



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Jan	2023		31	Dec	2023

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name Orphans in the Wild

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1113719

Charity's principal address Rudgley House

Cold Pool Lane

Badgeworth, Glos

Postcode

GL51 4UP

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Jane Fox	Treasurer		
2	Simon Shercliff	Chairman		
3	Bruce Fox	Trustee		
4	Marion Gough	Trustee		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To relieve poverty, advance education, improve access and to provide facilities in the interest of social welfare, recreation, leisure and support with the object of improving the conditions of life for the people of Tanzania and their environment by the provision of such financial or material support and assistance as the trustees shall from time to time determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Orphans in the Wild supports Non Government Organisations (Ngo) in Tanzania, East Africa. The specific nature of the support is financial, increasing awareness of the plight of the children and families who are victims of AIDS, coordinating and shipping donated equipment and goods for schools, hospitals and orphanages.

The activities supported by Orphans in the Wild have been deemed to be of public benefit to the communities of Tanzania and the trustees have paid due regard to the guidance on public benefit as given by the Charities Commission of England and Wales. The communities are hard struck by the economic and social impact of HIV/AIDS.

Infection rates in this region of Tanzania (Mufindi District) are around 40% which is one of the highest in the country. The impact on the communities is evident in every walk of life. Anti-retro viral drugs are free but the administration is cumbersome and expensive. The disease impacts the working age group leaving the elderly and very young with no support. The children are often kept away from school to help support the family, especially the girls. The social structure of relatives taking in orphaned children from family is overwhelmed and breaking down leaving children very vulnerable.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Orphans in the Wild trustees have begun to build up an investment sum with the objective that the annual yield will create a sustainable income to pay for the care of those children in the Childrens Village. This decision was made in light of the pandemic and the vulnerability of such a project to the fluctuating nature of donations. Unlike other projects which can be scaled down or up depending on the value of donations, once children are in the Childrens Village they have nowhere else to go and therefore it is fundamental to secure a regular income for their care.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In line with the investment policy, a substantial investment has been made with the aim to create a sustainable income to protect the children under the care of Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation in Tanzania.

Orphans in the Wild supports the NGO Foxes Community and Wildlife Conservation Trust (FCWCT) in Mufindi, Tanzania. This has one of the highest infection rates of HIV/AIDS in the whole country.

At the Igoda Children's Village (ICV) we have continued to look after and care for the orphaned and vulnerable children in our care, ensuring the health and safety of them and all our staff. Tanzania's Government stipulates no children over 18 can remain in an orphanage. Also, some children fostered by the FCWCT have left the ICV to live with their relatives. Those who left, but are continuing their education, living in the nearby villages with families, have been monitored regularly and we continue to support them with food hampers, procuring accommodation and/or paying their school fees, uniforms and books.

There are currently 38 children at the ICV, 19 girls and 19 boys, all except 2 attend school. 2 are unable to attend due to disability.

There are currently 9 babies being cared for by 2 house mothers. According to directives from the District Social Welfare Mufindi DC there is a plan in place to transition care responsibilities over time back to known relatives of babies.

The Milk Powder programme is still generously sponsored by St Pius X Church in Bristol, UK - funds are all from volunteers' fundraising. Without this programme, many babies would not survive. Families of babies whose mothers have passed away or are unable to feed them, cannot afford milk powder and come to FCWCT for help. Until this programme started, babies were fed on a thick porridge-like drink known as uji, which is unsuitable to nourish such young infants. 21 babies are currently supported by this project.

The preschool programme has 53 children enrolled establishing key skills at an early age.

A mini hydropower plant has been established on the Nyamalongolo river aimed at supplying consistent and stable electricity to the ICV, Preschool and Vocational training centre. Construction began in November. Any surplus energy may be sold to provide an additional income stream.

13 Village Home Based Care volunteers continue to visit villagers in the Ihanu, Mdabulo and Luhunga wards in the district. The volunteers receive regular training in first aid and keep up with advising villagers to continue their hospital visits for HIV/Aids testing and treatment. They also assess who may need a visit by a visiting doctor if they are unable to reach the local hospital, which for them might be a long way to go with the limited transport facilities. During the year there were 3378 home visits made.

