

SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1176322

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-12-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:(1) THE PROMOTION OF CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF ASIAN ELEPHANTS THROUGH BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF A SANCTUARY OR SANCTUARIES IN THAILAND THAT CARE FOR ASIAN ELEPHANTS.(2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF ASIAN ELEPHANTS AND IMPROVEMENT OF THEIR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.(3) THE PROMOTION OF 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.

Activities: The principal purpose of the CIO is the ethical care and conservation of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible welfare standards, by awarding grants and the provision of education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, domestication and cultural role, principally in Thailand.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Thailand

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£93,479	£124,622	-	-
2023-11-30	£233,911	£179,943	-	-
2022-11-30	£92,660	£86,142	-	-
2021-11-30	£96,007	£87,780	-	-
2020-11-30	£123,324	£144,293	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Meredith Anne Smith PhD MRCVS	Chair	2024-03-14
Dr ANDREW HIGGINS PhD FRCVS		2017-12-19
Dr Fieke Marije Molenaar MSc MRCVS		2022-11-14
Dr Michael Seton MSc MRCVS		2023-03-08
JAKRAPOB THAOTAD BSC, PGDIP		2017-12-17
Lisa Philpott BA MSc		2024-12-05
Lorraine Louise Miller BSc		2023-05-03
ROGER JACKSON CLARK FCA		2015-01-01
Rosalyn Joan Bird MCIoF		2024-07-26
Sir Richard Armstrong CBE		2017-12-17

SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1176322

Accounts



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Period to 31st December 2024

14th March 2025

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 December 2023 to 31st December 2024

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Registered Charity No 1176322

Registered Office: Lakin Rose Ltd., Cambridge house, Camboro Business Park, Girton, Cambridge, CB3 0QH, UK

TRUSTEES

Sir Richard Armstrong CBE MA (President)
Dr Merry Smith MA VetMB MRCVS (Chair, appointed 14 March 2024)
Dr Andrew Higgins BVetMed MSc PhD FRSB FRCVS (Senior Vice Chair)
Dr Michael Seton BVetMed MSc MRCVS (Junior Vice Chair)
Mrs Lisa Philpott (Hon Secretary, appointed 5 December 2024)
Mr Roger Clark MA FCA ATII (Treasurer)
Mrs Ros Bird MClOF (Adv Dip) (appointed 26 July 2024)
Mr Brian da Cal BA MSc
Ms Lorraine Miller BSc
Dr Fieke Molenaar MSc GPCert(ExAP) DZooMed MRCVS
Ms Esther Porta (appointed 14 March 2024)
Mr Jakrapob Thaotad BSc PGDip
Miss Katherine Wrench MSc (resigned 5 December 2024)

BANKERS

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER Emma Farquhar BFP FCA

History

The Charity was established in 2017 and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It was entered onto the Register of Charities in England and Wales with Registered Charity Number 1176322 on 18 December 2017.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 15 December 2017. The Objects of the Charity include the conservation and protection of Asian elephants and the improvement of their natural environment; providing veterinary care, protection, treatment, and security for elephants in need by reason of sickness, poor circumstances or ill-usage; public education and the promotion of humane behaviour towards elephants and encouraging an appreciation of the importance of elephant welfare and the need to prevent cruelty and suffering.

The Charity is controlled by Trustees selected for their expertise and knowledge of elephant management, health and welfare, Thailand, finance, and other appropriate areas. Trustees who have served or been appointed during the year are set out on page 2. New Trustees are appointed with the specific needs of the Charity in mind in terms of skills, expertise, experience, and knowledge at the time of the vacancy. New Trustee induction includes providing copies of the governing documents, objectives and policy of the Charity, minutes of prior meetings, and Annual and financial reports. Upon appointment, new Trustees are inducted by the Chair, Hon Sec and other Trustees. Existing Trustees are provided with training as and when required. The Trustees meet at least three times a year to review policy and progress and oversee the operation of the Charity. Wherever possible a working visit to the STEF Veterinary Centre in Thailand is facilitated early in a Trustee's term to gain first hand insight into STEF's work.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

During the year, Merry Smith, Esther Porta, Ros Bird and Lisa Philpott were appointed as Trustees for three years, and Katherine Wrench resigned as a Trustee. Lisa Philpott was appointed Hon Secretary. At the Board meeting in March 2024, Merry Smith was appointed Chair, Andrew Higgins Senior Vice Chair, and Michael Seton Junior Vice Chair.

The Charity employed a freelance part-time marketing administrator and a part time Trust and Foundation fundraising consultant during the period and in addition benefitted from the help of unpaid volunteers.

Activities, Achievements and Plans

The principal focus of the Charity is the provision of free veterinary care and the welfare of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible standards and education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the seventh year of operation, the Trustees have continued to develop exposure through social media, regular newsletters and news updates on the website, as well as progressing a fundraising strategy. Education is a priority for STEF and in October 2024 we hosted a foot care course at STEF Veterinary Centre, which was attended by vets, support staff and mahouts from 8 different parks and sanctuaries. In 2024 further dialogue between UK Trustees and Directors at Blackpool Zoo resulted in an agreement to partner, with the zoo now promoting STEF as one of the charities it supports. We are delighted with this collaboration and are planning enhanced fundraising activities in the UK with the support of the zoo.

During the year, the Trustees prioritised providing funds and expertise to Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT) for further work on its Elephant Hospital at its Veterinary Centre near Khok Kloi. STEFT is registered as a charitable organisation with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number WJ000000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018). The Centre was officially opened in June 2022. A Mobile Clinic is operated by STEFT veterinarians and ancillary staff, and covers 1,500-2,000 km per month, often serving remote areas. The hospital and mobile clinic provide free veterinary services, education, and advice to benefit the Asian elephant.

STEFT works closely with Thai government's officials by helping with routine elephant health checks, providing emergency veterinary cover, offering a rapid diagnostic service for the often-fatal elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV), and in the distribution of EEHV guidelines. STEFT participates with the government Krabi Elephant Hospital in conducting yearly inspections of all elephants in the southern provinces and regularly tests juveniles for EEHV. In 2024 an official MOU was signed by all parties, furthering this collaboration.

