

**Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**

**Report of the Trustees and**

**Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**Registered Charity No. 1074459**

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**Charity Information**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

<b>TRUSTEES:</b>	Sarah Williams (Chair) Rupert Wright Tessa Gaisman John Elliott
<b>PRINCIPAL OFFICE:</b>	15 Hamilton Gardens Burnham SL1 7AA
<b>CHARITY REGISTRATION:</b>	1074459
<b>BANKERS:</b>	Barclays Bank PLC Piccadilly Corporate Banking Centre Pall Mall Corporate Group PO Box 15165 London SW1A 1QF
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**Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**  
**Report of the Trustees**  
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The trustees present their report with the unaudited financial statements of the Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

**CHARITABLE DEED**

The Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK) is an incorporated charity governed by Charitable Deed dated 31<sup>st</sup> December 1998 and is registered with the Charity Commission, number 1074459.

**TRUSTEES**

The trustees during the year under review were:

Sarah Williams (Chair)
Rupert Wright
Tessa Gaisman
John Elliott

The trustees have the power to appoint suitable new members of the board by unanimous vote. New trustees must be made fully informed about the objectives and past and current activities of the charity, receive minutes of meetings, copies of the accounts, and Charity Commission guidance on how to be an effective trustee. The Trustees are responsible for preparing and approving the annual report and financial statements, which are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities. They are also responsible for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees receive no remuneration but are encouraged to visit India at their own expense to monitor work supported by the charity. The charity has no direct employees.

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The purposes of the Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK) (referred to hereafter as 'WPSI (UK)' or 'the charity'), is to protect the tiger and other wildlife of India and to assist in conserving the forests of India and generally to assist in the conservation of the environment of India in the interest of its people.

The main activities of the charity are to carry out fund raising and to support the charity's objective to protect wild tigers and other wildlife in India and to conserve the environment. WPSI (UK) also supports a number of forest community assistance projects, including work to mitigate human-animal conflict.

The aim of the charity is to see wild tiger numbers and tiger habitat in India grow or stabilise, to reduce poaching and the illegal trade in tiger parts, and to assist poor forest communities, including by supporting mitigation measures to reduce human-wildlife conflict. A highly respected charity registered in India under the Societies Registration Act No. S/27248, Wildlife Protection Society of India, is largely selected and funded to carry out the fieldwork in India. The projects in India are regularly monitored by WPSI (UK)'s trustees (at their own expense, the trustees receive no remuneration) to assess the money spent and successful outputs of the work funded by the charity.

In all its objectives and activities, the trustees of WPSI (UK) have paid due diligence to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The charity's activities benefit the public through education and information on wildlife conservation and environmental protection, improved security for iconic species and their habitat such as the tiger and other wildlife in India, support and information to enforcement authorities and decision makers, and improved safety and livelihood opportunities for communities that live around critical wildlife habitats in India.

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020, funds were raised to combat the illegal trade in tiger parts and for Project EcoFemme.

In the Financial Statements the restricted funds for "Sundarbans School", "Tiger Protection" and "Project EcoFemme" is the grouping of donations from organisations and individuals who have specified their wish for their funds to be used for the school in the Sundarbans or to save the tiger, or to help local women protect their environment by using healthy eco-friendly products, rather than for general use in protecting wildlife in India.

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Except for a very modest expenditure for accounting purposes, the charity has no overheads and all the funds raised go towards supporting fieldwork to achieve its objectives. WPSI (UK)'s short-term and longer-term objectives are to pursue the purpose of the charity. The scale of work, and the achievements, will depend on the amount of funds raised.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have complied with section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

**RELATED PARTIES AND CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

**Mrs Anne Wright, MBE** – Trustee, Mr. R Wright's mother

Anne Wright is President of the Wildlife Protection Society of India. She is resident in India and an Indian citizen and heads the seven-member Board of the Society, which is registered under India's Societies Registration Act No. S/27248.

