

Connecting People To Change Lives

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VineTrust



Patron: HRH The Princess Royal



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

As Patron of the Vine Trust, I was delighted to meet and congratulate a large number of our volunteers and staff at our first Annual Gathering in Houston House West Lothian and to mark a number of significant achievements and contributions during the course of the year.

2018 was a landmark year across our volunteering programmes. Our medical work delivered 248,821 medical consultations and welcomed 171 medical volunteers from ten different countries. School expeditions received their 1000th application alongside the opening of the 100th family home built by our volunteer teams in the Moshi area of Tanzania whilst Amazon Hope 2 celebrated the milestone of treating its one millionth patient on the Peruvian Amazon.

Across all of our programmes we seek to respond to real need and significant opportunities presented by our in-country partners as we seek to accompany them in realising their ambition to serve better the needs and concerns of the communities they serve. I am particularly pleased that a new “Village of Hope” has been initiated on the shores of Lake Victoria which will provide a comprehensive and integrated approach to caring for orphan children, supporting communities suffering from HIV, whilst also creating a centre for education, training and the promotion of self-sufficiency through agriculture and aquaculture projects. I wish the project every success as construction gets underway in 2019.

Connecting people in order to change lives and building sustainable communities are very much at the heart of Vine Trust as we build our overseas partnerships and our volunteer communities which together make all our endeavours possible. Looking ahead, I wish to congratulate The Very Reverend Albert Bogle as he passes the baton of chairing the Trust after thirty-four years of leadership and vision and wish him well as he continues his association with us as Founder and Chaplain to the board and welcome Mr. Alec Carstairs as our new chairman.

I wish the Trust, its staff, volunteers and supporters every success in the year ahead and congratulate the Trust on its continued progress.

A Year of Accomplishment



Rev. Willie McPherson
Chief Executive

Welcome aboard!

2018 has proved to be another successful year of growth, development and service for the Vine Trust staff and our outstanding volunteers across every area of our overseas activities.

A record year for medical volunteering, landmark moments in our home building programmes in Tanzania, a record number of medical consultations delivered by our three medical ships and further new opportunities presented for continued impact and development in partnership with our overseas partner agencies.

Impact 2018 - 2019, I trust will give a flavour of what we have been doing and what we are planning for the years ahead as we develop our 2020's vision plan and continue to connect with some of the most vulnerable people in the world in order to change lives.

Thank you for your interest and support of our work, enjoy the read and thank you for your connection with the Trust. It is hugely appreciated!

349

VOLUNTEERS

In 2018, 349 volunteers headed out to Tanzania and Peru to build homes or support our medical work.

43

EMPLOYEES

We directly employ 43 staff, including 10 in the UK, 15 in Peru and 18 in Tanzania. We also created further jobs by contracting local workers in-country.

10

COUNTRIES

We welcomed medical volunteers from 10 different countries to our two programmes in 2018.

17-70

AGE RANGE

We have volunteers from all walks of life, all at different points in their lives!
What are you waiting for?

248,821

MEDICAL TREATMENTS

Delivered on our 3 medical ships; 2 on the Peruvian Amazon and 1 on Lake Victoria, Tanzania.

Twende Kazunzu!

Kazunzu comes from the Zinza tribal language and means a promontory. It is an apt name for a piece of land that juts out into Lake Victoria, where we plan to commence building a village in 2019. Twende comes from the Swahili meaning "let's go to", so "Twende Kazunzu" is exactly what some of our volunteers will be doing in 2019.



Chief Operating Officer Martin shares plans with Dr Asha Rose Migiro, the Tanzanian High Commissioner



Building Programme Manager Louise gets to know the local children in Sengerema



The 53-acre plot of land which will be the site of the 'Village of Hope' known as Kazunzu.



A local woman, over a mile from Lake Victoria, carries her family's water and washing to and from the lake.

Building a 'Village of Hope'

The notion of building a village on the shores of the lake was a convergence of practical, real-world observations of the living and health conditions on the islands of Lake Victoria coupled with strategic intent of wanting to bring together our building and medical programmes in a place-based approach.

