



(Registered UK Charity No. 1037735)

### **The Rotary Jaipur Limb - Overview**

The Rotary Jaipur Limb (RJL) Project is a proactive fund-raising and project-initiating charitable organisation that was established in 1984 and became a registered charity in 1994.

The charity is managed by trustees, assisted by several co-opted managers, who divide their time between raising awareness of the project amongst Rotarians in Great Britain and Ireland, identifying appropriate sites for projects - principally in India and Africa - and assisting in the preparation of programmes, budgets and financing for those projects. The bulk of their work in India revolves around Limb camps, with as many as 3000 patients turning up for help, but in Africa and other countries outside India they establish new permanent centres and provide on-going support for them by way of technician training, materials and equipment.

The activities of the Charity are supported by a body of Rotarians drawn from all over the Rotary International regions.

Originally established in 1984 by Rotarian Peter Betteridge and his wife Jessamine, RJL started supporting disabled men, women and children to receive a Jaipur Limb - a below-knee prosthesis, made at the limb making workshops of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) at the Sawai Man Singh (SMS) hospital in Jaipur, India – and other mobility aids. In 1988 the RJL project was included in the RotaryGBI Projects Library for the first time.

In 1990 Rotarians became increasingly involved with organizing camps and centres elsewhere in India and elsewhere in the world.

1990 saw the establishment of the first permanent Jaipur Limb Centre in Nairobi, Kenya.

During the early 1990s, limb camps were established in Honduras, Central America and in several African countries, as well as in Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal, Asia.

In May 1994, RJL was registered as a Charitable organisation in England & Wales

Over the years, the work of the trustees and managers has ensured a continuing flow of projects, including limb camps, corrective surgery camps and permanent centres across the Indian sub-continent, Africa, and most recently in Haiti.

To finance the activities of the Charity, the Trustees and team members continue to generate considerable support from Rotary, Inner Wheel, Rotaract and Interact clubs across RotaryGBI and increasingly from groups and individuals outside the Rotary family. The enthusiasm for this special project by so many Rotarians has pushed the Trust to a level of activity never envisaged in the early years.

The Charity is now seeking the appointment of a dedicated sessional fundraising officer to aid its growing portfolio of new and existing projects. More about its history [here](#)