Thanks to the support of STEF, STEFT treated 204 elephant patients during the year throughout the southern provinces (2023, 300). Conditions ranged from malnutrition, weakness, trauma, infections, eye ulceration and parasitic infestations to more specific diseases and injuries, including 1 case of EEHV in a juvenile elephant. Many elephants were provided with supplements and antiparasitic treatments for internal and external parasites. Blood tests and other laboratory investigations were conducted routinely in the STEFT hospital laboratory. Advice and guidance are always given to try and minimise injury and prevent disease. Fifty patients were admitted to the STEFT hospital (2023, 29). In 2024, the Vet Volunteer Programme welcomed 27 overseas visitors, including 6 veterinarians, 2 vet nurses and 19 veterinary students. Volunteers came from UK (12), Australia (5), USA (2), Canada (1), China (1), Greece (1), Germany (1), Republic of Korea (2), Maldives (1) and Malaysia (1).

Regarding capital projects, building work was completed on an isolation unit for the hospital critical to minimise the risk of spread of contagious diseases such as TB; and, with an increasing number of cases of EEHV, we have progressed work on a specially designed intensive care unit for 24/7 care of these often desperately ill young elephants. In March 2024 we purchased a second mobile clinic vehicle to enable us to continue to expand our work in rural areas.

The Trustees report that the STEFT Veterinary Centre continues to meet an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is no local veterinary facility for elephants, and the Centre serves to support communities, often in isolated, rural areas. The Trustees consider these aspirations to be fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity. The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science, and by example, the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and assist in the conservation of this endangered species.

Financial Review

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are most grateful for the support received from major trusts and corporate and individual donors during the period. Particular thanks are offered to Mr and Mrs Vernon and Shirley Hill, The Two R's Charitable Trust, The Hawthorne Trust, The Ofenheim Trust, The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, The Marjorie Coote Animal Charity Trust, The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, The Animal Defence Trust, The Calypso Browning Trust, The Castanea Trust, The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust, The Robert Clutterbuck Charitable Trust, The Alice Noakes Memorial Trust, Blackpool Zoo, Mrs Julia Edge and generous contributions from many others, including during the Big Give campaign in December 2024. The Trustees thank those individuals who gave Gift Aid permissions during the period.

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity aims to hold the equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs as free reserves. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held free reserves totalling £54,031

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the period to 31 December 2024 the Charity raised £82,946 (2023, £233,911), made grants of £76,675 (2023, £148,762) to STEFT and spent £14,068 (2023, £12,502) on administrative assistance. IT and website costs were £1,889 (2023, £3,543) and fundraising costs totalled £14,003 (2023, £10,030). The Charity returned a surplus of £54,031 in the period, which bolstered the free reserves and will be needed for running costs and ongoing building works at the Veterinary Centre. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2025. As a charitable organisation, STEFT actively raises funds in Thailand to support running costs and through its veterinary volunteer programme. The STEF Trustees plan to continue to support STEFT with periodic capital assistance, operating costs and in its educational objectives so promoting the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Trustees

Trustee expenses were reimbursed for meeting attendance (£995) and the sum of £4882 was expended on Trustees' overseas travel. A further £864 was spent on Consultants travel. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2024 of £386.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.



Chair for and on behalf of the
Trustees Date: 14th March 2025

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity registration number 1176322

Receipts and Payments

Period 1 December 2023 to 31 Decemberr 2024

Year to
30/11/23
Total

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	79,698	10,534	90,232	228,728
Tax repayments	3,061		3,061	5,183
Bank interest	187		187	
Total receipts	82,946	10,534	93,479	233,911
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Payments				
Grants to STEF Thailand	76,675	10,119	86,793	148,762
Website and IT	1,889		1,889	3,543
Fundraising	14,003		14,003	10,030
Insurance	386		386	370
Sundries	741		741	626
Administrative assistance	14,068		14,068	12,502
Consultant's travel	864		864	
Trustees' meetings	995		995	
Trustees' travel	4,882		4,882	4,111
Total payments	114,503	10,119	124,622	179,944
Balance for period	(31,557)	415	(31,142)	53,967
Switch between funds	10,000	(10,000)		
Balance at beginning of peiod	75,588	10,000	85,588	31,620
Balance at end of period	54,031	415	54,446	85,587

Balance sheet at 31 December 2024

Surplus receipts	54,031	415	54,446	£	85,587
Represented by					
Cash at Metrobank	43,884	415	44,299		85,587
Cash at CAF Bank	10,147		10,147		
					-
Total	£ 54,031	£ 415	£ 54,446	£	85,587



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

**On accounts for the
PERIOD ended**

31 December 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

1176322

Set out on pages

(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 period ended **31/12/2024**.

**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:

06/03/2025

Name:

EMMA FARQUHAR FCA

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

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Nothing to disclose

SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1176322

Accounts



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Year to 30 November 2023

1 January 2024

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Registered Charity No 1176322

Registered Office: Isca Management Ltd., 31 Warren Avenue, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 5DZ, UK

TRUSTEES

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Dr Andrew Higgins BVetMed MSc PhD FRSB FRCVS (Chairman)
Roger Clark MA FCA ATII (Treasurer)
Brian da Cal BA MSc (Hon Secretary)
Dr Fieke Molenaar MSc GPCert(ExAP) DZooMed MRCVS
Peter Laurie MA (Oxon)
Lorraine Miller BSc (appointed 3 May 2023)
Gillian Newsum BA (resigned 29 January 2023)
Dr Michael Seton BVetMed MSc MRCVS (appointed 3 May 2023)
Amy Stevens BA CFRE
Jakrapob Thaotad BSc PGDip
Katherine Wrench MSc (appointed 13 December 2022)

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Thomas Absolon FCMA
Isca Management Ltd.
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History

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The Charity is controlled by Trustees selected for their expertise and knowledge of elephant management, health and welfare, Thailand, finance, and other appropriate areas. Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 2. New Trustees are appointed with the specific needs of the Charity in mind in terms of skills, expertise, experience, and knowledge at the time of the vacancy. New Trustee induction includes providing copies of the governing documents, objectives and policy of the Charity, minutes of prior meetings, and Annual and financial reports. Upon appointment, new Trustees are inducted by the Chairman and other Trustees. Existing Trustees are provided with training as and when required. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to review policy and progress and oversee the operation of the Charity.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

During the year, Lorraine Miller BSc, Dr Michael Seton BVetMed MSc MRCVS and Katherine Wrench MSc were appointed as Trustees for three years, and Gillian Newsum resigned as a Trustees. Brian da Cal was appointed as Hon Secretary.

