

AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY UNITED KINGDOM
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Charity Registration No. 1126703
Company Registration No. 06684247



Australian Wildlife Conservancy UK (AWC UK) is dedicated to the conservation of Australia's wildlife. We support Australian organisations, like Australian Wildlife Conservancy, that have a track record of conservation success and focus on practical, on-ground action, world-class science and measurable results.

Sherman's Rock Wallaby, Mount Zero-Tarkine Wildlife Sanctuary, Queensland (image credit: AWC, Twitter)



Australian Wildlife Conservancy
UNITED KINGDOM

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COMPANY INFORMATION:

REGISTERED COMPANY NO. 06684247

REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1126703

TRUSTEES: Mark C Mills, BSc (Melbourne)
Joanne Sawicki
Adam Hain
Louise Mulley

CHAIRMAN: Mark C Mills

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OBJECTS: The objects of the charity are:

1. For the benefit of the public, to enhance environmental protection by supporting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment in Australia and any aspect of it (including its native flora and fauna); and
2. For the benefit of the public, to advance education by promoting, fostering, developing and assisting the study of the natural environment in Australia or any aspect of it (including its native flora and fauna), and supporting the dissemination of knowledge and information relating to the natural environment in Australia (including its native flora and fauna) or any aspect of it.

TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report, together with the financial statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The company is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 21 August 2008. This was revised in 2024.

Trustees

The Trustees during the whole year under review were:

Mark C Mills	Chair
Jo Sawicki	
Adam Hain	
Louise Mulley	

Organisational Structure

The Trustees of the charity are also the Directors of the company. The Chair of the trustees is nominated by the other trustees. The Directors as charity Trustees oversee the company. Mark Mills was appointed for an additional term of 5 years from 11 July 2024. Jo Sawicki was appointed from 15th November 2022. Adam Hain was appointed from 12th January 2023. Louise Mulley was appointed from 18th January 2023. The intention is that at least two board meetings will be held every year at which the Trustees may raise and discuss various issues. Two board meetings were held in the year under review.

Recruitment and Appointment of New Trustee

No new appointments in the year.

Trustee Induction and Training

There is no formal induction and training for Trustees. However, the Trustees have all been informed about the charity's mission and vision, so that they may help to set and achieve the goals and objectives of the charity.

Affiliation

The company has no legal affiliation to any other charity however it is made clear to all its donors that most grants will go to Australian Wildlife Conservancy ("AWC"), a large Perth-based Australian charity who owns, manages or influences land for conservancy covering almost 13 million hectares for over 30 years.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the company is exposed, in particular those related to the finances of the company, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate their exposure to major risks.

Public Benefit

The charity Trustees as Directors consider they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006 to have due regards to public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

ACTIVITIES

Chair's Report

In 2024 AWC UK continued its upward momentum. Once again, a new revenue record was set including donations, event income, gift-aid and bank interest, increasing circa 57% on the previous year to finish close to £494,000. With weakness of the Australian dollar this translated to revenue of over A\$1 million.

A new highlight for the year was the inaugural Koala Gala, a black-tie fundraising dinner organised by a talented and passionate team of young volunteers who became the AWC UK Young Ambassadors group. The event, held at the Cavalry and Guards Club, quickly sold out and attracted the full capacity of 144 guests. Ancillary fundraising activities associated with this event, including donations matched by The Big Give, lead to revenues of circa £150,000. I would like to offer a huge thanks to our Young Ambassadors being – Edward Hoddle, Jillian Bagnall, Bec Newman, Nic O'Connor and Jack Fernon.

Building on the tremendous success of the "Drive to Survive" go-karting event last year, our Board Director, Adam Hain and his Macquarie Capital colleagues, organised Break Point, a Padel tournament that attracted over 20 teams. Wimbledon Champion, Pat Cash, was a star guest and once again the Macquarie Foundation kindly matched the net funds raised bringing the total contribution to our revenues for this event close to £220,000. The event was commemorated with a beautifully designed book filled with photos of the event and interesting information about AWC projects which Lizzy then distributed to the attending organisations.

