



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

The Trustees meet at monthly intervals to facilitate a better engagement with the Founder of the UK Wild Otter Trust. It was agreed that all meetings would be documented and signed off as true, with copies being distributed amongst the Trustees.

2024 was a busy year for the team due to the sheer number of orphaned otter cubs directed to UKWOT for care. For the period January 2024 to End December 2025 saw 38 orphaned animals in our care.

It was agreed that the existing facility, whilst showing a fit for purpose centre, may if numbers continue to rise be out spaced. It was therefore proposed that we look for our own piece of land to facilitate this issue before it becomes an issue. It was agreed that being proactive rather than reactive was the way to go. To that end, one of our Trustees kindly purchased a 4 acre site that is now being rented to UKWOT for creating a second site to house orphaned otter cubs.

We have therefore purchased a plot of land known as “Lee Meadow” and areas of this have started to be created for a return to wildlife, nature and biodiversity gains. It was agreed that the meadow would be restored back to nature as such we have already planted 1600 native trees, created a 40 tree orchard and a one acre wildflower meadow with more in the pipeline such as a wildlife lake, 25 enclosures and solar, off grid power to operate from in the future.

It was also declared that this accountancy period had exceeding all expectations given the fragile state of our country with less money available.

We engaged in various fundraising activities and as such, managed to gain £100,121.00 income with a £84,000 outgoing. The remaining balance was held back for general operational costs moving forward.

It was agreed that given the circumstances, this was an excellent year on performance by all involved.

Our current financial condition is strong, with approx. £20,000 in bank and assets of £54,000.

Closing the Trustees annual statement it was agreed that we continue to build on UKWOTS reputation for excellence and professionalism in 2025.

Annual statement prepared by Colin Anderson/David Webb on this day 28th February 2025 and duly signed as confirmed digitally below:

Colin Paul Anderson – Trustee/Finance Officer

David R Webb – Trustee & Founder

Dated 28/02/2025

UK WILD OTTER TRUST

HEAD MILL

UMBERLEIGH

DEVON

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

2nd MAY 2024

MEADOW BROOK ACCOUNTANCY
1 DUKE STREET
SOUTH MOLTON
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Independent Examiners Report

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement:

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the 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 presented a true and fair view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the charities act;

to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the charities act have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Carole Bament

Date: 26 FEBRUARY 2025

Name: CAROLE BAMENT

Relevant professional qualification or body:

ICPA (Fellow)

UK WILD OTTER TRUST

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 2nd MAY 2024

RECEIPTS	2024 £	2023 £
Grants	-	3,500.00
Donations & adoptions	68,785.59	62,018.01
Sale of merchandise	9,030.01	6,063.01
Gift aid	21,468.64	1,155.68
Training	750.00	750.00
Fundraiser	-	550.00
Bank interest received	87.11	21.61

100,121.35	74,058.31
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PAYMENTS

Purchases of merchandise (adjusted for stock)	9,701.63	8,630.13
Feed and bedding	14,139.50	9,502.69
Veterinary costs	176.52	117.46
Repairs & maintenance	24,225.74	14,631.19
Equipment hire	400.00	-
Workwear	943.98	389.03
Motor expenses	14,133.30	6,167.44
Public liability insurance	306.38	528.99
Advertising	6,528.05	-
Postage & stationery	1,014.39	623.52
Computer costs	479.29	116.01
Subscriptions & sundries	4,134.87	971.88
Professional fees	2,188.00	231.00
Water charges	-	85.24
Rent	1,510.00	500.00
Light & heat	2,227.18	1,535.40
Phone costs	328.97	185.84
Donations	1,470.00	475.70
Bank fees	-	1.87

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Balance(s) brought forward (from previous year)

40,777.65	11,412.73
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Balance(s) in hand at year-end

56,991.20	40,777.65
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

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Fixed	- Trailer	purchased 29th December 2021	2,000.00	2,000.00
	- L200 Truck	purchased 10th January 2022	4,500.00	4,500.00
	- Freelander OT51 ERS	purchased 18th May 2023	2,800.00	-
	- Freelander OT58 ERS	purchased 19th June 2023	3,995.00	-
	- Nissan Crew Cab OT52 ERS	purchased 10th July 2023	6,375.00	-
	- Machinery & equipment	purchased in 2022/23	18,131.41	18,131.41
	- Machinery & equipment	purchased in 2023/24	7,423.53	-
Current	- Stock of merchandise		9,600.00	5,800.00
			54,824.94	30,431.41

Cash and Bank balances in hand

Bank	- Business account	259.69	846.24
	- Savings account	1,906.57	9,500.00
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