The Charity employed two part-time staff members on a consultancy arrangement during the year and in addition benefitted from the help of unpaid volunteers.

Activities, Achievements and Plans

The principal focus of the Charity is the provision of free veterinary care and the welfare of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible standards and education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the sixth year of operation, the Trustees have continued to develop exposure through social media, regular Newsletters and News updates on the website, as well as progressing with a fundraising strategy.

During the year, the Trustees prioritised providing funds and expertise to Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT) for further work on its Elephant Hospital at its Veterinary Centre near Khok Kloi. STEFT is registered as a charitable organisation with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number พง000000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018). The Centre was officially opened in June 2022. A Mobile Clinic is operated by STEFT veterinarians and ancillary staff, and covers 1,500-2,000 km per month, often serving remote areas. The hospital and mobile clinic provide free veterinary services, education, and advice to benefit the Asian elephant.

STEFT works closely with Thai government officials by helping with routine elephant health checks, providing emergency veterinary cover, offering a rapid diagnostic service for the often-fatal elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV), and in the distribution of EEHV guidelines. STEFT participates with the government Krabi Elephant Hospital in conducting yearly inspections of all elephants in the southern provinces and regularly tests juveniles for EEHV.

Thanks to the support of STEF, STEFT treated 300 elephant patients during the year throughout the southern provinces (2022, 101). Conditions ranged from malnutrition, weakness, trauma, infections, and parasitic infestations to more specific diseases and injuries, including one case of tuberculosis and three cases of EEHV in juvenile elephants. Many elephants were provided with supplements and antiparasitic treatments for internal and external parasites. Blood tests and other laboratory investigations were conducted routinely in the STEFT hospital laboratory. Advice and guidance are always given to try and minimise injury and prevent disease. Twenty-nine patients were admitted to the STEFT hospital (2022, 9), of which three required intensive care 24/7. In 2023, the Vet Volunteer Programme welcomed 38 visitors, including 5 veterinarians, 1 vet technician, 1 vet nurse and 31 veterinary students. Volunteers came from USA (6), Australia (2), UK (3), Canada (2), China (2), Hungary (2), Korea (15), Portugal (1), Singapore (1), Spain (1), Taiwan (2), Thailand (1).

A priority for the year was to raise funds to install mains 3-phase electricity to the site. It was regrettable that our intent to meet our electrical needs via sustainable sources did not prove viable, mainly due to heavy cloud cover for over half the year limiting the efficacy of the solar panels even when supplemented by a diesel generator. Thanks to some very generous donors, we raised the funds to meet 50% of the costs of installing 4 miles of cable on 140 concrete posts from the main road to the Veterinary Centre. The balance was paid by the electricity company. The work was completed by mid-year. Two other capital projects commenced this year; building work started on an isolation unit for the hospital critical to minimise the risk of spread of contagious diseases such as TB; also, with an increasing number of cases of EEHV, we have also started work on a specially designed intensive care unit for 24/7 care of these often desperately ill young elephants. A priority for 2024 will be the purchase of a second mobile clinic to enable us to continue to expand our work in rural areas.

The Trustees report that the STEFT Veterinary Centre continues to meet an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is no local veterinary facility for elephants, and the Centre serves to support communities, often in isolated, rural areas. The Trustees consider these aspirations to be fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity. The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science, and by example, the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and assist in the conservation of this endangered species.

Financial Review

Acknowledgements

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Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity aims to hold the equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs as free reserves. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held free reserves totalling £85,587.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the year to 30 November 2023 the Charity raised £233,911 (2022, £92,260), made grants of £148,762 (2022, £62,674) to STEFT and spent £12,502 (2022, £6,215) on administrative assistance. IT and website costs were £3,543 (2022, £1,820) and fundraising costs totalled £10,030 (2022, £14,287). The Charity returned a surplus of £53,968 in the period, which bolstered the free reserves and will be needed for running costs and ongoing building works at the Veterinary Centre. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2024. As a charitable organisation, STEFT actively raises funds in Thailand to support running costs and through its veterinary volunteer programme. The STEF Trustees plan to continue to support STEFT with periodic capital assistance, operating costs and in its educational objectives so promoting the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

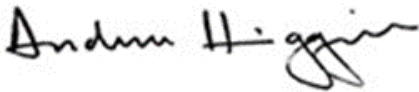
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Trustees

No Trustee expenses were reimbursed but we spent £4,111 on Trustees' travel. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2023 of £370.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Chair for and on behalf of the
Trustees Date: 1 January 2024

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation
Charity registration number 1176322
Receipts and Payments
Year to 30 November 2023

Year to
30/11/22
Total

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Receipts				
Donations	129,646	99,081	228,728	92,361
Tax repayments	1,933	3,250	5,183	299
Total receipts	131,580	102,331	233,911	92,660
Payments				
Grants to STEF Thailand	51,430	97,331	148,762	62,674
Website and IT	3,543		3,543	1,820
Fundraising	10,030		10,030	14,287
Insurance	370		370	336
Government fees			-	35
Sundries	626		626	776
Administrative assistance	12,502		12,502	6,215
Trustees' travel	4,111		4,111	
Total payments	82,612	97,331	179,943	86,142
Balance for period	48,968	5,000	53,968	6,518
Balance at beginning of year	26,619	5,000	31,619	25,101
Balance at end of year	75,587	10,000	85,587	31,619
Balance sheet at 30 November 2023				
Surplus receipts	75,587	10,000	85,587	£ 31,619
Represented by				
Cash at bank	75,587	10,000	85,587	31,619
Total	£ 75,587	£ 10,000	£ 85,587	£ 31,619



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

Southern Thailand Elephants Foundation

On accounts for the year ended

30 November 2023

Charity no (if any)

1176322

Set out on pages

(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 30.11.2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

Thomas

Date:

08/03/24

Name:

THOMAS EMANUEL ABSOLON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

F.C.T.A.