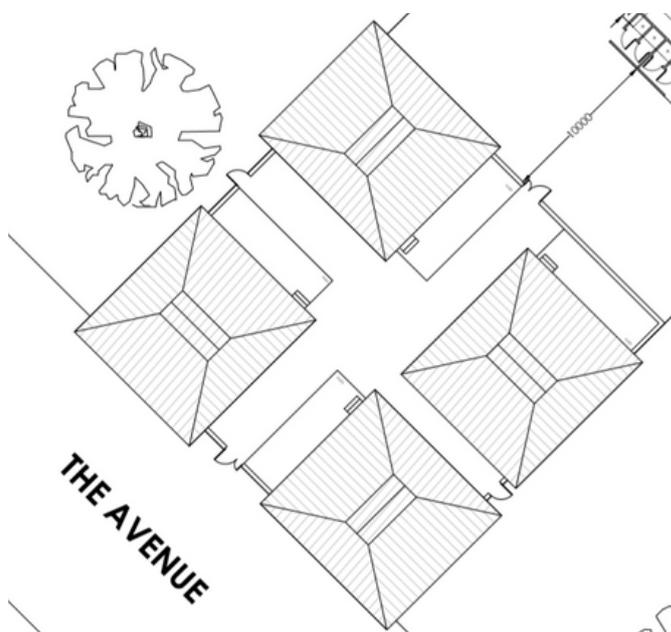
Those who have been aboard Jubilee Hope or visited the islands will be aware how tough the living conditions are. The HIV levels are amongst some of the highest in the world, sanitation is almost non-existent and despite being surrounded by water, there is an absence of clean water for cooking and drinking. It is a far from ideal place for raising children despite how idyllic the sunset photos around the islands may look.

Early in 2018, a 53 acre site on the lake front was identified around 20 km west of Mwanza, that belongs to our partners, the African Inland Church of Tanzania. Since then Vine Trust have been working closely with the planning authorities and District Commissioner in Sengerema to develop a plan for the village. In February 2019 we learnt that our plans had been accepted and we now have approval to commence building work.

It is an ambitious undertaking and by far the most significant building project the Vine Trust has ever undertaken. We hope to build around 40 homes, a Vocational Training Centre, a Health Hub, a school and also a camp site. Whilst this represents a significant amount of building work, to provide some context, Vine Trust volunteers and partners have built 118 family homes in the past 7 years in the Moshi region, so the plans feel achievable.

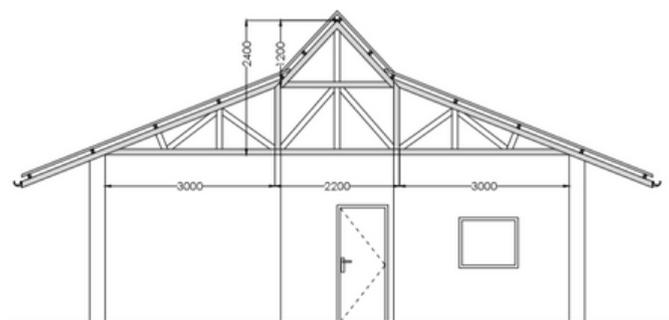
The homes will be built in small clusters of four, with each cluster sharing a small 'shamba' or cottage garden, providing space to grow some crops and keep some chickens. The homes themselves will typically each accommodate a widow and up to six children, the vast majority of whom will be orphans.

Understanding how to run a small shamba and learning a trade at the vocational training centre will hopefully prepare those growing up at Kazunzu for a constructive adult life.



The homes will be build in clusters of four

Sustainability will be key to the success of such a programme and we hope to create an array of income opportunities for the residents. There will be an area of land set aside for farming cash crops, and we also plan to create a series of fish ponds where the villagers can farm Tilapia, a lucrative fish commonly found in Lake Victoria, which can be more effectively and safely farmed in small ponds. Crafts and income from the Vocational Training Centre all have the potential to expand the income for villagers.

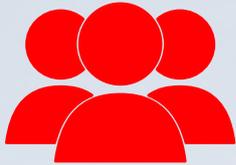


A side elevation for a Kazunzu home

This project will certainly have challenges but it will be fantastic watching the village grow over the next few years. Why not join us and "Twende Kazunzu"?

A Year On Lake Victoria

Collaboration, community engagement and local ownership are vital components of successful and sustainable, long-term international development programmes. These factors have been at the heart of the Jubilee Hope Medical Programme at all levels since it was launched in 2014 on Lake Victoria, Tanzania.



56,955

CONSULTATIONS



15,360

LABORATORY
TESTS



9,409

HIV TESTS



2,386

DENTAL
CONSULTATIONS



10,300

ATTENDEES AT
HEALTH EDUCATION
PRESENTATIONS



62

VOLUNTEERS



"The trip was an amazing experience and I would like to spend more time on Jubilee Hope providing help and learning more. It was extremely valuable to me personally to have spent time helping to provide help and support for the island communities of Lake Victoria and to have worked as part of a team with the wonderful Tanzanian national team."

Dawn Gillies, Student. July 2018

Jubilee Hope Programme

Our medical work on Lake Victoria, known locally as the 'Jubilee Hope Programme', involves close working in partnership with local district health authorities and through our strategic relationship with the project lead partner, Africa Inland Church Tanzania (AICT).