Our close contact with AWC continued this year with CEO, Tim Allard, spending a week with us in March and participating in a number of events organised by the Head of Development Lizzy Crotty to further expand our network and profile in the UK. One of our key events for this week was an evening in the Exhibition Hall of the Australian High Commission in which local presenter and broadcaster, Michaela Strachan, interviewed Tim on the topic of ***Why Wildlife Matters: restoring nature in Australia***, attracting over 80 attendees. This week was further enhanced by the visit of our US colleagues and counterparts from AWC US Inc which enabled us to convene our first global in person Board meeting. Many thanks to Anne Krumme, Managing Director of AWC USA, and US Board members Joanne Pickhaver and Christine Zorzi-Wynne for making the trip to London to join us.

It has been hugely satisfying to see our organization continue its growth trajectory and the way our small team works so collaboratively and effectively together. For achieving this extraordinary result, I convey my immense thanks to our exceptional leader, Lizzy Crotty, our close knit and engaged Board members, Louise Mulley, Jo Sawicki and Adam Hain, and our wonderful and efficient Treasurer, Tina Jensen.

Finally, I would like to thank our loyal financial supporters who, together with their counterparts around the world, are the life blood of AWC.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Review of Business

The results for the year and financial position of the company are as shown in the annexed financial statements.

Incoming resources exceeded expended resources by £393 (£69,478 in 2023). The decreased profit for the year, compared to the larger profit in 2023, is mainly due to higher costs and lower (unrestricted) donations retained in the charity to cover the costs. The revenue is up by 56.6% to £494,127 (£315,500 in 2023) offset by expenditure increase by 100.7% to £493,734 (£246,022 in 2023).

The 2024 revenue includes donations, event income, gift-aid recovery and interest. The donations have risen this year to a record £423,541, an increase of £125,758 (42.2%) compared to 2023. This increase derives mainly from a large event and a matching campaign. Higher received donations resulted in increased gift-aid recovery, which are up by 76.9% from £16,360 to £28,935. One event in 2024 received £35,013 in Event income whereas there was no Event income in 2023. Interest rose from £1,357 to £6,638 (389.2%), which predominately reflects a mixture of more cash held and placing in fixed term deposits throughout 2024.

Total resources expended increased from 2023 to 2024 by 100.7% from £246,022 to £493,734. This is mainly due to a higher grant of £386,171 (£155,105 in 2023) to Australian Wildlife Conservancy and this is the result of the increase in received donations. The grant is decided by the Board and is based on incoming donations for the 12 month's period from the 1st November to 31st October the following year. It is agreed by individual donors to exclude certain donations from the grant to cover the charity's future running costs.

Another expenditure increase in 2024 is in Event Costs (£25,526), which is 103.7% higher compared to 2023 (£12,529). This is due to two large events held in 2024 compared to one in 2023. A further increase from 2023 to 2024 is in Consultancy, which rose by 49.3% from £6,000 to £8,955. This increase is due to prospect research one-off consultancy costs with the aim of the charity to explore other donor channels. A final significant increase is in Independent Examination, which increased from £0 to £1,530. The volunteering Independent Examiner resigned in 2024 and the examination is now carried out by Oury Clark Chartered Accountants.

Principal Funding Sources

The company receives most of its funding from donations made by individuals and organisations, supplemented in some (but not all) cases by gift-aid.

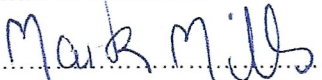
Reserves

Over the year under review the company's reserves increased by £393 from £161,421 to £161,814. The reserves relate to unrestricted funds.

The Trustees seek to maintain reserves of at least £10,000. It is the ongoing company plan to make grants, if possible, towards the end of each financial year.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime under the Companies Act 2006.