Anne Wright is a well-known wildlife conservationist in India. She is a Founder Trustee of WWF-India, Chairperson of The Rhino Foundation for Nature in North East India, and a Member of the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group. She was a Member of the Indian Board for Wildlife for 19 years and on the original Tiger Task Force for Project Tiger, both of which were constituted under the chairmanship of then Prime Minister of India, Mrs Indira Gandhi. Anne Wright was also a member of seven State Government Wildlife Advisory Boards from 1972 to 1996 and of the West Bengal Environment Council, and she is the former Governor of the Assam Valley Wildlife Society. Anne Wright was awarded the Order of the Golden Ark in 1979, an M.B.E. from HM Queen Elizabeth II in 1983 and the Balipara Foundation Lifetime Service Award from the Chief Minister of Assam in 2013.

**Ms Belinda Wright, OBE** – Trustee, Mr. R Wright's sister

Belinda Wright is an Ex-Officio Member of the Board and the Executive Director of the Wildlife Protection Society of India.

Belinda Wright is a renowned tiger conservationist and wildlife campaigner, also resident in India, who is the Founder and Executive Director of the Wildlife Protection Society of India. Until recently, she was a member of the State Wildlife Board of Rajasthan, and in her capacity as the Executive Director of Wildlife Protection Society of India, a Member of the State Wildlife Advisory Boards of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh, and a former Member of the National Board for Wildlife (2007- 2010) chaired by the Prime Minister of India. She is also an Honorary Wildlife Warden of NCT Delhi, a Member of the IUCN/SSC Cat Specialist Group, a member of the Network of Experts for the Global Initiative for Transnational Organised Crime, an Emeritus Director of the International Crane Foundation, and a Patron of the Indian Chapter of The Society for the Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA). Before turning to full-time conservation work in 1994, she was a wildlife photographer, an Emmy Award winning filmmaker, and the author of five books. In June 2003, Belinda was awarded the O.B.E. from HM Queen Elizabeth II of the United Kingdom for "services to the protection of wildlife and endangered species in India". In April 2005 she received the Carl Zeiss Wildlife Conservation Award. She was elected an Ashoka Senior Fellow in 2009, and in November 2012 received the Sanctuary Lifetime Service Award. In 2016, Belinda received the prestigious NDTV Indian of the Year 2015 award for her work in saving wild tigers.

**ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

In 2020 WPSI (UK)'s fundraising activities were significantly impacted because of the Covid-19 pandemic. However, a couple of unrestricted legacy payments were very gratefully received - £50,000 from the estate of the late GM Gautam and £5,000 from the estate of the late Rosemary Bagley. These funds have yet to be called for by Wildlife Protection Society of India in Delhi but as they adapt their programmes to the challenges of the pandemic, which have hit rural India particularly hard, they are expected to be drawn down soon to support field activities in the fight against wildlife crime, community conservation efforts in Tiger Reserves and in the Sundarbans.

£8,436 was expended by WPSI (UK) to Wildlife Protection Society of India in Delhi in support of Project Ecofemme but the programme has been severely delayed because of the pandemic and will be resumed as soon as the situation on the ground improves.

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Project EcoFemme is an initiative to help poor tribal women & girls living around the fringes of Kanha Tiger Reserve in central India, by distributing organic, washable and reusable, eco-friendly menstruation pads. Because of the stigma attached to this issue, rural women often use unsanitary and potentially harmful methods, such as old rags and even mud. Cervical cancer and other infections are widespread. By helping to address this problem we will not only be helping the women, but also gaining their support for wildlife conservation initiatives. It will also help stop the spread of potentially dangerous waste in tiger habitat.

£921 was provided this year for office costs and travel expenses to the Wildlife Protection Society of India.

## **ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

### **Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and are in accordance with applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities.

## **ACTIVITIES**

During the period WPSI (UK) continued to carry out fund-raising activities in support of the Charity's activities. A total of £56,160 of donations were received, and £8,436 was expended in support of the Wildlife Protection Society of India and the Environmental Investigation Agency for tiger and other wildlife conservation efforts.