AICT has a well established reputation for the delivery of health care on the Tanzanian mainland, operates a general hospital in the city of Mwanza, the home port of our medical ship, MV Jubilee Hope, and has been involved in the project since its inception. 2018 also saw the appointment of a new national director from AICT, Rev Samuel Limbe to lead all aspects of the Jubilee Hope project.



Samuel Limbe visited Vine Trust's Edinburgh office in May 2018

The 10th of April 2018 was a momentous occasion for Vine Trust as it was the first time we had all 3 medical ships out working simultaneously! On that day, the MV Amazon Hope 2 and MV Forth Hope were already working in the Loreto Region of Peru, whilst the MV Jubilee Hope arrived at the islands of Mazinga on Lake Victoria. Aboard the 3 ships were 20 national health workers supported by 12 overseas volunteer health professionals providing vital medical services to these remote communities.

During 2018, all 3 ships collaboratively participated in 49 medical expeditions, providing almost 250,000 medical consultations by local health workers and 171 overseas volunteers.

Medical Conference

Our 3rd medical conference was held on the 27th and 28th of April 2018, with the participation of guest speakers, Ronald Kebaso (Programme Manager), Maseke Mgabo (Medical Sociologist), and Mr Stuart Fergusson, co-author of the report by Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (RCPSG), "Global Citizenship in the Scottish Health Service"

The 78 delegates in attendance heard updates on the progress of the medical programmes in Peru and Tanzania as well as summary findings from the recent Household Survey which Vine Trust had commissioned about the islands of Ikuza and Mazinga, Lake Victoria. Global Citizenship in the Scottish Health Service and the value of overseas volunteering was also highlighted, in reference to RCPSG's recent report.



Conference attendees at the Vine Trust Barge

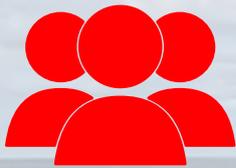
Care & Treatment Centre

During 2018 the Jubilee Hope Programme received full HIV Care and Treatment accreditation, which permits the ship to deliver the full range of HIV services, including the dispensing of life-saving antiretroviral medicine.

This new level of accreditation allows the Programme to expand its support to all communities, enhancing its work amongst the support groups for women living with HIV on the islands. Of particular focus going forward will be the challenge of reducing mother-to-child transmission.

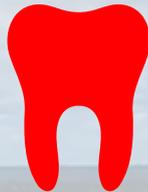
A Year on the Amazon

In Peru, our medical work is managed by our Peruvian subsidiary, 'Programa Médico Esperanza Amazónica del Perú' (PMEAP) which translates to the Amazon Hope Medical Project Peru. The project has grown significantly through direct engagement with local and national government and national health programmes and health priorities. Vine Trust has two ships - the Amazon Hope 2 and the Forth Hope - which provide a regular healthcare service to over 160 remote communities of the Peruvian Amazon.



191,796

CONSULTATIONS



39,394

DENTAL
CONSULTATIONS



34,324

LABORATORY
TESTS



1,507

ANTENATAL
CONSULTATIONS



17,405

VACCINE & GROWTH
CONSULTATIONS



109

VOLUNTEERS



"Of great value to me personally was seeing the different cultures & experiencing the different healthcare provision for the Amazon people.

Professionally, it was being able to work in completely different surroundings & also feeling good about being able to pass on some professional skills learned from previous experience that was most satisfying."

Colin Baxter, Paramedic. March 2018

Raising Awareness

2018 saw opportunities to promote greater awareness of our medical programmes and volunteering opportunities at a number of conferences – Tropical Health and Education Trust (THET), Extreme Medicine and NHS Global Health. We relished the opportunity to be involved with discussions in global health and to speak to numerous experts in the field.

Vine Trust now also promote our volunteering opportunities through Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF), The Electives Network and Adventure Medic websites. A large group of previous volunteers and medical programme ambassadors have also been giving talks and presentations to colleagues, rotaries, global health collectives, universities and guilds about the work of the medical programmes.



Medical consultations aboard the Forth Hope

Global Health Collaborative

Vine Trust is an active participant in the newly launched Global Health Collaborative, which is a 'multidisciplinary and cross-sectoral group established to work with the Scottish Government and partners to promote effective and coordinated health sector involvement in global health'.

A number of our active volunteers are participating as Champions of Global Health in their regional health boards. Our volunteering opportunities are also detailed on the new website for referral of NHS staff interested in global health.

Training the Next Generation

In 2018 the programme welcomed a record number of students on board – 54 (medical, dental and nursing) students in total. We were delighted to sign a memorandum of understanding with Edinburgh Napier University School of Nursing and Midwifery to enable their students to carry out their electives on board the medical ship.

