



# **Southern Thailand Elephant Foundation**

Charity Number: 1176322

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

5 January 2022

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### **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**

**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  
Gillian Newsum BA  
Amy Stevens BA CFRE  
Jakrapob Thaotad BSc PGDip

**BANKERS** Metro Bank Plc  
One Southampton Row  
London WC1B 5HA

**INDEPENDENT  
EXAMINER** Thomas Absolon FCMA  
ISCA Management Ltd.  
31 Warren Avenue  
Richmond upon Thames  
Surrey, TW10 5DZ

## **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 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 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 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 ๗๓000000003/2561 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**

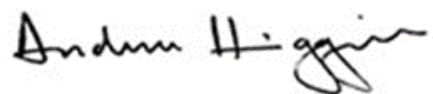
The Trustees declare that the charity has no outstanding debts which are secured by an express charge on any of the assets of the charity at the date of the statement of assets and liabilities.

### **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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Higgins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized 'H' and a long, sweeping tail.

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 THAILAND ELEPHANT FOUNDATION

On accounts for the year  
ended

30TH NOVEMBER 2021

Charity no  
(if any)

1176322

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 30TH NOVEMBER 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:

- 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:

28/01/2022

Name:

THOMAS CHARLES ASHTON

Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body

R.E.M.A.

(if any):

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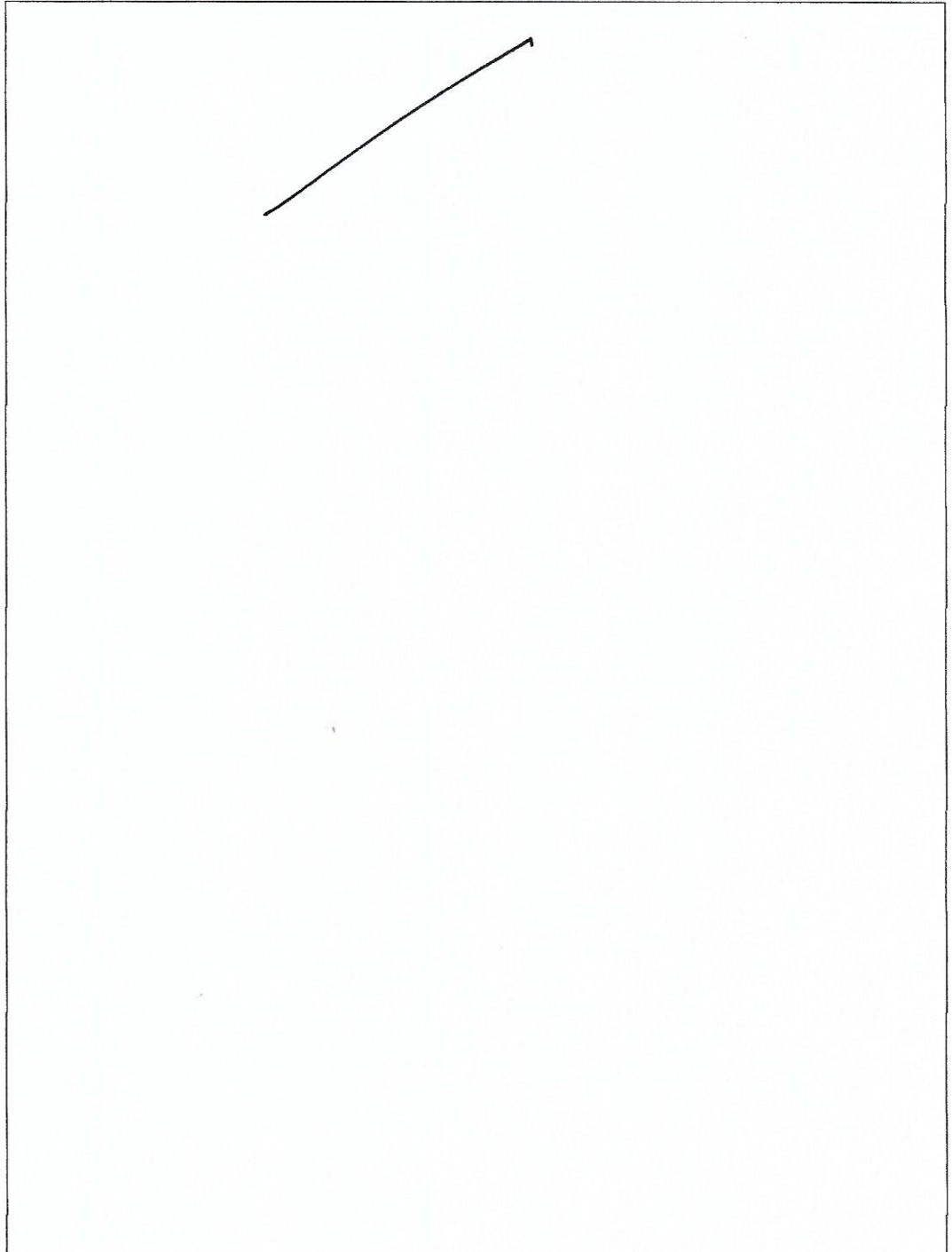
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## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.


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