



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 2024		Da 31	Month 12	Year 2024
<b>From</b>				<b>To</b>			

### Section A

### Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

**Other names charity is known by**

Victoria Falls Wildlife Fund

**Registered charity number (if any)**

1166614

**Charity's principal address**

9 The Clock Tower

Redlers Waterside, Dudbridge Rd.

Stroud, Gloucestershire

**Postcode**

GL5 3LH

### 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	Andrew Weir	Chairman	Full Year	
2	Valerie Swanson	Secretary	Full year	
3	Rodney Graeme Dacomb	Treasurer	Full year	
4	James O Murray		Full year	
5	Helen Buckworth		Full year	
6	Barry Hemans		Full Year	
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18	Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)			

**Dates acted if not for whole year**


#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Veterinary	Michael Thorne	
Zoology	Andrew Loveridge	

#### 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)	CIO Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by a majority of Trustees

#### 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.

<p>VFWT held quarterly board meetings and reviewed relevant procedures and policies and networking for Trustees not able to attend meetings in person.</p> <p>VFWT maintained the company risk register and reviewed any new risks and updated outstanding risks at each board meeting. VFWT also continued to hold virtual meetings with downstream implementing project partners to review their risks and procedures.</p> <p>VFWT continues to implement the 3 year strategy plan and align projects with the UN's Sustainable Development goals.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and activities

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

To promote, for the benefit of the public, the conservation and protection of the natural environment in Southern Africa by providing grants and undertaking research in connection with animal welfare and the environment.

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment of Southern Africa

**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)**

Working together with TRACE Wildlife Forensics in the UK, VFWT and TRACE jointly initiated a project to genetically map individualization of the black rhino population of Zimbabwe. This is an ongoing project that is in the process of assessing ~80 individuals. The project will be used to make recommendations on translocation to help improve population genetics. It will also be used to maintain a biological database of genetics on relatedness and to be used for individual matching in cases of poaching.

Public benefit is derived from the conservation of critically endangered species of black rhino. The steps being taken are not only protecting endangered species but also enhancing populations.

VFWT works alongside many rural communities to try and find sustainable solutions for communities to co-exist with wildlife. With partial funding from Rotary Club South Derby, VFWT was able to refurbish a borehole in the rural community. This borehole was crucial to providing water for many households as well as a water trough for local livestock to utilize. 2024 was a terrible drought season and this project provided crucial resources to households that would have been negatively impacted with both the drought and lack of access to water.

Public benefit comes from the many households, people, and their animals that are now able to survive with this basic livelihood staple.

Continued support from the Oak Foundation is enabling the Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust, Wildlife Disease and Forensics Laboratory to expand its technical and diagnostic capacity. This funding has been used to:

- Complete species identification on seized evidence for wildlife crime cases on behalf of the wildlife crime investigators
- Enhance diagnostics into bacteriology with the purchase of new equipment
- Build capacity of wildlife crime investigators with their counterparts in Zambia through shared knowledge and information on wildlife crime casework, geographic areas of concerns, hot-spots for illegal wildlife crime
- Assist forensics laboratory technicians in travelling to Mozambique to process and analyse a large scale ivory seizure using DNA analysis to provide results to the government of Mozambique on the origin of the ivory.
- Facilitate travel of the laboratory team to the African Wildlife Forensics Network Meeting in Malawi to share emerging trends in wildlife crime, methods for overcoming challenges in casework, and analysis of different species.

The public benefits from this project in the conservation of a wide range of species and helping to put protective measures in place to prevent the biodiversity loss of these species.

Public Benefit is derived from VFWT being an active member of the

Kavango Zambezi (KAZA) Animal Health Sub-working Group. This organisation works with the partners in the five member states to improve wildlife and animal health. VFWT is also a member of the KAZA Elephant Conservation Sub Working Group and Carnivore Conservation Sub Working Group. These groups help guide strategy and develop objectives and workplans for partners to achieve larger conservation goals and connectivity of wild areas.

A donation that was received in 2023 was also put to use in purchasing two more lion collars for monitoring of the lion population in Zambezi National Park.

**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.

## Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During 2024 we achieved some important goals including:

- VFWT immobilized 71 rhino in 2024 for de-horning and ear-notching exercises, 38 black rhino and 36 white rhino were immobilized across three geographic areas of Zimbabwe. VFWT assisted in the translocation and reintroduction of rhino in the South East of Hwange National Park in an effort to protect the species and reintroduce the rhino through community derived benefits.
- 11 new devices were fitted on white backed vultures that provide real time data to monitor spatial movements, as well as provide an AI derived mapping of “clusters” that are prioritized for further assessment and ground truthing. This assists in early identification of wildlife carcasses (natural, disease, poaching) as well as vulture mortalities.
- 152 vulture nest sites were surveyed for breeding activity and use
- 6523 laboratory procedures were completed
- 4 more new mobile predator proof kraals were deployed, bringing the total up to 13 kraals
- 207 human wildlife conflict incidents were responded to of which 180 involved livestock and 27 involved crop damage
- 1703 livestock are now in 13 mobile predator proof bomas, benefitting 216 households and small scale farmers
- 0 lions were lost due to human wildlife conflict
- 1221 participants in the conservation education programme
- 2000 doses of rabies vaccine and distemper vaccine were given to dogs in the rural communities. This is a key factor in preventing disease spillover between animals and humans and ensuring a One Health model.
- 53 animals were immobilized for removal of wire snares and foreign objects
- The High Care Rehabilitation Centre was busy with a variety of orphaned and injured animals, most of which were eventually released into the wild
- The KAZA Animal Health Sub-Working Group Epidemiologist worked together with ReHerd to begin undertaking an assessment on the State of Livestock regionally in an effort to get actual numbers of total livestock in KAZA by member state.

