

**MAHOUTS FOUNDATION**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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D Mullen  
P Haidon  
T Hodgetts  
Dr F Blaine

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# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 October 2024.

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

##### Charitable objects

To promote humane behaviour towards elephants by providing appropriate care, protection, treatment and security for elephants which are in need of care and attention by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill usage and to educate the public in matters pertaining to elephant welfare in general and the prevention of cruelty and suffering among elephants.

##### Objectives and aims

Mahouts Foundation is a family run foundation working to improve welfare with captive elephants working in the tourism industry. The Foundation works on the ground in Thailand with indigenous Karen communities to rescue and return captive working elephants to large areas of forest while supporting the community to preserve their traditions of protecting elephants and forests. The foundation also works raising awareness in the UK and Europe by collaborating with tour companies and educating tourists visiting Asia.

##### Social investments

There are no restrictions as to where funds may be invested, but policy has to be agreed by the Trustees and the Management Committee.

##### Public benefit

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities they should undertake.

#### Achievements and performance

##### 1. Opening new project

Our new project in Palatha, Umphang opened in September 2024. After an intense year of home stay training and registration, training new staff, training mahouts and elephant owners, we finally opened.

The first tourists came and loved the experience, we started to receive great reviews, a testament to all the hard work!

##### 2. Expanding and training our team

To cope with the expanded tourism, we took on new team members, we raised salaries and did extensive training with the whole team.

##### 3. Recovery from covid

This is still ongoing, new tourism partnerships are being formed as we fight back from a 2 year + closure period.

##### 4. Building partnerships with tour companies

We are securing strong partnerships for both projects. Our collaboration with Go Beyond for Umphang is going from strength to strength. We are in talks with many ground operators and tour companies for Koh Pah Doh.

##### 5. Securing Mur Lah's future

Through our funds and donors, we secured the future for Mur Lah, she will now live forever with Mum and sister in her forest home.

##### 6. We won awards

We won best animal welfare in the sustainable tourism awards, presented by the Thai sports minister at World Travel Market, we also became the worlds first wildlife heritage area for Asian elephants.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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#### Financial review

##### Principal funding sources

Of the £114,807 (2023: £81,222) income for the period, 54% (2023: 42%) came from grants and donations and 46% (2023: 58%) came from the charity's programs and sales.

More details about income for the period and the Charity's financial position at the end of the period are shown in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

##### Principal expenditure items

The valuable time given by unpaid volunteers, including trustees, is not quantified and not included in this figure.

##### Reserves policy

The board has set a reserve equivalent to at least three month's operating costs. The reserves of £4,801 (2023: £67,631) remained available by the year ended 31 October 2024.

##### Funds in deficit

The charity received income totalling £114,807 (2023: £81,222). After payments of outgoing expenses totalling £177,637 (2023: £134,646), the charity was left with a deficit of £62,830 (2023: £53,424 deficit) for the year. However there is no overall deficit on any funds.

#### Structure, governance and management

##### Governing document

Mahouts Foundation is registered as a charity with the Charity Commission and is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It is governed by its Constitution, a copy of which is available from the charity's office.

The Trustees are required to act in the best interest of the Charity and its beneficiaries. Training and information provided includes advice about the role of Trustees and Charity law. The Trustees make no personal gain from the Charity.

##### Organisational structure

The Trustees have overall control of the organisation's finances. The daily management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Executive Committee.

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

S Blaine  
J Mullen  
D Mullen  
P Haidon  
T Hodgetts  
Dr F Blaine

The Trustees are elected in accordance with the constitution.

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

Dr F Blaine

**Trustee**

22 August 2025

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Mahouts Foundation (the charity) for the year ended 31 October 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.

