider that due to the simplicity of the Trust's finances a detailed policy is not required. However, the Trust ensures that it always maintain sufficient cash on hand to cover its expected expenses for the next four months or a minimum of £10,000 – whichever is greater. The Trust does not currently have an investment policy because all receipts, net of expenses, are sent to CRP. The trustees have reviewed the relevant legislation and believe that the trust's accounts are exempt from the requirement from an annual audit, and that an independent examination suffices.

EXTRA WORK FOR CRP

When Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister and left Bangladesh on August 5 2024, there began a challenging time for CRP. In the course of the Student Anti-Discrimination Demonstrations before August 5, there had been violent clashes between the students and law enforcement agencies resulting in many injuries.

So later in August Dr Sohrab Hossein, CRP's Executive Director, offered health care, therapy and rehabilitation services for students and others who had been injured. Many injured people were treated in other hospitals, but because of CRP's particular experience and expertise in the treatment and Rehabilitation of people with Spinal Cord Injuries and amputated limbs, 58 such people were treated at CRP. Given the seriousness of their injuries, they had to be treated as in-patients of CRP's 100 bed hospital, stretching its resources.

But treatment is only the beginning: beyond it for many is the need for rehabilitation and reintegration into their communities. Those with Spinal Cord Injuries may need training in new skills so as to support their families in other ways, and CRP needs further funding to support all this.

The Valerie Taylor Trust continues to organize fund-raising events and support CRP with the donations we receive, but we also encourage our supporters to see the CRP Centers themselves, whether as visitors or Volunteers, because so often we find that it is those experiences that forge a lifelong commitment to CRP and its goals. Fortunately many of our British-Bangladeshi supporters still have family members in Bangladesh, which enables them to visit one or more of the CRP Centres when they make the journey to see their families.

In view of its grants to CRP, VTT Trustees consider they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 concerning public benefit, primarily the advancement of health and the relief of those in need by reason of disability.

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Activities in UK

- A variety of community events were held, including shared meals like Ploughman's lunches, curry nights, and cake sales. These brought people together in informal settings to support the cause. Other activities included a coach trip, group collections and a charity evening with entertainment and food. Each event combined social connection with fundraising, reflecting strong community spirit and creativity.
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Visits to CRP

- Mr McGhee, an orthotist also a trustee of VTT, spent just over 6 weeks at the Savar centre, earlier this year. During his stay, he was primarily based in the Prosthetics and Orthotics Department, where he actively contributed his professional expertise, supported clinical activities, and engaged in knowledge exchange with staff. His dual role as a clinician and trustee made his visit particularly valuable, strengthening both the operational and strategic links between the organization and the Centres.
- Earlier this year, Mr Hussain (Chairman) visited CRP Savar. Separately Mr Islam, a newly elected trustee, also visited the Savar Centre with his family. During his visit, Mr Islam had the opportunity to observe CRP's work first-hand, and his adult children were particularly touched by the compassion and dedication shown by the staff, as well as the impact of the Centre's services. These visits reflect a strong commitment from both leadership and trustees to remain actively engaged with CRP's mission and ongoing work.

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Financial Statement for 2024-25

Income & Expenditure	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and Subscriptions					
Restricted Funds	2,067.11	6,678	9,833	11771	3720
Unrestricted Funds	83,623.29	73,331	90,934	59605	89742
Tax refund - Gift Aid	8,315.61	9,083	12,762	7668	7581
Other Charitable Activity (Unrestricted Funds)					
Sales of donated items	20.00	274	180	219	529
Fundraising events	2,365.00	1,662	1,752	1416	0
Corporate Donations					
Restricted Funds	145,304.00	3231	73,967	73983	74154
Unrestricted Funds	4,625.00	4,600	8,500	2850	2000
Bank interest	748.37	872	115	1	0
Total Income	**247,068.38**	**99,731**	**198,043**	**157513**	**177726**
Expenditure					
Printing & Stationery	2305	789	297	1341	554
Postage	208	193	91	194	82
Meetings	1301	867	1235	766	193
Bank charges and Forex	177	-7261	7823	239	60
VTT Web site	2310	3658	1546	120	60
VTT Awareness Project	0	3200	17626	9704	0
Iftar event organisers costs	10000	0	0	0	0
Fundraising	442	851	1171	501	406
Other	420	801	834	350	250
Total Expenditure	**17163**	**3098**	**30623**	**13215**	**1605**
Net Income	**229906**	**96633**	**167420**	**144298**	**176121**
Grants Made					
Indirect support to CRP					
CRP website	0	0	0	0	0
Other payments on behalf of CRP	0	0	0	12000	0
Direct transfer of funds to CRP	230000	85000	182000	133000	167000
Total Support to CRP	**230000**	**85000**	**182000**	**145000**	**167000**
Balance					
Payments due	-10350	-350	-6550	-2560	-250
Cash - Restricted Funds	0	239	0	75	0
Cash - Unrestricted Funds	17344	7699	9528	13733	12325
Gift Aid refund due from HMRC	8000	7500	8034	6779	6654
Bank Charges and Forex exchange	0	0	-7566		
Other	-17	-17	-8	- 9	-8
Total Funds to carry forward	**14977**	**15072**	**3439**	**18018**	**18720**
Check	**- 0**	**- 0**	**- 0**	**- 0**	**0**

Notes

1 The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis
2 Tax refund includes £315 from Just Giving (gross of costs). Accounting policy changed in 2015/16 to show Just Giving / Paypal donations gross of costs
3 Sales includes cards, calendars, books and DVDs
4 Restricted Funds may only be spent on specific agreed objectives. RF accounted for 3% of Income in 2024/25, 11% of Income in 2023/24, 43% of Income in 2022/23, 55%
5 All Gift Aid refunds treated as Unrestricted
6 Interest received with Gift Aid treated as Bank Interest
7 Assumes £350 for independent examiner
8 Unrestricted funds (2023/24) included £3.6k from MAITS, £2.5k from Scott Bader Company, £5k from Dr B Whitty Ex Chairman of VTT(Lagacy Payments) , £6.4k from Angela
9 Corporate Restricted funds (2023/24) included £145k from ABC Plc (Primark) and Other Restricted fund £2k for Quotainjured Funds & Wheelchair Project
10 New cost stream : Iftar event onganisers costs (Professional fees) mainly in relation to organise a Iftar event during Ramadan.
11 Total expenditure is 7% this year compare to 3% last year and Year before (2022/23) was 15% .
12 £71k Funds received from Primark in relation to last year.

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: THE VALERIE TAYLOR TRUST

On accounts for the year ended: 05 APRIL 2025

Charity no (if any): 1122245

Set out on pages: ATTACHED (1 PAGE FINANCIAL STATEMENT PLUS ANNUAL REPORT)

(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 05/04/2025.

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 (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: MRahman **Date:** 11/08/2025

Name: MOHAMMAD MASUD RAHMAN

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Section B	Disclosure
	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.	NOT APPLICABLE