We were also delighted to welcome Peruvian students on board too – nursing and laboratory technician students regularly participate on trips in Peru and we've also had medical students volunteer with Jubilee Hope from Tanzania Medical Students Association on expeditions to the islands of Lake Victoria.

At the launch of the Students for Global Health (SFGH) toolkit we were able to strengthen our links to coordinate opportunities for medical student electives on board our ships.

Research

Our collaborative work has been continuing during the year. We have partnered in a number of grant applications for research on health & nutrition topics which will provide greater insight into the challenges faced by local communities as well as inform actions required to bring into place improvements.

Working with both St Andrews and Edinburgh Universities institutes of global health and sustainable development, we continued to empower national experts to aid in the development of the programme's strategy. One example is the development of Electronic Medical Records (EMR) for our vessels with Institute for Collaboration in Health and the University of Texas Medical Branch. Final implementation of an EMR system into the Amazon Hope Programme will significantly aid in diagnosis and treatment of patients. An impact study is proposed to be conducted in line with implementation.

A Year of Building

Since 2011, Vine Trust volunteers have been supporting the construction of individual family homes and larger children's centres through collaboration with our local partners in Moshi, Tanzania. Our volunteers spend two weeks working alongside local builders, community members and beneficiaries to build homes for some of the most vulnerable within the communities. We send volunteers from across the UK and beyond, working with groups of teachers and students from schools, teams from corporates and community organisations, and individual volunteers from a range of backgrounds.



10

EXPEDITIONS



19

HOUSES
CONSTRUCTED



7

PARTICIPATING
SCHOOLS



16

INDIVIDUAL
VOLUNTEERS



38

CORPORATE
VOLUNTEERS



124

SCHOOL
VOLUNTEERS



100th
INDIVIDUAL HOME
CONSTRUCTED!

Why It Matters

Globally, 1.6 billion people live in spaces where the walls aren't stable, doors are missing and roofs are leaking. These homes threaten to collapse at any time – and they regularly do. For many inhabitants of Moshi in Tanzania, a life of extreme poverty can be all that they have known. Despite their circumstances, the people are relentlessly welcoming and generous to all who they encounter.

Often, the space they live in has little light and capacity, creating just a small shelter for day-to-day life. Socially, families and children can be excluded from access to other services such as an education and banking because they lack proper housing.

At the simplest level, a constructed home - something presumed in our everyday lives - can be transformative. As a place of safety and possibility for economic growth, it can be a catalyst for breaking the cycle of poverty. When our volunteers and partners complete a home, they are supporting people in their vision towards a brighter future.



Before and After: Celebrating a constructed home in Tanzania

Building Programme



Having completed 3 children's centres with our partner ELCT (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania) by 2016, Vine Trust volunteers were able to work towards our target of completing 100 individual homes by the end of 2018 with our second partner based in Moshi, grassroots organisation TAWREF (Tanzania Women's Research Foundation). We were thrilled to be able to reach this target by April of 2018, 8 months ahead of schedule, and reach a total of 118 completed homes by the end of the year.

TAWREF works closely with the church, other faith groups and local village leadership to identify the most needy children and disrupted families within their respective communities. Particular emphasis is made towards children who have lost parents to HIV/AIDS or malaria and find themselves living in extreme poverty.

Our Adult Teams

In 2018 we welcomed groups from Highland Spring, Babcock International and two teams of individual volunteers. Our April individuals team was made up of returning volunteers, some first time Vine Trust supporters and three young adults from the Edinburgh-based Ferrywell Youth Group.

Through a 5-year partnership, Babcock International sent their second volunteer team with Vine Trust in 2018 to continue their ongoing support of the Trust's work. We look forward to our adult teams beginning construction in our new project, Kazunzu - 'Village of Hope' in the coming year.

“I was most impacted by the warm welcome and positivity that the families and community showed us during the whole trip.” Babcock Volunteer 2018

This time last year, Eunice and her 17-year-old son Kelvin, were living in a small home, made of mud and scraps. Eunice lost her husband, Kelvin’s father, to HIV/AIDS when Kelvin was only six years old. They were surviving through Eunice’s casual labouring jobs in their small, agricultural community while struggling to stay warm and healthy in a home that was already close to collapse. Then things changed.

TAWREF identified the need of Eunice and Kelvin, and in early November 2018 a team of Vine Trust volunteers arrived to start work constructing a new home, alongside local builders, that they had raised the vital funds for.

