



Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation

Charity Number: 1176322

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

11th January 2021

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

Reference & Administration Details

Charity Details:

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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)
Roger Clark MA FCA ATII (Treasurer)
Peter Laurie MA (Secretary)
Gillian Newsum BA
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Jakrapob Thaotad BSc PGDip

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**INDEPENDENT
EXAMINER** Thomas Absolon FCMA
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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 the 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 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 the 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.

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 Hon Secretary. 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.

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 วส000000003/2561 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

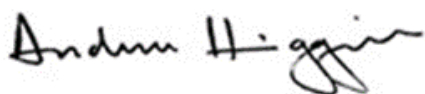
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

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

Charity Name
SOUTHERN THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year
ended

30TH NOVEMBER 2020	Charity no (if any)	1176322
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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 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:

Date:

11/01/2021

Name:

THOMAS CHARLES ABSOLON

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

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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.

