



International Wildlife Bond - Reg. No. 1164833

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Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts: 2 Apr 2023 – 1 Apr 2024

29 October 2024

In the reporting period 2 April 2023 to end of the financial year closing 1 April 2024, the accounts for International Wildlife Bond (IWB) are given in full at Appendix I to this Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts. For the given reporting period, IWB's financials can be summarised as:

Income: £0

Outgoings: £178

The cash total in donations on retention at IWB's Metro Bank account is £57.79 (rounded to £58).

IWB continues to maintain a donations page via Giving Me (www.Giving.Me).

The annual, ongoing overheads/costs to maintain IWB remain minimal (WordPress renewals and licencing images etc.).

IWB continues to be A 'Foundation' Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The Governing Document is correctly identified as Version 1.3, dated 13 October 2015 and IWB's objectives remain unchanged.

IWB's Trustees remain unchanged since IWB's formation in August 2015.

IWB's ambition to create an on-line platform to bring funds and conservation initiatives together has failed to progress due to the lack of adequate funding.

IWB's initial funding was raised via an interest free loan with no overriding penalties, or due dates from Gillian Jane Wiggins of £2,000 (two thousand pounds). Repayment of this loan remains due when *"IWB has been established and successfully sourced alternative funding."*

In terms of achievements in the period, IWB has continued to progress in two main areas:

- campaigning on key issues to relevant government bodies - IWB Governing Objective 2.2.3; and
- supporting organisations that share a mutual objective - IWB Governing Objective 2.2.5



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In terms of specific areas of concern, action and results:

1. The 2023 "[Hunting Trophies \(Import Prohibition\) Bill](#)" failed in the House of Lords [due to filibustering by a group of Lords](#). In July 2024 there was a United Kingdom general election with a new Labour government formed – The latest development on the hunting trophies import issues has been "[Ban trophy hunting imports](#)," Early Day Motion 97 (2 September 2024) which "*urges the Government to now bring forward a Bill in Government time which implements a world-leading ban without any further delay.*"
2. IWB has continued to work with a consortium of non-government organisations (NGOs) throughout 2022/23 campaigning against trophy hunting, under the umbrella of the [Campaign to Ban Trophy Hunting](#).
3. IWB submitted to the South African Government's [Consultation on Conservation and Sustainable Use – South Africa](#), this included the issue of captive lions. However, South Africa has sought to expand the exploitation of wildlife ([Expanded Exploitation of Wildlife Strategy - South Africa](#)) and the legality of "animal wellbeing" (that could put boundaries to such commercial exploitation) [has been challenged by South African hunting associations](#) – this all makes any progress towards a consistent withdrawal from captive breeding of species (including lions) muddled – South Africa remains [an exploiter and exporter of numerous species](#).
4. [Scottish Wildcat](#) - Scottish Ministers granted permission (26 June 2023) for the [Swedish government owned Vattenfall's windfarm development](#) at Clashindarroch forest – As of September 2024, [the outcome of the appeal against that decision is still awaited](#). Clashindarroch forest is a bastion of the Scottish Wildcat, [a rare and endangered species](#). Groups in [Sweden have also joined the campaign against Vattenfall's controversial development](#) of Clashindarroch forest.
5. IWB continues to support [Wild Justice](#) campaigns in the UK – the destructive nature of driven grouse shooting, to persecution of bird species, badger culling etc.
6. IWB continues to campaign and highlight the exploitation of wildlife:
 - a. The [exploitation of African lions](#) and [other big cat species](#) (such as [tigers](#)) within the [abhorrent captive lion breeding and 'canned' hunting industry in South Africa](#) and elsewhere;



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- b. The Illegal wildlife trade and the 'legal' mechanisms that open avenues for laundering illicit and fraudulent exploitation;
 - c. The ivory and rhino horn trade;
 - d. Attempts by Japan (Norway and Iceland) to try to legitimise their activities and reinstate open, commercial whaling (against a backdrop of increasing pressures upon whale populations from ocean borne pollution and climate change);
 - e. The exploitation and slaughter of cetaceans in Japan and the [Faroe Islands](#);
 - f. The [exploitation of cetaceans](#) for human 'entertainment';
 - g. Hunting industry [disinformation](#) campaigns.
7. Regular IWB News (and sister platform InternationalWildlifeBond1) offering substantiated and relevant articles, currently at 336 published 'News' and 'Studies' posts to date on www.iwbond.org.
8. Viewings to date of IWB's output are given below (last year's figures given in parenthesis{}) – Note: this does not include sharing of IWB articles via other platforms:
- a. www.iwbond.org – 86,672 {78,427} views;
 - b. InternationalWildlifebond1.wordpress.com – 16,785 {16,007} views
9. Followers signed up to receive IWB news updates (last year's figures in parenthesis) - on the main IWB website, www.iwbond.org, we have 92 {95} subscribers. On the [InternationalWildlifeBond1 blog page](#), 83 {81} subscribers (none of them appear to be repeat subscribers – so a total of 175 {176} regular subscribers).
10. IWB's facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/iwbnd/>) has some 437 {429} followers.

We continue to keep campaigning and supporting others with similar missions - trying to raise awareness for animal and wildlife issues.....and hope it makes a difference to protect the planet's wildlife.



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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stephen A. Wiggins', is shown on a light blue background.

Stephen A Wiggins

Founder, International Wildlife Bond



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Appendix I - IWB Accounts

IWB Accounts: 2 Apr 2023 – 1 Apr 2024

IWB Accounts, 2 Apr 23 - 1 Apr 24					
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			Credit - (Debit)	Cumulative	
			Metro	Total Metro	
			Bank	Bank	
Date	Debit	VAT			Notes
10/07/23	£39.60	£6.60			WordPress - JetPack Subscription Renewal
15/07/23	£102.00	£17.00			WordPress Premium - InternationalWildlifeBond1 website
09/10/23	£35.94	£5.99			Adobe Picture Stock - AE02031300129CGB
	£177.54			£57.79	



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Appendix 2 – Receipts and Payments Accounts (CC16a) Form



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

International Wildlife Bond		1164833	
Receipts and payments accounts			
For the period from	01-Apr-23	To	01-Apr-24
			CC16a

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					
S Wiggins - Donation	178	-	-	178	-
IWB Metro Bank Account (Public Donations Acct)	-	-	-	-	-
IWB Metro Bank Account (HMRC Gift Aid on Donations)	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	178	-	-	178	118
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	178	-	-	178	118
A3 Payments					
WordPress - JetPack Subscription Renewal	£40.00	-	-	40	-
WordPress Premium - International Wildlife Bond website	£102.00	-	-	102	-
Adobe Picture Stock	£36.00	-	-	36	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	178	-	-	178	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	178	-	-	178	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	-	-	-	-	118
A5 Transfers between funds					
	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end					
Cash funds this year end	-	-	-	-	118



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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Détails	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Metro Bank (Public Donations)	58	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	58	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Loan - G Wiggins		2,000	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
			S A Wiggins	29-Oct-24