(if any):

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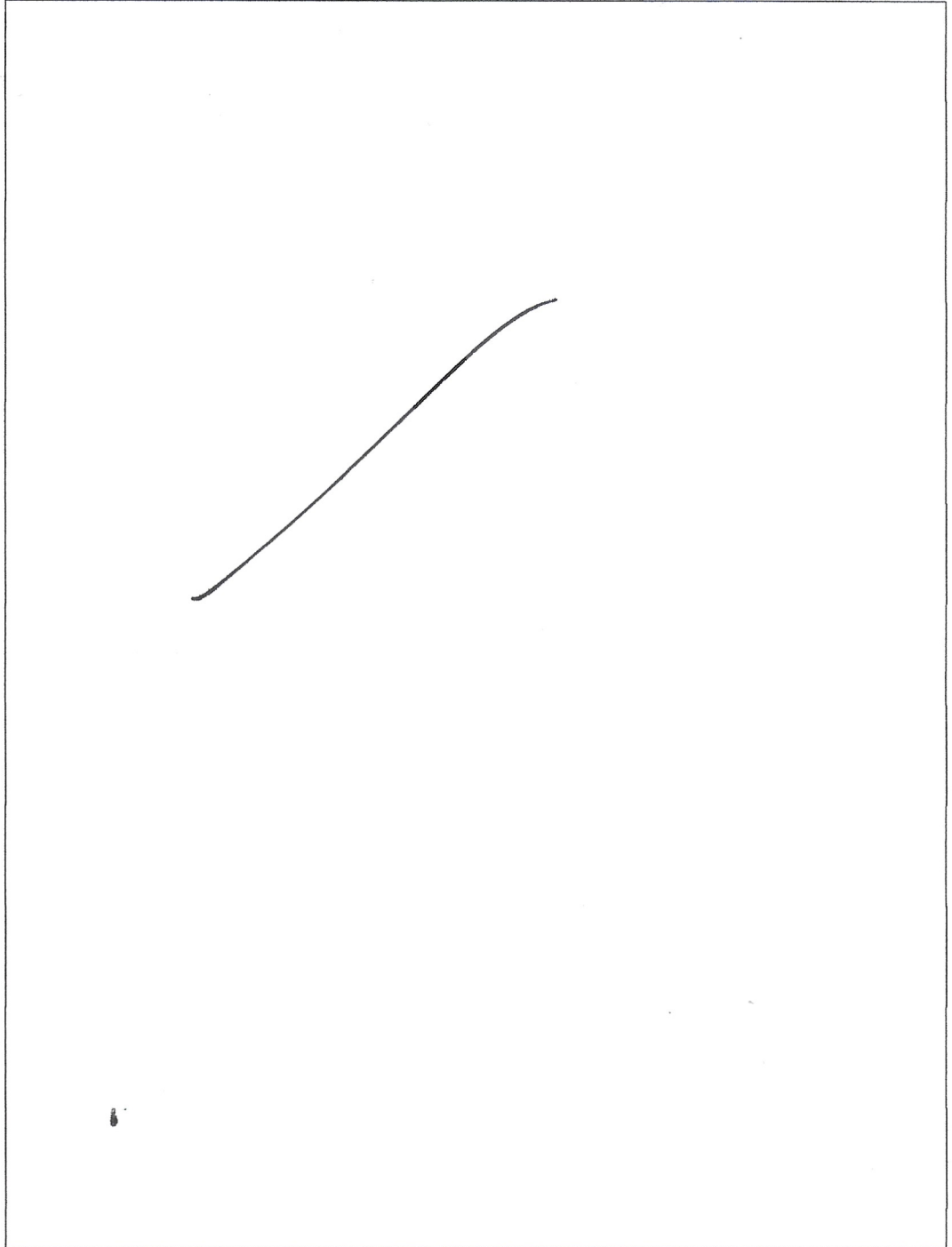
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Section B

Disclosure

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SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1176322

Accounts



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Year to 30 November 2022

1 January 2023

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 December 2021 to 30 November 2022

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Registered Charity No 1176322

Registered Office: ISCA Management Ltd., 31 Warren Avenue, Richmond-upon-Thames, TW10 5DZ, UK

TRUSTEES Sir Richard Armstrong CBE MA (President)
Dr Andrew Higgins BVetMed MSc PhD FRSB FRCVS (Chairman)
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History

The Charity was established in 2017 and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). It was entered onto the Register of Charities in England and Wales with Registered Charity Number 1176322 on 18 December 2017.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by a Constitution dated 15 December 2017. The Objects of the Charity include the conservation and protection of Asian elephants and the improvement of their natural environment; providing veterinary care, protection, treatment and security for elephants in need by reason of sickness, maltreatment, poor circumstances or ill-usage; public education and the promotion of humane behaviour towards elephants and encouraging an appreciation of the importance of elephant welfare and the need to prevent cruelty and suffering.

The Charity is controlled by Trustees selected for their expertise and knowledge of elephant management, health and welfare, Thailand, finance, and other appropriate areas. Trustees who have served during the year are set out on page 2. New Trustees are appointed with the specific needs of the Charity in mind in terms of skills, expertise, experience, and knowledge at the time of the vacancy. New Trustee induction includes providing copies of the governing documents, objectives and policy of the Charity, minutes of prior meetings, and Annual and financial reports. Upon appointment, new Trustees are inducted by the Chairman and other Trustees. Existing Trustees are provided with training as and when required. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to review policy and progress and oversee the operation of the Charity.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

During the year, Mr Brian da Cal BA MSc and Dr Fieke Molenaar MSc GPCert(ExAP) DZooMed MRCVS were appointed as Trustees for three years, and Mrs Gillian Newsum completed her first term in office and was re-elected for a further term of one year.

The Charity employed one part-time staff member on a consultancy arrangement during the year and in addition benefitted from the help of unpaid volunteers.

Activities, Achievements and Plans

The principal focus of the Charity is the veterinary care and welfare of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible standards, and the provision of education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the fifth year of operation, the Trustees have developed exposure through social media, regular Newsletters and News updates on the website, as well as progressing with a fundraising strategy. The charity's logo and branding were updated to enhance digital promotion.