## **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

As at the 31 December 2020, the charity has unrestricted reserves of £93,588 and restricted reserves of £25,078. The charity does not intend to change its aims and objectives. The trustees believe that the activities that the charity supports are achieving the purpose of the charity, and that funds raised are being effectively used to help protect the tiger and other wildlife of India, to assist in conserving the forests and environment of India in the interest of its people, and to help safeguard local forest communities from human-animal conflict.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice). The law applicable to charities in England 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 income and expenditure of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

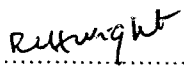
- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures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

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which 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/constitution. 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

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**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

  
.....  
Mr R Wright  
Trustee

Date: 09/05/2022

**Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**  
**Independent Examiner's Report**  
**To the Trustees of the Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

**Independent examiners report to the Trustees of Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK) ("the charity") for the year ended 31 December 2020.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and 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 material 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 accounts do not comply with these records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the 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 accounts to be reached.

  
.....  
Michelle Ferris FCA

Albert Goodman LLP  
Goodwood House  
Blackbrook Park Avenue  
Taunton  
Somerset  
TA1 2PX

Date: 12/05/2022



**Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

			<u>31.12.20</u>	<u>31.12.19</u>
Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>INCOME</b>				
		Restricted	Unrestricted	Total
				Total
Donations		500	55,660	56,160
Fees received		-	-	-
Interest receivable	2	-	72	72
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<u>500</u>	<u>55,732</u>	<u>56,232</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Direct Charitable Expenditure- grants paid		8,436	-	8,436
Contribution to Office Costs in India		-	921	921
Online Donation Admin Fees			216	216
Independent Examiners Fee			642	642
Bank charges		-	-	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<u>8,436</u>	<u>1,779</u>	<u>10,215</u>
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>		(7,936)	53,953	46,017
Resources brought forward		<u>33,014</u>	<u>39,635</u>	<u>72,649</u>
<b>RESOURCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>25,078</u>	<u>93,588</u>	<u>118,666</u>

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**Balance Sheet**  
**As at 31 December 2020**

		<u>31.12.20</u>	<u>31.12.19</u>
	Notes	£	£
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			
Debtors – Gift aid		984	984
Balance at Bank Current Ac		559	491
Balance at Bank Premium Ac		<u>117,710</u>	<u>71,761</u>
		119,253	73,236
<b>CREDITORS:</b> Amounts falling due within one year		(587)	(587)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS:</b>		<u>118,666</u>	<u>72,649</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES:</b>		<u>118,666</u>	<u>72,649</u>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>			
Restricted Resources	3	23,361	33,014
Unrestricted Resources	3	<u>95,305</u>	<u>39,635</u>
		<u>118,666</u>	<u>72,649</u>

THE ACCOUNTS WERE APPROVED BY THE TRUSTEES ON ....09/05/2022..... AND SIGNED ON THEIR BEHALF BY:

.....  
 Mr R Wright  
 TRUSTEE

**Wildlife Protection Society of India (UK)**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
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**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in £ sterling on the historical cost basis and in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

**Income**

These are included gross of related expenditure in the Statement of Financial Activities ('SoFA') when the charity becomes entitled to the resources, is virtually certain they will receive the resources, and can measure the monetary value with sufficient reliability.

Investment income is recognised on a receivable basis.

**Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to the category.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

**Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprise of cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

**Creditors**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Trust has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at their settlement amount.

**Taxation**

The Charity is exempt from tax to the extent that income and gains are used in advancement of charitable objects.

**Funds**

General funds are unrestricted funds receivable or generated for the objects of the Trust without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets this criterion is charged to the fund, together with a fair allocation of management and support costs.