Over the past 16 years, FCWCT has been at the forefront of combating the HIV epidemic, but acknowledges that many vulnerable young children have been left traumatized, disadvantaged and in need of ongoing support. Therefore, we were thrilled to announce a new partnership between the Helsinki Deaconess Foundation Institute (HDI) in Finland and FCWCT in Tanzania, facilitating the launch of the Youth Agency Mufindi (YAM) project at the beginning of 2021, with funding committed by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA) for a period of four years. The YAM project is specifically tailored to empower young people and children with disabilities to address life challenges and lead dignified lives, while also empowering vulnerable young people to take charge of their lives through enhanced motivation, skills, and opportunities. FCWCT initiated this pilot project in 16 neighbouring villages, conducting various activities such as outreaches, needs assessments, treatment and rehabilitation efforts, caregiver training, provision of psychosocial support, as well as agricultural and forestry training. Additionally, entrepreneurship training is provided, with a focus on promoting gender equality whenever feasible. We work closely with local government entities to advocate for equal development and opportunities for vulnerable children and young people. To ensure effective implementation, we have established a Youth Projection Team and Village Child Protection Committees (VCPCs) to identify and deliver project support and training, addressing the challenges faced by disabled children and vulnerable youth. Collaborating with the University of Iringa (UoI) and the Tanzanian Association for Professional Counsellors and Psychotherapists (TAPCAP) enables us to leverage expertise in needs assessment, psychosocial support, and trainer training. INUKA (Southern Highlands Rehabilitation Centre) supports our efforts in addressing the rehabilitation needs of the disabled. Additionally, UoI provides entrepreneurship training to complement the skills training provided and enhance the project's impact. The YAM Project is overseen by Bruce Fox (FCWCT trustee) and Laura Jarvilehto (Deaconess coordinator), with the

Tanzanian team comprising the coordinator (Mr. Patuka), project manager (Zilipa Mgeni), accountant (Barick Chelulye), and project officers Danford Mkumba and Ushindi Lunyali.

The Sewing School has received a new curriculum and guidelines, slated to commence in 2024, following consultations involving instructors, the Project Team, Helmi Neuvonen (Finnish volunteer), the students and trustees. Ushindi Lunyali has been appointed to lead the sewing school. The newly equipped Carpentry School has been furnished with new workbenches, carpentry machines, and hand tools to welcome its first intake of young beneficiaries by the end of 2023.

Christopher Fox and his team have continued to make progress in protection the rainforests in Mufindi, an area very important to the watersheds of the savannah wildlife habitats, east and west of us. Christopher's team supports the environment with daily forest patrols over a forested area of 80 sq. km, considerably reducing the levels of wildlife poaching, whilst alerting the relevant authorities to other environmental abuses. This project has been selected as one of the 10 Prestigious Finalists in a Global shortlist of Conservation projects (Category: Track 1 - Community led Conservation Projects) recognized by the Co-hosts Esri and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) for their achievements. ArcGIS StoryMaps Finalists:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/2c6d6b62c74e4819b0575d3388157e54?item=3>
Saving the "Galapagos Islands" of Africa

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/2c1ca34b3e124d5890185d267b922d60>

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Charity is aiming to build up a reserve balance so that the day to day running of the Igoda Children's Village is protected against fluctuations in donations as unlike other programmes the children in the care of the Igoda Children's Village are vulnerable and the charity has a duty of care to them.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Fundraising relies on volunteers and is therefore erratic. We aim to reserve enough financing to cover the running costs of the Childrens village for a year.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jane Fox

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

14/6/24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Orphans in the Wild

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

Period end date
31/12/2023

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 £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	39,009	-	-	39,009	50,283
Interest	624	-	-	624	92
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	39,633	-	-	39,633	50,375
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	39,633	-	-	39,633	50,375
A3 Payments					
Projects	15,000	-	-	15,000	18,235
Admin	50	-	-	50	45
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	15,050	-	-	15,050	18,280
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Unit Trust	180,000	-	-	180,000	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	180,000	-	-	180,000	-
Total payments	195,050	-	-	195,050	18,280
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 155,417	-	-	- 155,417	32,095
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	196,595	-	-	196,595	164,500
Cash funds this year end	41,178	-	-	41,178	196,595

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Current Account	20,362	-	-
	Savings Account	20,816	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	41,178	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Unit Trust		180,000	185,618
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

ORPHANS IN THE WILD

On accounts for the year
ended

31 DECEMBER 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1113719

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2023.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

14 June 2024

Name:

ANDREW DONALDSON

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

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