During the year, the Trustees prioritised providing funds and expertise to Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT) for the completion of its Elephant Hospital at its Veterinary Centre near Khok Kloi. STEFT is registered as a charitable organisation with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number พง00000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018). The Centre was officially opened in June 2022. A Mobile Clinic is operated by STEFT veterinarians and ancillary staff, and covers 1,500-2,000 km per month, often serving remote areas. The hospital and mobile clinic provide free veterinary services, education, and advice to benefit the Asian elephant.

STEFT works closely with Thai government officials by helping with routine elephant health checks, providing emergency veterinary cover, offering a rapid diagnostic service for the often-fatal elephant endotheliotropic herpesvirus (EEHV), and in the distribution of EEHV guidelines. In May, STEFT participated with the government Krabi Elephant Hospital in conducting annual inspections of 381 elephants in Phuket, Phang Nga and Surat Thani provinces and tested 32 juveniles for EEHV. The STEFT Veterinary team undertook additional health inspections in September in Phang Nga province checking 116 elephants.

Thanks to the support of STEF, STEFT treated 101 elephant patients during the year throughout the southern provinces. Conditions ranged from malnutrition and weakness, trauma, and parasitic infestations to more specific diseases and injuries. Many elephants were provided with supplements and antiparasitic treatments for internal and external parasites. Blood tests and other routine laboratory investigations were conducted in the STEFT hospital laboratory. Advice and guidance are always given to try and minimise injury and prevent disease. Nine patients were admitted to the STEFT hospital, of which seven had gastrointestinal problems requiring intensive care for 7-16 days, one case was admitted for 45 days for wound recovery, and one case of weakness and malnutrition required admission and treatment for 14 days.

In addition to the completion of the elephant hospital, further items of laboratory and clinical equipment have been purchased and installed. Overnight rooms for up to four visitors were completed, as was basic accommodation for elephant carers. An unexpected but major investment was required following very heavy rains that caused serious damage to the drains and to the surface of the 0.9 km of track linking the site with the main public road. These urgent and essential repairs were completed in May 2022 and the costs met by STEFT locally, and through major donations to STEF from key supporters. A priority for the next year is to raise funds to install 3-phase electricity.

The Trustees believe that the STEFT Veterinary Centre meets an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is no local veterinary facility for elephants, and the Centre serves to support communities, often in isolated, rural areas. The Trustees consider these aspirations are fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity.

The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science, and by example, the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and assist in the conservation of this endangered species.

Financial Review

Acknowledgements

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Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity aims to hold the equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs as free reserves. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held free reserves totalling £31,619.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the year to 30 November 2022 the Charity raised £92,660 (2021, £96,007), made grants of £62,674 (2021, £81,130) to STEFT and spent £6,215 (2021, £1,504) on administrative assistance. IT and fundraising costs totalled £16,107 (2021, £4,700). The Charity returned a surplus of £6,518 in the period, which was used to bolster the free reserves and in order to fund future works to the veterinary hospital. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2023. As a charitable organisation, STEFT actively raises funds in Thailand to support running costs and through its veterinary volunteer programme. The STEF Trustees plan to continue to support STEFT with periodic capital assistance, operating costs and in its educational objectives so promoting the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

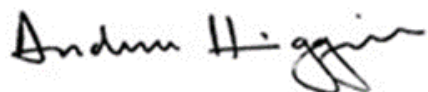
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration. No Trustee expenses were reimbursed. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2022 of £336.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Higgins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Chair for and on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 1 January 2023

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation
Charity registration number 1176322

Receipts and Payments
Year to 30 November 2022

Year to
30 Nov 2021

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
Donations	44,861	47,500	92,361	95,691
Tax repayments	299		299	316
Total receipts	45,160	47,500	92,660	96,007
Payments				
Grants to STEF Thailand	32,674	30,000	62,674	81,130
Website and IT	1,820		1,820	2,528
Fundraising	1,787	12,500	14,287	2,182
Insurance	336		336	304
Government fees	35		35	
Sundries	776		776	132
Administrative assistance	6,215		6,215	1,504
Total payments	43,642	42,500	86,142	87,780
Balance for year	1,518	5,000	6,518	8,227
Balance at beginning of year	25,101		25,101	16,874
Balance at end of year	26,619	5,000	31,619	25,101

Balance sheet at 30 November 2022

Surplus receipts	26,619	5,000	31,619	£ 25,101
Represented by Cash at bank	26,619	5,000	31,619	25,101
Total	£ 26,619	£ 5,000	£ 31,619	£ 25,101

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name

Southern Thomas Blephast Foundation

On accounts for the year
ended

30th November 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1176322

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **30.11.2022**

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~


I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~ *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:



Date:

04/01/2023

Name:

Thomas Charles Absolon

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

F.C.M.A.

(if any):

