

Charity registration number 1047083

**RHINO ARK UK**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

# RHINO ARK UK

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Mr J N Bowden Mr C N Kuhle Sir C D Kaberry Bt. Mr W T Latta Ms H M Feather Mr K R D B Shah Mr I R Purcell Mr B Woodhams (Appointed 16 April 2024)
President	Lord Aberdare DL
Patrons	Jonathan Scott Robert Lindsay
Charity number	1047083
Principal address	Acom Wood Swan Lane Edenbridge Kent TN8 6AH
Independent Examiner	Place Campbell Wilmington House High Street East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3AU
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill West Mailing Kent ME19 4JQ

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# **RHINO ARK UK**

## **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The Trustees of Rhino Ark UK present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024. The charity number is 1047083 and its office's principal address is Acorn Wood, Swan Lane, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6AH.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

#### **Objectives and activities**

The object of the Charity is to assist in the protection and preservation of the fauna and flora, in particular but not exclusively, the black rhino in the Aberdare Park Rhino Sanctuary, and other mountain eco systems within East Africa.

Since 1995 the management of the charity and fundraising activities have been undertaken by the Trustees and Volunteers, none of whom received any remuneration in the year.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission (including those on public benefit) in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

#### **Achievements and performance**

We continued to promote our aims and lift our profile of the work that is carried out by The Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust in the environment and biodiversity areas in Kenya. We submitted several applications for a variety of grants for funding in particular of continuing the building of Mount Kenya fence, conservation and safety of the black rhino in the Aberdares and rainwater harvesting at schools in our conservation education programme. All this work will help to severely reduce human wildlife conflict and make safe routes for children to pass to school as well as providing a safe source of water at the schools. This also covers working with local communities who provide much support in helping in cessation of killing, poaching, snaring of wildlife, illegal logging for both charcoal and burning as fuel and degradation of the biodiversity where they live.

The annual major fundraising event – The Rhino Charge in Kenya – was held again and raised £94,272 before Gift Aid recovery. Our Trustee John Bowden continued his success in the event as his Car No 9 was the winner of the unmodified vehicles for the fourth year in a row.

The London Marathon was also held in October and our commendable five runners raised £9,977 before Gift Aid. This year we had four riders who took part in the 100 mile section of Ride London raising £4,130. We attended again four motor shows in the year at Goodwood Festival of Speed, Shere, Edenbridge and Stratford and are grateful for their sponsors to permit us free attendance and for those who donated at and visited our stands. In addition we attended the Kenya in the Park event at Ealing Common, London, and obtained donations and new supporters.

Funds raised in 2023 for Rainwater Harvesting were successfully utilised at four schools in the Aberdares at the beginning of the year and a further six schools had systems commenced towards the end of the year from net funds provided by the London Marathon and Ride London participants.

In May we held the inaugural UK Rhino Challenge at Pippingford Park in East Sussex which raised £2,786 in entry fees and sponsorship. This is a family cycling event for teams with a variety of small tasks. Attendees were from new and old supporters and were provided with refreshments and other items for sale by third parties. We thank also Pippingford Park Co Ltd for the hire of the area used.

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## **TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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In 2023 Lucy Shepherd, the acclaimed explorer, attended our dinner and this was followed by her visit to our supported projects in Kenya. As a result of this visit she was appointed Rhino Ark's first Global Ambassador in 2024. Lucy will be giving a presentation for us at the Royal Geographical Society on 25th February 2025 when she will be "in discussion connecting conservation with communities" through her various travels including those to Kenya.

Through 2025 we will continue to make grant applications, raising our profile on social media, attending shows and events where practical and supporting our fundraisers. We also look to form new corporate and trust partnerships.

#### **Financial review**

We take this opportunity to thank all our donors across the fundraising events and those making general donations towards our aims. We also thank the team from Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust for their support in providing relevant documentation and fundraising material.

As a result of grant making requests we wish to thank again The Big Give Green Fund for £5,000 matching sum for some Rhino Charge supporter donations and the Eleanor Rathbone Trust Charitable for £1,000 towards rainwater harvesting materials for schools in the Aberdares.

The trustees are satisfied with the financial activity during the year and the position at the balance sheet date. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis and there are no uncertainties to report at this date.

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained to cover at least six months expenditure and that has been achieved in the year. The Trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in income, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. The level of reserve is reviewed every six months and if in surplus, then an agreement to donate is made further to discussions carried out with Rhino Ark Kenya.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Charity was formed by a Declaration of Trust on 15 May 1995 and registered with the Charity Commission on 8 June 1995. A new Declaration of Trust was made on 7 March 2013.

The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr J N Bowden

Mr C N Kuhle

Sir C D Kaberry Bt.

Mr P C R Orr

(Resigned 16 April 2024)

Mr W T Latta

Ms H M Feather

Mr K R D B Shah

Mr I R Purcell

Mr B Woodhams

(Appointed 16 April 2024)

In selecting individuals for appointment as trustees, the trustees must have regards to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the charity.

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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The day-to-day management of the charity has been delegated to Sir C Kaberry Bt. in the year with relevant support from all trustees. Six of our trustees visited Kenya in the year to see and discuss the projects being carried out by Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust.

The Board held four formal meetings in the year.