## Section E

## Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity policy on reserves at this time is to hold a minimum of £50000 as reserves

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

None

**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.

The charity's principal sources of funds have continued to be mainly grant driven, with the bulk of funding for grants coming from the Oak Foundation.

Funding has gone principally to projects supporting the objectives of the charity. The bulk of the funding has gone to the budget lines allocated in the respective grants for projects in Zimbabwe, and restricted donation requirements for lion collars, for laboratory support and an epidemiologist under the Oak grant.

The charity only has a bank account and makes no investments.

**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)

R G Dacomb

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer

Date

25 May 2025

# VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1166614**

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 months to 31 December 2024

### UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
General donations	33,207		27,703	
Donation for mobile boma	3,000			
Donation for Lion Collars/Drone	4,759		24,600	
Gift Aid	2,965		6,150	
Interest	462	44,393	0	58,453
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<u>44,393</u>		<u>58,453</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
Bank Charges	378		273	
Newsletter/brochures	3,515		2,242	
Transfers to VFWT Zim for use in Rescue & Rehabilitation	0		7,800	
Purchase of mobile boma	2,980			
Lion collars	0		1,694	
Construction of Admin block at VFWT Rehab Centre	40,519		0	
Donation to Malilangwe iro TRACE	17,183	64,575	0	12,009
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<u>-£20,182</u>		<u>£46,444</u>
Transfers from Restricted Funds		<u>0</u>		<u>19,580</u>
<b>Net Movement in Funds</b>		<u><u>-£20,182</u></u>		<u><u>£66,024</u></u>



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## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR THE 12 Months to 31 December 2024

### RESTRICTED FUNDS

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Oak Foundation	3,950	0
Oak Foundation KAZA II	125,647	139,879
University of Oxford - Human/Wildlife conflict mitigation	0	0
University of Oxford - Wildlife Conservation Research	0	0
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture conservation	0	10,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>£129,597</b>	<b>£149,879</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>		
Oak Foundation Grant transfer - VFWT Zim	3,950	23,123
Oak Foundation KAZA Grant transfer - VFWT Zim	99,443	110,748
Oak Foundation KAZA II Grant transfer - VFWT Zim	43,663	
Ernest Kleinwort Trust - Vulture Conservation	10,000	0
Wildlife Conservation Research Grant expenses	0	0
<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>157,056</b>	<b>133,871</b>
Net Receipts/Payments	-27,459	16,008
Cash funds at beginning	109,443	113,015
Transfer to Unrestricted Funds - Oak expenses paid by VFWT	0	-19,580
Cash funds at period end	<b>£81,984</b>	<b>£109,443</b>

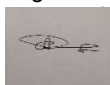
# VICTORIA FALLS WILDLIFE TRUST

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

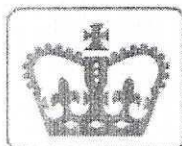
	2024			2023		
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>						
Debtors and prepayments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bank deposit accounts	141,922	81,984	223,906	162,536	109,443	271,979
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>						
Creditors and accruals falling due within one year	0	0	0	432	0	432
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<u>£141,922</u>	<u>£81,984</u>	<u>£223,906</u>	<u>£162,104</u>	<u>£109,443</u>	<u>£271,547</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>						
At 1 January	162,104	109,443	271,547	96,080	113,015	209,095
Net movement in funds	-20,182	-27,459	-47,641	66,024	-3,572	62,452
At 31 December	<u>£141,922</u>	<u>£81,984</u>	<u>£223,906</u>	<u>£162,104</u>	<u>£109,443</u>	<u>£271,547</u>
Of which: <b>RESERVED FUNDS</b>	<u>£50,000</u>	<u>£81,984</u>	<u>£131,984</u>	<u>£50,000</u>	<u>£109,443</u>	<u>£159,443</u>
<b>UNRESERVED FUNDS</b>	<u>£91,922</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£91,922</u>	<u>£112,104</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>£112,104</u>
<b>ANALYSIS of RESTRICTED FUNDS</b>						
IUCN Grant		0			0	
Oak Foundation Grant		0			0	
Oak Foundation KAZA Grant		81,984			99,443	
Ernest Kleinwort Trust		0			10,000	
Oxford WildCru Grant		0			0	
		<u>£81,984</u>			<u>£109,443</u>	

Signed in Approval



R. G. Dacomb - Finance Trustee

10 March 2024



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Victoria Falls Wildlife Trust

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1166614

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above  
charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024DD / MM / YYYY.

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~\*) 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.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

12 March 2025

Name:

Gavin Power

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

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London W4 3DD