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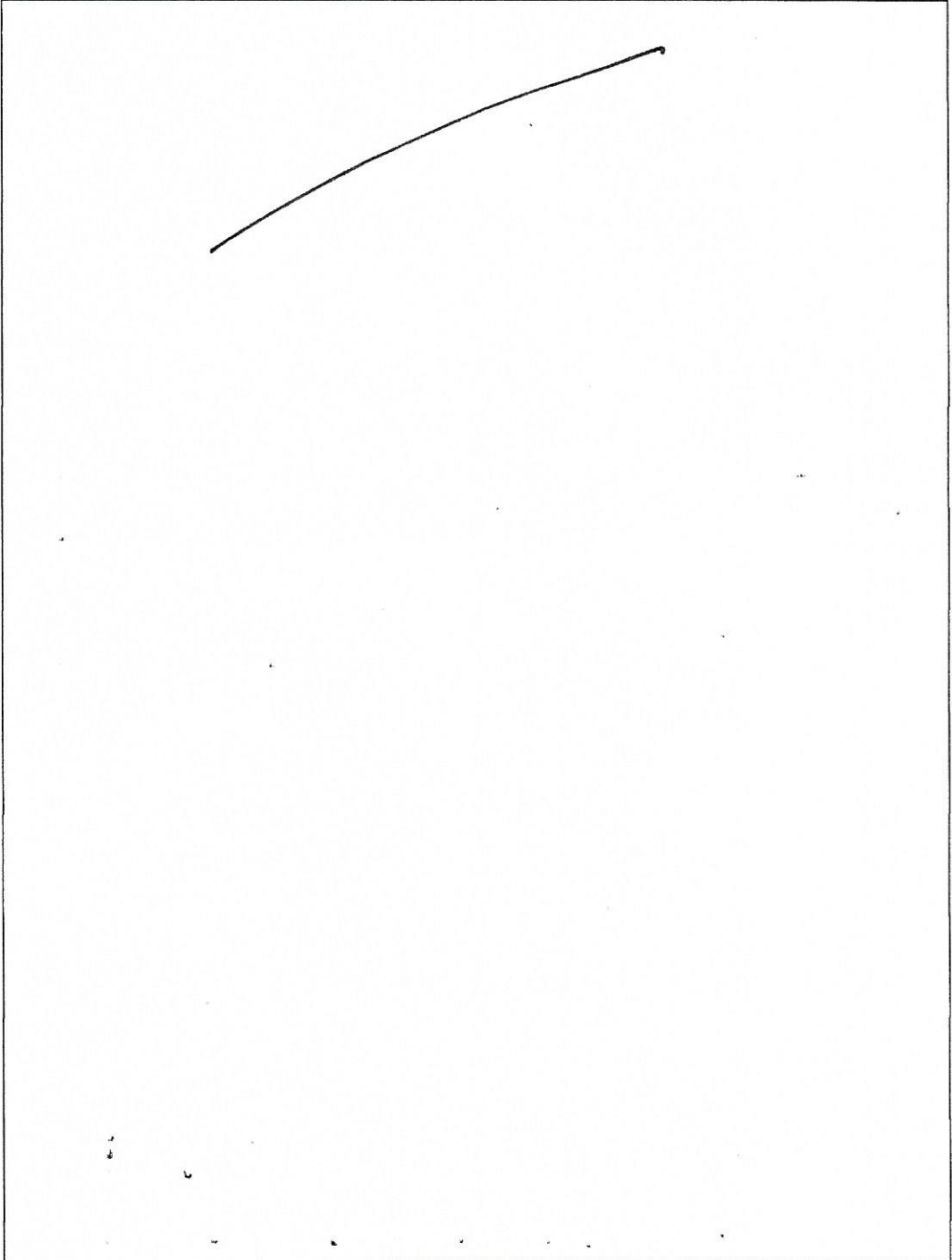
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Section B

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SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1176322

Accounts



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Year to 30 November 2021

5 January 2022

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 December 2020 to 30 November 2021

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Registered Charity No 1176322

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Structure, Governance and Management

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The Charity is controlled by Trustees selected for their expertise and knowledge of elephant management, health and welfare, Thailand, finance, and other appropriate areas. Trustees who have served during the year and since the previous year end are set out on page 2. New Trustees are appointed with the specific needs of the Charity in mind in terms of skills, expertise, experience, and knowledge at the time of the vacancy. New Trustee induction involves the provision of copies of the governing documents, objectives and policy of the Charity, minutes of prior meetings, Annual and financial reports. Upon appointment, new Trustees are inducted by the Chairman and other Trustees. Existing Trustees are provided with training as and when required. The Trustees meet at least four times a year to review policy and progress and oversee the operation of the Charity.

The Trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission in exercising their powers or duties.

During the year, Sir Richard Armstrong and Mr Jakrapob Thaotad completed their first terms in office and were re-elected for a further term of three years.

The Charity employed one part-time staff member on a consultancy arrangement during the year and in addition benefitted from the help of several unpaid volunteers.

Activities, Achievements and Plans

The principal focus of the Charity is the ethical care and conservation of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible welfare standards, and the provision of education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the fourth year of operation, the Trustees have developed further exposure through social media, regular Newsletters to our supporters and News updates on the website, as well as progressing with a fundraising strategy.

During the current financial year, despite the logistical challenges posed by the Covid pandemic, the Trustees have prioritised the completion of the Elephant Veterinary Centre near Khok Kloi in in Southern Thailand by providing funds and expertise to Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT), which is registered as a charity with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number ๗๓00000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018). The Centre was licenced as a veterinary hospital by the Thai government authorities in September 2020. A Mobile Clinic is operated by a STEFT veterinarian and ancillary staff to provide free veterinary services, education, and advice to benefit the Asian elephant, and is of particular value in serving remote areas.

STEFT works closely with the Thai government's Elephant Hospital in Krabi Province by helping with routine health checks, emergency cover, a rapid diagnostic service for the often-fatal elephant endotheliotropic herpesviruses (EEHV), and the distribution of EEHV guidelines. In the current year, the veterinary team has visited 396 elephants, including assisting with health checks on 20 elephants on behalf of the government authorities as part of the annual inspection. Of 129 elephants treated, 21 were juveniles and 108 adult. Conditions ranged from malnutrition and weakness, trauma, and parasitic infestations to more specific diseases and injuries. Many elephants were provided with supplements. Seven were tested in-house for EEHV using a qPCR machine installed during the year.

The main hospital building has been named The Hawthorne Building to commemorate a principal donor. Key items of laboratory and clinical equipment have been purchased and installed and an extension completed adjacent to the hospital to provide storage, housing for a stand-by generator, and accommodation.

The Trustees believe that the STEFT Veterinary Centre meets an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is no local veterinary facility for elephants, and serves to support communities, often in remote, rural areas. The Trustees consider these aspirations are fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity.

The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science, and by example, the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and assist in the conservation of this endangered species. Although not possible in the current year due to Covid restrictions, the Trustees plan in due course to re-start the Place2C programme that was established in 2018 to sponsor visits by disadvantaged children and others to learn about elephants and to increase understanding of elephant health, welfare and conservation.

Financial Review

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are most grateful for the support received from major trusts and corporate and individual donors during the year. Particular thanks are offered to The Hawthorne Trust, The Ofenheim Trust, The 2Rs Charitable Trust, The Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust, The Marjorie Coote Animal Charity Trust, The Alborada Trust, The Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, The Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust, The Animal Defence Trust, The Martin Wills Wildlife Maintenance Trust, The Michael and Shirley Hunt Charitable Trust, Calypso Browning Trust, The Bebb Charitable Trust, and generous contributions from many others including Four Paws International, The A & R Woolf Charitable Trust, and the Polipharm Company.