Fast forward to 2019, Eunice and Kelvin have spent a joyful first Christmas in their new home and are looking forward to a Tanzanian winter, warm and safe from the elements. Eunice plans to start her own small business and Kelvin has a space that will enable him to study for his school exams and pursue his dreams of becoming a doctor.

You, our volunteers and supporters, were vital to the change in circumstances for this family, and we look forward to hearing the stories of those you support through your generosity in 2019.



Our School Teams

A total of 109 pupils, teachers and helpers participated in our Tanzanian building expeditions in 2018, from 6 schools across Scotland.



A thank you hug to a school volunteer

As in previous years, our school expeditions to Tanzania visited a number of orphanages, funded and constructed by Vine Trust volunteers along-side the smaller family homes. The schools programme participated heavily in the construction of additional family homes and we are immensely grateful to all our partner schools and volunteers for their generous support of our construction projects.

A team of 15 volunteers from our 7th Scottish school in 2018 travelled to Peru to support building and maintenance work at New Hope orphanage in Arequipa.



Building on the Impact

Vine Trust Building Expeditions for school teams are a unique way for young adults to broaden their perspectives. Our construction work not only empowers local communities but offers the opportunity for young people to develop their skills, knowledge and sense of global citizenship.

December saw volunteers from four schools who had taken part in 2017 and 2018 school expeditions come along to the Vine Trust barge to get together, reflect and learn from their experience. The feedback from our volunteers was that they felt reflecting was really important and that they are keen to stay connected with Vine Trust through supporting at events, delivering presentations and forming ambassador groups in their cities. The group discussions from this event gave us fantastic feedback that informed our 6 month follow-up survey which looked to explore the longer term impact that expeditions have on our volunteers.

Among much other fascinating insight, of the pupils who responded, over 90% said they appreciated their family more and had increased confidence in making new friends, over 80% said they now felt more comfortable interacting with people from different backgrounds and over 80% again said they now felt more like part of the world, rather than just living their own life.

In an increasingly globalised world, it is encouraging to see that our school volunteers, the leaders of the next generation, are developing core skills and ambitions that will ultimately impact on communities in the UK and further afield.

"The long days on the worksite were sometimes very hard, but remembering what it was for really kept me going. I feel that I still have this in the back of my mind, and when things get tough I know that it will always be of benefit."

2018 School Volunteer

A Year of Connecting

The Gathering

Our supporters have been central to our previous successes and essential to our future plans and developments. We have been keen to create a Vine Trust Community which will allow us to acknowledge and celebrate past achievements and enthuse and embrace future plans and developments. To help generate such a community, the annual Gathering was initiated by HRH The Princess Royal, Patron Vine Trust on Friday 23rd November. The inaugural Gathering took place at the MacDonald Houstoun House Hotel, Uphall, West Lothian. The evening was enjoyed by 140 people with a drinks reception and dinner. The event was opened by the Very Rev Albert Bogle who formally launched The Gathering. Following dinner, there was a video presentation and HRH The Princess Royal spoke about our work and the importance of volunteering.

To celebrate the fantastic efforts of our volunteers and our community, Martin Holt (Chief Operating Officer) introduced a few awards and invited HRH The Princess Royal to present them. The awards all demonstrate the achievements not just of 2018, but of sustained delivery over a number of years: Amazon Hope 2 set sail from the Clyde in 2006 and at the end of October 2018 the 1 million consultation mark was reached. Many people have helped to make this possible.



The "A Million Thanks Award" was received by Robert Marshall (Naval Architect) on behalf of all those who have contributed to the million consultations.



The "Hat Trick Award" was presented to Dawn Gilles to recognise an individual who is the first person to volunteer with each of our medical, school and building programmes.

In 2019 we will pass the milestone of 1,000 school pupils and teachers volunteering with the Vine Trust.



The "Grand Achievement Award – 1000th School Pupil" was received by pupils of Culloden Academy, Inverness on behalf of all the young people.

This has been a record year for our medical programme with 171 medical volunteers. Nine medical volunteers took part in both our Amazon Hope and Jubilee Hope Programmes during 2018. 4 of those 9 were present at the Gathering.



Murray Hudson, Carolyn Freeman, Ruby Repper and Jim Repper received the "Double Award".

Our final award celebrated the completion of 100 homes built in the Moshi area. With hundreds of volunteers involved in this achievement over the last 6 years, we decided the best person to receive this award was Dafrosa Itemba, Managing Director of our local partner organisation TAWREF (Tanzania Women Research Foundation).



A video was shown of Dafrosa Itemba receiving the 100th Home Award from Louise Campbell (Building Programme Manager).

Martin concluded the awards presentation by congratulating all of our award recipients and, just as importantly, everyone in the room who had played a vital part in making these landmark awards possible. Vine Trust really couldn't do it without you.