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Dated: 27 August 2025

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

		Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
	Notes						
<b><u>Income from:</u></b>							
Donations and legacies	3	10,664	-	10,664	3,001	-	3,001
Charitable activities	4	68,976	18,000	86,976	62,788	10,000	72,788
Other trading activities	5	17,167	-	17,167	5,433	-	5,433
<b>Total income</b>		<u>96,807</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>114,807</u>	<u>71,222</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>81,222</u>
<b><u>Expenditure on:</u></b>							
Raising funds	6	<u>764</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>764</u>	<u>3,244</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,244</u>
Charitable activities	7	<u>158,873</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>176,873</u>	<u>121,402</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>131,402</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>159,637</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>177,637</u>	<u>124,646</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>134,646</u>
<b>Net expenditure for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		(62,830)	-	(62,830)	(53,424)	-	(53,424)
Fund balances at 1 November 2023		<u>67,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,631</u>	<u>121,055</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>121,055</u>
<b>Fund balances at 31 October 2024</b>		<u>4,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,801</u>	<u>67,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>67,631</u>

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

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## BALANCE SHEET

**AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2024**

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	12	1,500		2,000	
Debtors	13	480		480	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,529		72,158	
		<u>13,509</u>		<u>74,638</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(8,708)</u>		<u>(7,007)</u>	
Net current assets			4,801		67,631
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			4,801		67,631
			<u>4,801</u>		<u>67,631</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 22 August 2025

Dr F Blaine  
**Trustee**



# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Mahouts Foundation is a charitable incorporated organisation incorporated in England and Wales. The registered office is Harran, Peopleton, Pershore, WR10 2EA.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102 rather than the version of the Statement of Recommended Practice which is referred to in the Regulations but which has since been withdrawn.

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 £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

The Trustees have confirmed their intention to provide financial support to the charity if required in the future.

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

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

#### 1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024**

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### **1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

#### **1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

#### **1.6 Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### **1.7 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### **1.8 Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 OCTOBER 2024

#### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

##### **Basic financial liabilities**

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

##### **Derecognition of financial liabilities**

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

#### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

#### 3 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Unrestricted funds
	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations and gifts	10,664	3,001
	<u>10,664</u>	<u>3,001</u>

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

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

### 4 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Grants receivable	51,439	30,974
Visitor's fees	35,537	41,814
	<u>86,976</u>	<u>72,788</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	68,976	62,788
Restricted funds	18,000	10,000
	<u>86,976</u>	<u>72,788</u>

### 5 Other trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
Merchandise and Sponsorships	<u>17,167</u>	<u>5,433</u>

### 6 Raising funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £
<u>Fundraising and publicity</u>		
Advertising	<u>764</u>	<u>3,244</u>
	<u>764</u>	<u>3,244</u>

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

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

### 7 Charitable activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Project Costs	146,674	92,766
Guest Trip and Labour	6,140	9,257
Insurance	1,430	2,250
Health and Wellbeing	-	4,240
Travel and Accommodation	8,067	11,544
Donations	-	2,318
	<u>162,311</u>	<u>122,375</u>
Share of support costs (see note 8)	8,976	4,233
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	5,586	4,794
	<u>176,873</u>	<u>131,402</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	158,873	121,402
Restricted funds	18,000	10,000
	<u>176,873</u>	<u>131,402</u>

### 8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2024 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2023 £
Admin Expenses	1,224	-	1,224	1,885	-	1,885
Bank Charges	3,036	-	3,036	473	-	473
Computer and Website Costs	4,456	-	4,456	1,045	-	1,045
Sundry	-	-	-	10	-	10
Telephone Costs	260	-	260	820	-	820
Accountancy Fees	-	5,586	5,586	-	4,794	4,794
	<u>8,976</u>	<u>5,586</u>	<u>14,562</u>	<u>4,233</u>	<u>4,794</u>	<u>9,027</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>8,976</u>	<u>5,586</u>	<u>14,562</u>	<u>4,233</u>	<u>4,794</u>	<u>9,027</u>

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiner of £3,540 (2023- £3,948) for independent examination fees.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

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

### 9 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Total	-	-

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

### 11 Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

### 12 Stocks

	2024 £	2023 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,500	2,000

### 13 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	480	480

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade creditors	-	4,013
Accruals and deferred income	8,708	2,994
	8,708	7,007

Deferred income totals £1,220 (2023: £Nil) and relates to deposits paid in 2023/24 in respect of guest visits taking place in 2024/25.

# MAHOUTS FOUNDATION

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

### 15 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds			Movement in funds			Balance at 31 October 2024
	Balance at 1 November 2022	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Balance at 1 November 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Olsen Animal Trust	-	10,000	(10,000)	-	18,000	(18,000)	-
	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====	=====

**Olsen Animal Trust** - granted to provide seed funding to remove elephants from the tourism industry.

### 16 Related party transactions

During the year, £6,786 was spent in respect of travel costs for 1 trustee (2023 - £6,544).