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity aims to hold the equivalent of six months' unrestricted operating costs as free reserves. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held free reserves totalling £25,101.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the year to 30 November 2021 the Charity raised £96,007, made grants of £81,130 to STEFT and spent £1,504 on administrative assistance. IT and fundraising costs totalled £4,700. The Charity returned a surplus of £8,673 in the period, which was used to bolster the free reserves and in order to fund future works to the veterinary hospital. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2022, and plan to open the new extension, further equip the Veterinary Centre, maintain operating costs and continue to promote the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants. The Charity is entirely dependent on raising money to pursue its objectives.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration. No Trustee expenses were reimbursed. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2021 of £304.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.

Andrew Higgins

Chair for and on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 5 January 2022

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation
Charity registration number 1176322
Receipts and Payments
Year to 30 November 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Year to 30/11/20 Total
Receipts				
Donations	85,691	10,000	95,691	122,879
Tax repayments	316		316	445
Total receipts	86,007	10,000	96,007	123,324
Payments				
Grants to STEF Thailand	70,380	10,750	81,130	138,445
Website and IT	2,528		2,528	2,531
Fundraising	2,182		2,182	2,400
Insurance	304		304	241
Government fees			-	35
Bank charges			-	5
Consultant's expenses			-	167
Trustee's expenses			-	378
Printing, stationery and postage			-	46
Administrative assistance	1,504		1,504	45
Sundry	132		132	
Total payments	77,031	10,750	87,780	144,293
Balance for year	8,977 -	750	8,227 -	20,969
Balance at beginning of year	16,124	750	16,874	37,843
Balance at end of year	25,101	-	25,101	16,874

Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2021

Surplus receipts	25,101	-	25,101	£	16,874
Represented by					
Cash at bank	25,101	-	25,101		16,874
Total	£ 25,101	£ -	£ 25,101	£	16,874



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
SOUTHERN THAI AND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year ended

30TH NOVEMBER 2021

Charity no (if any)

1176322

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30th Nov 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

~~The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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.

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

Signed:

Thomas Charles Absolon

Date:

28/01/2022

Name:

THOMAS CHARLES ABSOLON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

R.E.M.A.

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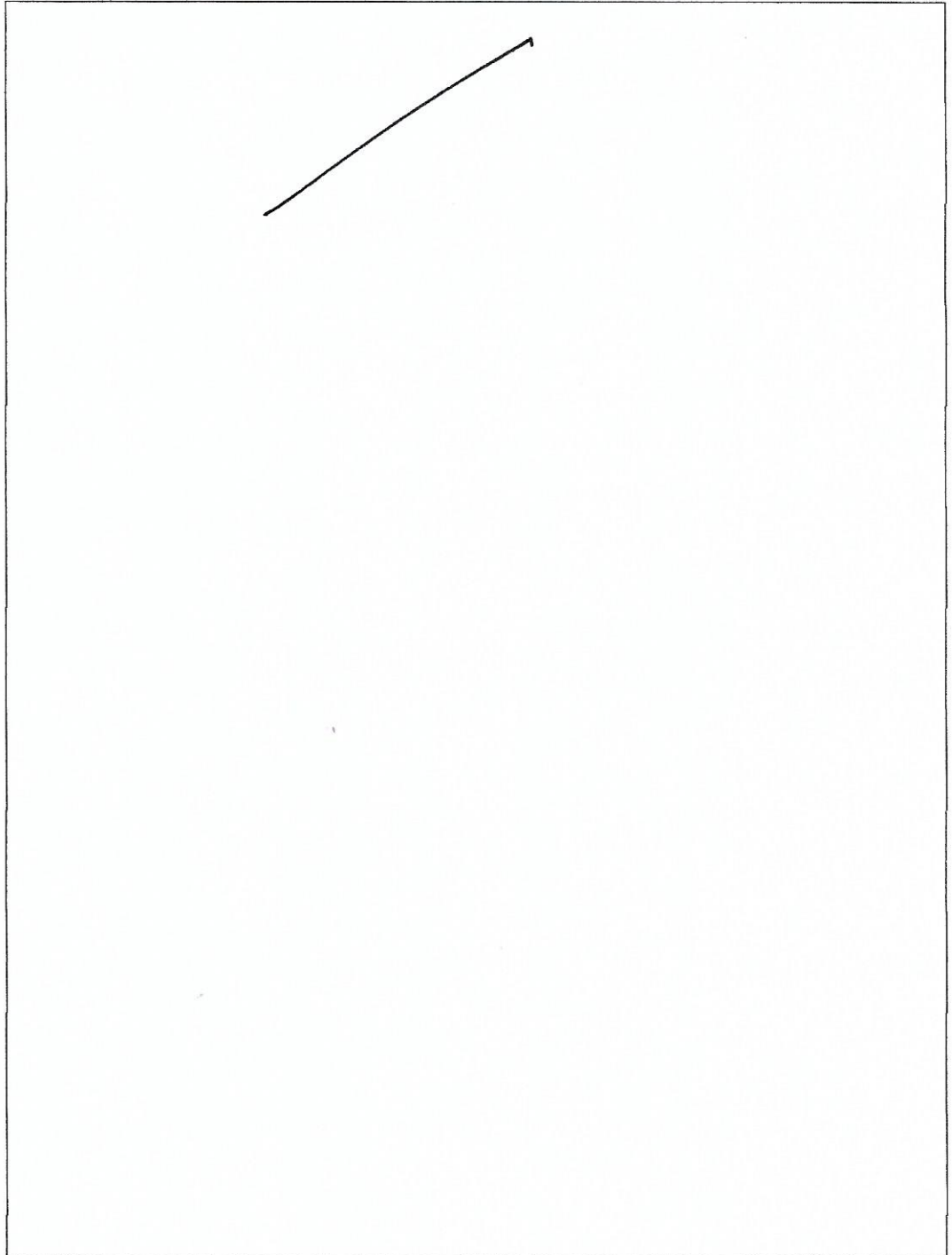
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SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1176322

Accounts



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements Year to 30 November 2020

11th January 2021

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Trustees' Annual Report & Financial Statements

for the Financial Period from 1 December 2019 to 30 November 2020

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The Charity employed one part-time staff member on a consultancy arrangement during the year and in addition benefitted from the help of several unpaid volunteers.