The formal part of the evening was drawn to a close by Willie McPherson (Chief Executive). Watch out for news of the 2019 Gathering which will be taking place 15 - 17th November.

Vine Trust Venue



Vine Trust headquarters, based on our barge in Leith, saw a record year of income from external venue hires of £30,000. The funds received support our UK based activities. The more often clients climb aboard, the more funds we have available to develop and expand charitable activities. As a unique venue, our clients leave knowing they have played a part in supporting our ongoing work.

Asante Sana



Chief Operating Officer Martin meets with Dr Asha Rose Migiro, the Tanzanian High Commissioner

At the end of February 2019, our Chief Operating Officer Martin Holt was in London to meet with Dr Asha-Rose Migiro, the Tanzanian High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. She is a highly respected leader and former Deputy Secretary General of the United Nations. They discussed the future plans of the Trust including some of the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. It was a really useful meeting and the High Commissioner was most keen to relay her gratitude and thanks to all involved at the Vine Trust - or, as they say in Swahili, "Asante sana".

2020s Vision Fund

As we look towards the future, we are launching our 2020s Vision Fund with the aim of securing £500,000 per year over the next five years to enable us to:

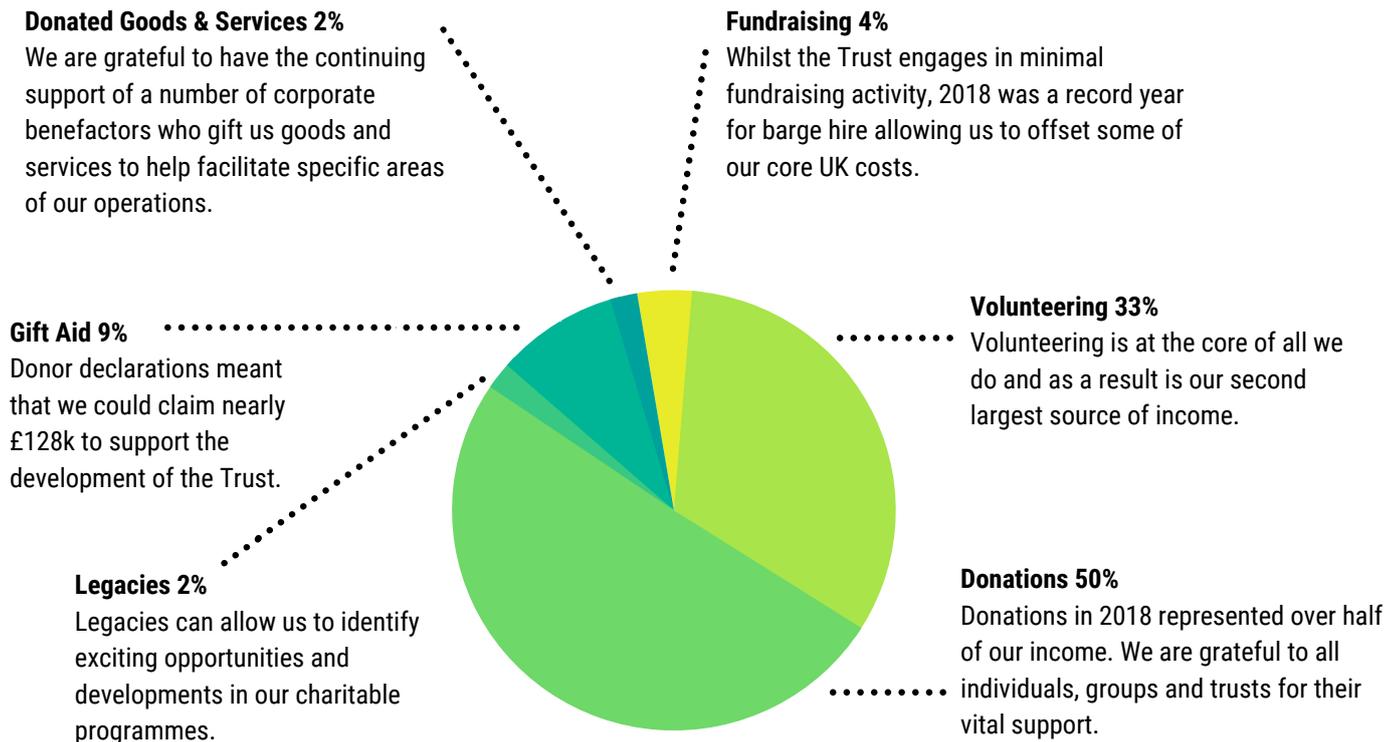
- See a doubling of our medical work on Lake Victoria through the deployment of our latest medical vessel in partnership with the Tanzanian government
- The expansion of our HIV Support Group programmes in Tanzania linked to safe water, micro enterprise and education projects
- The fast tracking of the Kazunzu - "Village of Hope" project towards self-sufficiency
- The continued development of primary health care and preventative public health initiatives on the Peruvian Amazon in partnership with international universities and the Peruvian government
- Begin exploring opportunities for collaborative work in a third country for example Kenya or Uganda