On Behalf of the Board



Mark Mills, Chairman

5 June 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNTS

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Incoming resources			
Donations	1	423,541	297,783
Gift Aid	1	28,935	16,360
Events Income	1	35,013	0
Sponsorship	1	0	0
Bank Interest	1	6,638	1,357
Total Incoming Resources		<u>494,127</u>	<u>315,500</u>
 <u>Resources expended</u>			
Costs of Generating Funds	2	107,529	90,904
Costs of Charitable Activities	3	386,171	155,105
Governance Costs	4	34	13
Total Resources Expended		<u>493,734</u>	<u>246,022</u>
 Net incoming / (outgoing) resources for the year		<u>393</u>	<u>69,478</u>

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There are no other recognised gains and losses.

The notes on pages 7 to 9 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

	Notes	2024	2023
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank and in Hand		185,098	102,637
Debtors	5	1,218	85,722
Prepayments	5	951	797
Total Current Assets		187,267	189,156
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 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	6	25,453	27,735
		<u>161,814</u>	<u>161,421</u>
Net Current Assets			
		<u>161,814</u>	<u>161,421</u>
Net Assets			
		<u>161,814</u>	<u>161,421</u>
 Funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>161,814</u>	<u>161,421</u>

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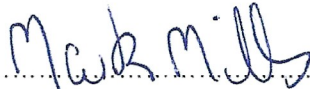
For the year ended 31 December 2024 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Trustees' responsibilities:

1. the members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the period in question in accordance with section 476;
2. the Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts; and
3. these accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

For the year ended 31 December 2024 the Trustees consider an audit is not required under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on and authorised for issue on 5 June 2025 and were signed on its behalf of:


Mark Mills - Trustee/Director

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis and under the historical cost convention. They have also been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities effective from 1 January 2015 (Charities SORP FRSSE 2015), applicable accounting standards and the Companies Act 2006.

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in Financial Reporting Standard No. 1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement on the grounds that it is a small company.

Limited Company

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up, up to one year after ceasing to be a member.

Incoming Resources

Donations and legacy income are recognised in the year which the charity is entitled to receipts and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably. Irrecoverable value added tax (VAT) is charged against the category of resources expended for which it was incurred.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include current account, deposits held at call with bank and short-term liquid investments with original maturities of 95 days or less.

Taxation

The Charity is registered as a charity under the Charities Act 2011 and is not liable for UK tax on its charitable activities.

Trustees

The Trustees were paid no remuneration during the period and no Trustees' expenses have been reimbursed.

Funds

Funds held by the Charity consist of unrestricted funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised costs using the effective interest methods. The Charity does not currently have any bank loans.

2. COSTS OF GENERATING FUNDS

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
Payroll		58,047	56,856
Employers NI		1,478	1,008
Pension		4,403	4,472
Payroll admin charges		273	1,177
Training & Development		1,431	1,536
Consultant		8,955	6,000
Event costs		25,526	12,529
Memberships		1,120	810
Subscriptions		1,208	1,001
Legal		0	0
Independent Examination		1,530	0
Insurance		311	261
Meetings		449	228
Travel		1,653	2,005
Website		0	122
Office Expenses		224	20
Postage		20	82
Printing		632	789
Telephone		269	279
Computer		0	1,729
		<u>107,529</u>	<u>90,904</u>

There was 1 full time employee in both 2024 and 2023.

3. COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Grant to Australian Wildlife Conservancy	<u>386,171</u>	<u>155,105</u>
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The Grant is accrued monthly as a liability as soon as it is received as a donation or gift-aid.

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For the Year Ended 31st December 2024**

4. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Companies House Fees	34	13
	<u>34</u>	<u>13</u>

Governance Costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity.

5. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other Debtors	1,218	85,722
Prepayments and Accrued Income	951	797
	<u>2,169</u>	<u>86,519</u>

6. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Payroll	2,183	3,679
Consultancy	4,580	500
Grant	17,160	23,556
Independent Examination	1,530	-
Accruals	<u>25,453</u>	<u>27,735</u>

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Australian Wildlife Conservancy United Kingdom for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Basis of independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set in the statement below.

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:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by Section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- 2 the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- 4 the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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.

Oury Clark Chartered Accountants
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May 27, 2025

Date:

Signature: Emma Crowley
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