



REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1036153  
C/O SPOTTED DOG COTTAGE, WHORLTON, BARNARD CASTLE DL12 8XQ

#### **TRUSTEES:**

**JOHN DOUGLAS GILLON – CHAIRMAN**  
**ANNE ELIZABETH WILKINSON – SECRETARY/TREASURER**  
**IAN DAVID WILKINSON**

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

The aims of the Hwange Conservation Society continue to be to provide help and support to Hwange National Park in Zimbabwe in whatever way possible. This includes provision of funds for projects which will have a long-term and practical effect on the operation of the Park and/or which will benefit the wildlife of the Park.

The charity continues to be run by the above-named trustees who are all volunteers and who take no payment for what they do. Each trustee pays their own costs in the way of phone, internet, stationery and postage and no claims for expenses are submitted. This allows the charity to use every single penny raised for its stated aims. We operate from our own homes and our only overheads are for our web site domain renewal (every two years) and a yearly charge for our web site editor licence and auditing costs.

We continue to work with our colleagues in Zimbabwe, all of whom have charitable status, namely Friends of Hwange, the Bhejane Trust and Wildlife & Environment Zimbabwe. All support we offer, whether in the forms of goods or financial donations, is channelled through one of these organisations, many of whose people are personally known to us. No donation of any kind is ever given direct to any governmental organisation.

During 2025 the main thrust of our work was to continue to support the game water supply system within Hwange National Park. The Park has little in the way of year-round natural water so an artificial supply in the form of pumped waterholes is essential for the welfare of the wildlife by providing drinking water for them, particularly important during the dry season. To this end, during the year, we provided some £5170.00 to the Bhejane Trust and Friends of Hwange to purchase spare parts and fuel to continue the maintenance of waterholes in their respective areas. In addition to this, we also donated £1972.00 to the Bhejane Trust to provide funds for maintenance work at one particular waterhole of strategic importance (Mafa's Pan). Still on the subject of game water supply, we have sponsored the wages of one game water scout for the Bhejane Trust to the tune of £4500.00 over the past 18 months and we hope to continue with this sponsorship for as long as possible. Sponsoring wages in this way allows the Bhejane Trust to have confidence in their ability to provide staff to carry out this essential work and also helps provide enough staff to do this.

Thanks to a generous donation from one of our supporters we were able to fund the purchase (via Friends of Hwange) of equipment for some of their scouts. This donation enabled them to purchase much-needed uniforms, first aid kits and food rations for these people. It also helped them to set up a vegetable garden at their base to provide fresh vegetables for the scouts. An additional purchase from this donation was for badly-needed replacement tractor tyres, tractors being one of the many essential vehicles needed to work within the Park.

On top of this we have committed to sponsoring two extra anti-poaching staff for the Bhejane Trust. Poaching is one of the scourges of Hwange National Park so the decision to help in this way was both easy and important. We paid an initial £4353.00 for the initial wages and set-up costs (uniforms, tents, etc.) for two additional scouts who are now undergoing training. This will be a huge bonus for the Bhejane Trust and their work as it will enable their anti-poaching team to cover much more ground and be much more proactive in tracking down poachers.

It is worth noting that providing funds for employing personnel does not just help the Park itself – it also provides much-needed work (and thus income) for people in a country where there is no welfare benefit system – employment provides income not just for the person employed but also for their wider family.

We feel very much that the work we have funded during 2025 has been of immense benefit both to the Park and its wildlife but also to the people who work there, giving a positive impact all round.

All this funding would, of course, be impossible without the support of our members. We are lucky enough to have a small but loyal band of members and supporters for which we are extremely grateful. During 2025, our principal funds came from memberships and donations. We received two extremely generous donations from a supporter in the United States and were also lucky enough to receive two large donations from UK members. For many years now we have submitted an annual application to the T.D. Patron Trust in Edinburgh and they have supported our work for some time now. At the end of 2024, we were given a grant of £10,000.00 which was paid in early 2025 and in 2025 itself we again were given a grant of £15,000.00 which was paid in late 2025. We also continue to file an annual gift aid application with HMRC.

We start 2026 on a sound financial footing and are determined to use our funds to the further benefit of Hwange National Park and its wildlife.

Signed:

  

**John Gillon**  
Chairman

**Anne Wilkinson**  
Secretary/Treasurer

**Ian Wilkinson**  
Trustee

14.3.26



Charity Name Hwange Conservation Society	No (if any) 1036153
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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2025	To	Period end date 31/12/2025
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### 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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grants	25,000	-	-	25,000	
Donations	16,201	-	-	16,201	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>41,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,201</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>41,201</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,201</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Website	162	-	-	162	
Repairs & Projects	11,590	-	-	11,590	
Sponsorship	4,454	-	-	4,454	
Bank Charges	14	-	-	14	
Donations	2,842	-	-	2,842	
Wages	4,504	-	-	4,504	
		-	-	-	
		-	-	-	
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>23,565</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,565</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>23,565</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,565</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>17,636</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,636</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>8,545</b>	-	-	<b>8,545</b>	
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>26,180</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,180</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Bank & Cash Accounts	26,180		-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	26,180	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Office Furniture & Equipment		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Creditors	2633	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
<i>John D. Gillon</i>	JOHN D. GILLON	23/3/26
<i>A-E Wilkinson</i>	ANNE E. WILKINSON	28/3/26

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Accounting Statement

Receipts and Payments Basis  
For the Year to 31st December, 2025

<u>Receipts</u>	2025
Gifts, donations and other voluntary receipts	41,201
Receipts from Trading activities	-
Receipts earned from assets	-
<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>41,201</u>
<u>Payments</u>	
Payments directly for charitable purposes	
Payments for publicity and fundraising, management and administration	23,565
<u>Total payments</u>	<u>23,565</u>
<u>Net Receipts / (Payments)</u>	<u>17,636</u>
Cash funds Last Year End	<u>8,545</u>
Cash Funds This Year End	<u>26,180</u>

The Charity has no restricted funds  
The Charity has no endowment funds

The Accounting Statement and the Statement of Assets and Liabilities has been prepared on the  
"Receipts and Payments" basis and comply with the requirements of S.42(3) of the Charities Act  
1993

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

.....*R-E. Harrison*.....

Approved by the Board of Trustees on - 28/3/26

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities  
as at 31st December, 2025

Cash Funds

Cash in Hand	-
Bank Current Account	26,180
Bank Reserve Account	
<b>Total Cash Funds</b>	<b>26,180</b>

Assets Retained for Charity's Own Use

General Account					
	Bfwd	Bought	Depn	Cfwd	
Office Furniture and Equipment				-	-
Debtors					

Liabilities

General Account	2,633
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees

*A. E. Harrison*  
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Approved by the Board of Trustees on - 28/3/26



# 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  
Hwange Conservation Society

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31 December 2025

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1036153

**Set out on pages**

1 to 2

(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 DD / MM / YYYY.

**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:**

**Date:**

11 March 2026

**Name:**

Alan Dixon

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

ICPA

**Address:**

Church View, High Etherley

Bishop Auckland

County Durham DL14 0HS

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.**