A Year in Finance

In 2018 we saw a number of exciting milestones in our work; Forth Hope's first birthday in service on the Amazon, our 100th individual family home and the beginnings of exciting expansion to our construction programme in Tanzania. Despite these exciting achievements and programme expansions, excluding depreciation, the Trust recorded a deficit of only £-1,384.

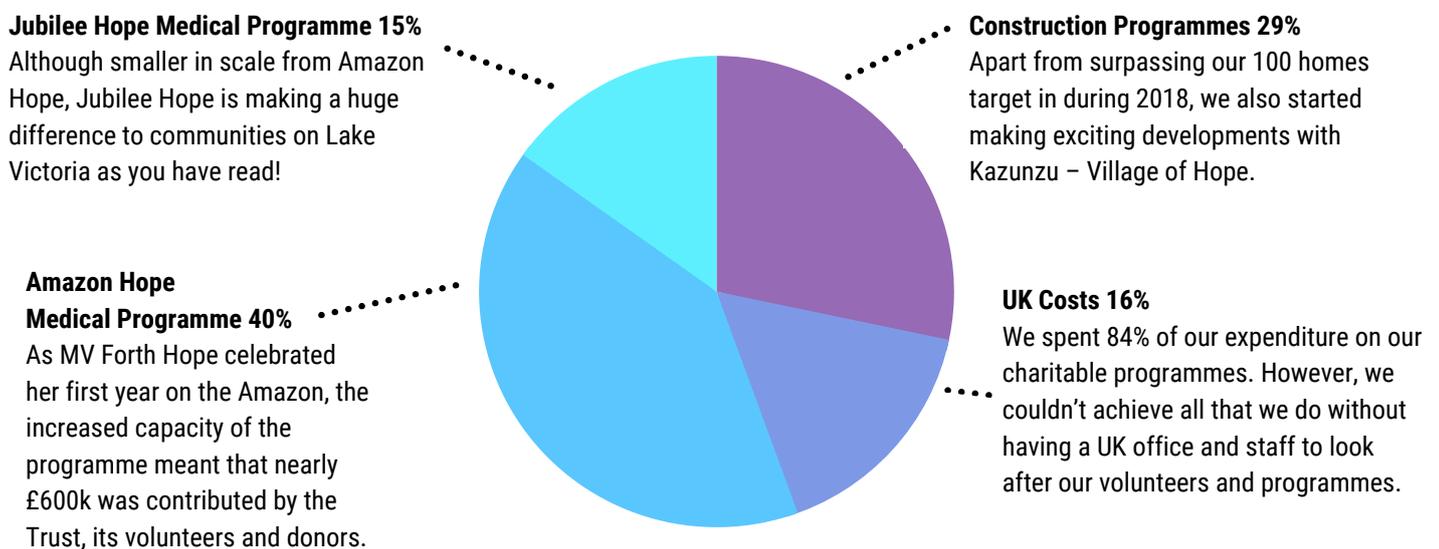
Where does our money come from?

Excluding income for optional third party expeditions, income totalled £1.47m and comes from a variety of sources.



How do we spend funds?

Excluding depreciation and the cost of optional third party expeditions, expenditure totalled £1.47m. Here is how it was spent.



A Call To Action

First and foremost, we are a volunteering charity. We do not have a fundraising department, rather our community of supporters and volunteers raise the funds to volunteer or support our work in a sustainable way. Anyone can be part of our story, please join us today.



Volunteer

Join us on an adventure to Peru or Tanzania and help some of the most remote and most vulnerable communities in the world. There are opportunities for everyone to get involved so why not get a team together?



Fundraise

Whether a sponsored run, bake sale or silent auction, fundraising can be a fun way to raise funds whilst involving your family and friends and putting your skills and hobbies to good use.



Share

Whether hosting a talk, passing on this publication or simply sharing our social media. Word of mouth can be a powerful tool in getting the stories of those we serve heard!



Donate

As you've seen, 84% of funds spent in 2018 was on running our overseas programmes so you can be sure that your hard-earned pennies will be helping those most in need. Whether one-off or regular, every donation is appreciated and serves as encouragement to us.