#### Safeguarding

All Trustees and visitors to Kenya on behalf of the Charity are made aware of the Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust policies for Safeguarding and Child Protection and requested to abide by them. These policies are posted on the rhinoark.org website on the front page. Our own Safeguarding policies are also available on the website under our own page.

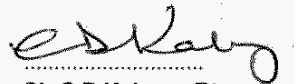
The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Mr J N Bowden

Trustee

Dated: 18/3/25



Sir C D Kaberry Bt.

Trustee

Dated: 18/3/25

# **RHINO ARK UK**

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material 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 operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## RHINO ARK UK

### INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF RHINO ARK UK

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Rhino Ark UK (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. 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 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 charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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 financial statements to be reached.

Mr Mark Watkins



Place Campbell

#### Chartered Certified Accountants

Wilmington House  
High Street  
East Grinstead  
West Sussex  
RH19 3AU

Dated: 18 March 2025



# RHINO ARK UK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes		
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>			
Charitable Income	2	128,773	121,769
Investments	3	919	1,058
<b>Total income</b>		<b>129,692</b>	<b>122,827</b>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>			
Raising funds		8,324	11,390
Charitable activities		6,042	5,171
Remittance to Charitable Trust	8	130,000	100,000
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>144,366</b>	<b>116,561</b>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(14,674)</b>	<b>6,266</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		33,840	27,574
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2024</b>		<b>19,166</b>	<b>33,840</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	7,282		7,987	
Cash at bank and in hand		14,284		28,953	
		<u>21,566</u>		<u>36,940</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Other creditors	12	2,400		3,100	
		<u></u>		<u></u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			19,166		33,840
<b>Net assets excluding pension liability</b>			19,166		33,840
			<u></u>		<u></u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted funds			19,166		33,840
			<u>19,166</u>		<u>33,840</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on

18 March 2025



Mr J N Bowden  
Trustee



Sir C D Kaberry Bt.  
Trustee

# **RHINO ARK UK**

## **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

#### **Charity information**

The Charity was formed by a Declaration of Trust on 15 May 1995 and registered with the Charity Commission on 8 June 1995. A new Declaration of Trust was made on 7 March 2013.

#### **1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document dated 7 March 2013, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

#### **1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustee has a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustee continues to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### **1.3 Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are income from investments received and are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives. There was no fund designated for other purposes.

#### **1.4 Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity received it.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of receipt.

#### **1.5 Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised on the accounts on an accrual basis.

Costs of generated funds are those incurred in attracting voluntary income, or incurred in fundraising activities.

Charitable expenditure comprises costs incurred by the charity providing activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Support and administration costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity and include any costs which cannot be specifically identified to any other expenditure.

#### **1.6 Financial instruments**

##### **Debtors and creditors receivable / payable within one year**

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising from impairment are recognised in the profit and loss account in other administrative expenses.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2 Charitable Income

	2024 £	2023 £
Event- Rhino Charge Kenya	94,272	82,712
Grants	1,000	8,255
Ride London Essex	4,130	1,103
London Marathon	9,977	11,898
Gift Aid Tax reclaims	10,917	7,421
Fund Raising Dinner	-	8,815
UK Rhino Challenge	2,786	-
Donations	5,691	1,565
	<u>128,773</u>	<u>121,769</u>

### 3 Income from investments

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	<u>919</u>	<u>1,058</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 4 Support costs

	Support costs	Governance costs	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	2,066	-	2,066	7,035
London marathon	3,568	-	3,568	3,960
Ride London Essex	1,077	-	1,077	395
UK Rhino Challenge	1,612	-	1,612	-
Insurance	126	-	126	267
Bank Charges	220	-	220	179
Fees	3,296	-	3,296	2,527
Independent examiner fees	-	2,402	2,402	2,198
	<u>11,965</u>	<u>2,402</u>	<u>14,367</u>	<u>16,561</u>
Analysed between				
Fundraising	8,323	-	8,323	11,390
Charitable activities	3,642	2,402	6,044	5,171
	<u>11,965</u>	<u>2,402</u>	<u>14,367</u>	<u>16,561</u>

### 5 Net movement in funds

	2024	2023
	£	£
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>2,402</u>	<u>2,198</u>

### 6 Trustees

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year. Trustees' travel expenses to and from Kenya and whilst in Kenya are borne by themselves. During the year expenses of Nil(2023 £1,043), incurred on behalf of the charity were reimbursed to trustee Sir C Kaberry Bt.

### 7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 8 Remittance to Charitable Trust of Rhino Ark Kenya

During the year £130,000 (2023 £100,000) was donated to Rhino Ark Kenya Charitable Trust, an associated charity.

### 9 Taxation

The charity is exempt from taxation on its activities because all its income is applied for charitable purposes.

### 10 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments	7,282	7,987
	<u>7,282</u>	<u>7,987</u>

### 11 Balance Sheet Valuation

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks and bank overdrafts.

Creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price.

### 12 Other creditors falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals	2,400	3,100
	<u>2,400</u>	<u>3,100</u>

### 13 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2024 £
General funds	33,840	129,692	(144,366)	19,166
	<u>33,840</u>	<u>129,692</u>	<u>(144,366)</u>	<u>19,166</u>
Previous year:	At 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	At 31 December 2023 £
General funds	27,574	122,827	(116,561)	33,840
	<u>27,574</u>	<u>122,827</u>	<u>(116,561)</u>	<u>33,840</u>