Activities, Achievements and Plans

The principal focus of the Charity is the ethical care and conservation of the Asian elephant, using the highest possible welfare standards, and the provision of education to increase knowledge of the elephant, its health, and cultural role in Thailand. To help achieve the Charity's objectives in the third year of operation, the Trustees have developed exposure through social media, regular Newsletters to our supporters and News updates on the website, as well as progressing with a fundraising strategy.

The Charity sees its current core focus as assisting in the care of unwell, elderly, retired, abandoned, or abused elephants. The Trustees have prioritised the building of an Elephant Veterinary Centre in Southern Thailand by providing funds and expertise. During the financial year, the design, planning and build of the Centre was completed and a Toyota pick-up truck was converted to a Mobile Clinic for veterinary use. All veterinary facilities are owned and operated by Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation Thailand (STEFT; registered as a charity with the Governorate of Phang Nga, number ๗๓00000003/2561 dated 27 September 2018).

The STEF Veterinary Centre was licenced as a veterinary hospital by the Thai government authorities in September 2020 and opened for clinical work in November 2020. A veterinarian and ancillary staff have been appointed by STEFT to enable the Centre to provide veterinary services, education, and advice of direct benefit to the Asian elephant. The Centre is located close to the town of Khok Kloi, Takua Thung District, on the Northern Andaman Coast of Phang Nga Province, Southern Thailand.

The Veterinary Centre meets an urgent health and welfare need in Phang Nga and neighbouring Provinces where there is presently no specialised veterinary facility to serve more than 600 elephants. The Trustees wished to create a safe, well-managed Centre to benefit elephants and as a Community Support Project. There is no charge for the veterinary services provided. In time, the Trustees may wish also to provide a rest home for old or abandoned elephants, and an Education Centre. The Trustees consider these aspirations are fully compatible with the aims and objectives of the Charity.

The Trustees believe that through veterinary care, education, science and by example the Charity can help in the protection and care of Thailand's elephants and preserve their role in Thai culture for generations to come. Through our Place2C programme, the Charity supports sponsored visits by disadvantaged children and others to learn about elephant health and husbandry for the purposes of their education and to increase their understanding of this endangered species. However, in the current financial year these activities have had to cease due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

During the year, STEF raised over £40,000 to support an emergency appeal to feed starving elephants whose owners/carers were dramatically and suddenly deprived of income due to the impact of Covid-19 restrictions in Thailand and the cessation of tourism in mid-2020. The charity provided funds to feed 286 elephants over an eight-week period by providing 703 truckloads of food free of charge.

Financial Review

Acknowledgements

The Trustees are most grateful for the support received from major trusts and corporate and individual donors during the year. Particular thanks are offered to the Hawthorne Trust, the Ofenheim Trust, the Alborada Trust, the Two R's Charitable Trust, the Bebb Charitable Trust, the Marjorie Coote Animal Charity Trust, the Marchig Animal Welfare Trust, the Animal Defence Trust, the Beryl Evetts and Robert Luff Animal Welfare Trust, Four Paws International, the Calypso Browning Trust, A & R Woolfe Charitable Trust, and many individuals.

Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Charity has a reserves policy of holding the equivalent of two months' unrestricted operating costs. This policy is reviewed regularly. At the end of the period, the charity held unrestricted reserves totalling £16,874.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

The Trustees declare that the charity had no funds which were materially in deficit at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

State of the Charity's Finances

The attached Receipts and Payments Account shows that in the year to 30 November 2020 the Charity raised £123,324, made grants of £138,445 to STEF Thailand and spent £5,848 on social media and administration. During the year, the Covid-19 pandemic did not appear to impact on charity income. The Trustees are satisfied that STEF is in a sustainable position as we move forward into 2021, and plan to further equip the Veterinary Centre, maintain operating costs and continue to promote the work of the charity in providing veterinary care and attention to needy elephants. The Charity is entirely dependent on raising money to pursue its objectives.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the Charity

The Trustees declare that the charity has given no guarantee where potential liability is outstanding at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

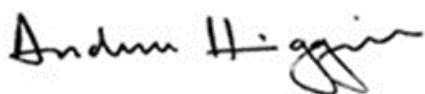
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

Trustees

No trustee received any remuneration. Trustee expenses of £378 were reimbursed. The Trustees have Indemnity Insurance with AXA Insurance UK Plc at an annual premium for 2020 of £241.

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and authorised that it be signed on their behalf.



Chair for and on behalf of the Trustees

Date: 11th January 2021

Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation
Charity registration number 1176322

Receipts and Payments
Year to 30 November 2020

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total £	Period to 30/11/19 Total (£)
Receipts				
Donations and sales of merchandise	29,422	93,457	122,879	112,119
Tax repayments	445	-	445	1,025
Total receipts	29,867	93,457	123,324	113,144
Payments				
STEF Thailand				
Grants for site and building	4,924	81,248	86,172	70,857
Grants for vehicle	1,280	2,490	3,770	2,859
Starving elephants appeal		40,382	40,382	-
Running costs	8,121	-	8,121	-
Total	14,325	124,120	138,445	73,716
STEF UK				
Merchandise	-	-	-	885
Website and IT	2,531	-	2,531	1,573
Fundraising	2,400	-	2,400	-
Insurance	241	-	241	222
Government fees	35	-	35	40
Bank charges	5	-	5	-
Consultancy expenses	167	-	167	-
Trustees' expenses	378	-	378	-
Printing, stationery and postage	46	-	46	865
Administrative assistance	45	-	45	-
Sundry	-	-	-	395
Total payments	20,172	124,120	144,293	77,696
Balance for year	9,694	(30,663)	(20,969)	35,448
Balance at beginning of year	6,430	31,413	37,843	2,395
Balance at end of year	16,124	750	16,874	37,843
Balance sheet as at 30 November 2020				
Surplus receipts	16,124	750	16,874	37,843
Represented by				
Cash at bank	16,124	750	16,874	37,807
Cash with PayPal	-	-	-	36
Total	16,124	750	16,874	37,843

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf
Andrew Higgins, Chairman
Roger Clark, Treasurer

11th January 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year ended

30TH NOVEMBER 2020 Charity no (if any) 1176322

Set out on pages

1-5 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

11/01/2021

Name:

THOMAS CHARLES ABOLON

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