Find out more at www.vinetrust.org/donate



To find out about how your local school or youth group can get involved email: expeditions@vinetrust.org



To find out about how you can join our medical ships in Peru or Tanzania email: health@vinetrust.org



To find out about how you can get involved with our construction projects email: expeditions@vinetrust.org

Thank You!

After 34 years The Very Rev. Albert Bogle has decided to step down as Chairman of the Trust. It is a great honour and privilege to be asked to take over the role of Chair with effect from February 2019. Albert's vision and passion for connecting people to transform lives has been instrumental in him setting up the Trust, initially in response to the Ethiopian famine in 1985. Since 2002, the Trust has focussed on Peru and Tanzania. It has grown to become a well established volunteering charity supporting local partners to provide a primary healthcare service to the people living in the most remote and deeply impoverished parts of Amazonia and on the islands of Lake Victoria, while also providing accommodation for some of the most vulnerable.

I am extremely proud of the work of our volunteers and our local teams in both countries and the huge support from across many countries to finance this work. The work from our medical and dental volunteers, our schools volunteers, the volunteers from corporates and the many individual volunteers is truly amazing. The impact on the partners and communities with whom we work is huge but the impact on us as volunteers is often more dramatic.

'Connecting People to Change Lives' is our strapline and as you read this Impact Report, I appeal to you to think of volunteering yourself (or do it again!) If you have already volunteered – thank you and please keep connected; if you have supported the Trust financially – thank you and please continue to do so; if you are unable to volunteer or give financially – use your own connections and ask a friend or family member. In any event, please continue to pray for the work and help us make connections that will bring about changed lives.

On behalf of the Board, I thank our Chief Executive, Rev Willie McPherson and the teams based in Leith (Scotland), Iquitos / Lima (Peru), and Moshi /Mwanza (Tanzania) for your commitment and massive effort in making connections which are lasting and transformational. Thank you !

Alec Carstairs
Chair



Vine Trust Board



Mr Alec Carstairs
Chair

A chartered accountant and former partner at EY for 25 years, Alec has supported Vine Trust since 2003. Alec has volunteered and visited our projects, and previously convened the Finance and Personnel Committee. We look forward to Alec's leadership as we continue into the year.



Mr Alasdair Munro
Vice Chair

Alasdair worked as a consultant general surgeon in Inverness from 1978-2003. Since then he has contributed to the development of the Centre for Health Science at Inverness. A board member for 5 years, one of Alasdair's interests is developing healthcare education.



Ms Mairi Fraser

Mairi was the Vine Trust's first volunteer on the first work party to Peru in 2003 and has since joined us as a board member and expedition leader. Formerly a teacher of art and design, Mairi now runs a small gift shop in Inverness.



Mr Neil Graham

Having been involved with Vine Trust since 1999, Neil's commitment to volunteering was recognised by his employer, Royal Bank of Scotland by way of an award. Neil has led and encouraged volunteers in both Peru and Tanzania.



Mrs Feri Ross

On the board since 2015, Feri worked as an engineer in the UK and US for some years, at the time registered CEng and MIMechE. Feri retains some business interests through raising a family, she is also a leader with the Duke of Edinburgh Award and an adviser with Citizens Advice Scotland.



Mrs Shona Mason

Shona is a specialty dentist and honorary clinical teacher at Dundee Dental Hospital and School. An almost annual volunteer dentist with the Amazon Hope programme since 2006, Shona has been part of the Trust's medical committee since 2009.



Mr Malcolm Webb

Joining the board in 2018, Malcolm is a Chartered Accountant and works in the Oil & Gas industry in Aberdeen. A supporter of Vine Trust for many years, Malcolm travelled to Tanzania in October 2017 to see first-hand the work of our medical and construction programmes.



Ms Fiona Smith

New to the board in 2018, Fiona is a coach and consultant who works with minority groups and organisations that want to create more inclusive cultures. She is a senior HR and Organisational Development professional who has worked in the private, public and not for profit sectors.



Captain Peter Hall

Involved with the Vine Trust since 2000, Peter was part of the team who sailed the Amazon Hope to Iquitos. Recently retired from the marine industry, he continues his interests through being a trustee and non - executive director of charitable organisations and an ambassador for Trinity House and the marine industry.



It is our great privilege to congratulate The Very Rev Albert Bogle at the end of his service as Chairman of the Vine Trust Board. Albert has provided invaluable direction and vision to Vine Trust over the course of 34 years and we wish him well as he continues with us as Founder and Chaplain to the board.

VineTrust

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For more information:

If you would like to know more about how you can help Vine Trust provide valuable support to vulnerable communities in Peru and Tanzania, please contact us:

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Thank you for helping us connect people to change lives!