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**2. INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME**

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	£
Bank Interest	<u>72</u>	<u>143</u>

**3. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENTS IN FUNDS**

	Opening Balance 01.01.20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.12.20 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
American Himalayan Foundation	1,717	-	-	(1,717)	-
Sundarbans School	-	-	-	-	-
Tiger Protection	22,582	-	-	-	22,582
Project EcoFemme	8,715	500	(8,436)	-	779
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>33,014</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(8,436)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,361</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	39,635	55,732	(1,779)	1,717	95,305
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>72,649</u>	<u>56,232</u>	<u>(10,215)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,666</u>

	Opening Balance 01.01.19 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Closing Balance 31.12.19 £
<b>Restricted funds</b>					
American Himalayan Foundation	1,717	-	-	-	1,717
Sundarbans School	-	-	-	-	-
Tiger Protection	22,582	-	-	-	22,582
Project EcoFemme	8,381	334	-	-	8,715
<b>Total restricted funds</b>	<u>32,680</u>	<u>334</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,014</u>
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
General	38,976	877	(218)	-	39,635
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>71,656</u>	<u>1,211</u>	<u>(218)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,649</u>

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Notes to restricted funds:-

- American Himalayan Foundation have funded joint field operations between WPSI and the Environmental Investigation Agency actively combating and disrupting the illegal trade in tigers and tiger parts from India through Nepal and China in conjunction with local and national law enforcement agencies. The remaining funds are historic foreign exchange gains as the initial grant was paid in USD, and therefore these funds have been transferred to unrestricted funds as the project had finished in previous years.
- Sundarbans School is an initiative to improve the early years learning of the local community around WPSI's Tiger Conservation Centre in the Sundarbans region and to educate them to actively embrace and protect their wildlife and habitats rather than harming them in the course of development.
- Tiger Protection is the grouping of donations from organisations and individuals who have specified their wish for their funds to be used to save the tiger rather than for general use in protecting wildlife in India.
- Project EcoFemme is an initiative to help poor tribal women living around the fringes of Kanha Tiger Reserve in central India, by distributing eco-friendly, washable and reusable menstruation pads. This initiative will help gain the support of local women for critical wildlife conservation efforts, and stop the spread of potentially dangerous waste in tiger habitat.

**4. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2020 £
Restricted Funds	-	23,361	23,361
Unrestricted Funds	-	95,305	95,305
	-	118,666	118,666

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Net Current Assets £	Total 2019 £
Restricted Funds	-	33,014	33,014
Unrestricted Funds	-	39,635	39,635
	-	72,649	72,649

**5. TRUSTEE'S REMUNERATION**

None of the trustees were remunerated nor did they receive any expenses. (2019- none)

The charity has no employees and therefore no employees with remuneration over £60,000. (2019- no employees)

**6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURE**

During the year, the Trust made payments totalling £ 8,436 (2019: £ nil) to the Wildlife Protection Society of India, a charity in which Ms B Wright is the founder and executive director.

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**7. PRIOR YEAR STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

			<u>31.12.19</u>	<u>31.12.18</u>
<b>INCOME</b>	£	£	£	£
	Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Donations	334	734	1,068	11,273
Fees received	-	-	-	-
Interest receivable	-	143	143	131
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>877</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>11,404</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Direct Charitable Expenditure – grants paid	-	-	-	-
Contribution to Office Costs in India	-	-	-	-
Online Donation Admin Fees	-	216	216	216
Independent Examiners Fee	-	-	-	618
Bank charges	-	2	2	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>834</b>
<b>NET INCOME/ (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR</b>	<b>334</b>	<b>659</b>	<b>993</b>	<b>10,570</b>
Resources brought forward	32,680	38,976	71,656	61,086
<b>RESOURCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<b>33,014</b>	<b>39,635</b>	<b>72,649</b>	<b>71,656</b>

**Donations Received for the Year Ended 31 December 2020**

	<u>31.12.20</u>
	£
Legacy in memory of G M Gautam	50,000
Legacy in memory of Rosemary Bagley	5,000
Deborah Banks for Sundarbans *	500
Charities Aid Foundation – WPSI Online	660
<b>** Restricted funds</b>	<b><u>56,160</u></b>