

Blankets for Baby Rhinos

Trustee Annual Report 2024

Fundraising and Donations

Fundraising has continued successfully throughout 2024 using multiple platforms. We utilise Givify as our UK fundraising platform, Facebook Donate (which pays through PayPal), PayPal Donate, and our online shop (PayPal). We also accept direct donations into our UK CAF bank account.

PayPal Donate has enabled us to establish monthly recurring donations, which we continue to encourage as a sustainable source of income.

We have recently acquired a card reading machine for taking card payments at markets.

Financial Transfers and Compliance

Funds have been transferred directly to our beneficiaries via international bank transfers. We have retained our gambling licence, allowing us to legally hold raffles.

Awards and Recognition

Blankets for Baby Rhinos (BFBR) continues to be a successful and respected charity. We are proud to have won the **Leopard Award for the sixth consecutive year**, awarded by SANParks Honorary Rangers, in recognition of our contribution to **Project Watchdog**.

Beneficiary Support

We have continued to support our long-standing beneficiaries, including:

- Care for Wild Rhino Sanctuary
- Umoya Khulula Wildlife Rehabilitation
- The Rhino Orphanage
- Zululand Rhino Orphanage
- African Wildlife Vets

In addition, we provided specific assistance to **Moholoholo Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre** for the treatment of poisoned vultures.

Project Rhino and Tracking Dog Sam

BFBR part-funded a tracking dog, Sam, for **Project Rhino in KwaZulu-Natal**.

Unfortunately, Project Rhino did not feel that Sam performed to the required standard and he was returned to Luna Hounds. We were dissatisfied with both the condition in which Sam was returned and the inadequate record-keeping and communication from Project Rhino.

As a result, BFBR will no longer support Project Rhino. We hope that Sam can be redeployed elsewhere once his health and wellbeing have been fully addressed.

SANParks K9 Unit – Project Watchdog

We have continued our ongoing support of the **SANParks K9 Unit** through Project Watchdog. This support included:

- Purchase of two new tracking dogs for Kruger National Park
- Equipment for dog handlers
- Veterinary treatment for two sick tracking dogs
- Construction of new kennels in the north of the park
- Donation and transport of a large box of Kong toys for the dogs
- Support for the rangers' year-end function, which is vital for morale

Our **SANParks K9 Emergency Fund** was used to cover veterinary costs for tracking dogs Hercules and Charlie.

African Wildlife Vets Emergency Fund

The African Wildlife Vets emergency fund was utilised for:

- Snare removals
- Ear notching and dehorning of rhinos
- Relocation and collaring of leopards and lions

Transport and Logistics

Transport of blankets and other essential items has been greatly supported through our collaboration with **KLM Charity – Wings for Animals**, who regularly fly donated items to South Africa on our behalf.

Trustees and Supporters

Two new trustees joined BFBR in 2024:

- **Paul Sharman (UK)**, who has been highly active in fundraising and donated towards a third tracking dog through his company, Longworth Forensics.
- **Marina Turion (Netherlands)**, who also joined as a trustee and generously left a legacy to fund one of the tracking dogs.

We would also like to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of our supporters:

- **Linda Grave**, who has been instrumental in providing football kits for Kruger Park rangers, their families, and local communities.
- **Elizabeth Conroy**, who continues to run our online shop, attend local markets, and organise tombolas.
- **Beverly**, who regularly donates proceeds from boot fairs.
- **Liz Brown**, who runs her online craft shop *Creations for Rhinos*, donating all profits to BFBR.

Conclusion

We are extremely pleased with how the charity is operating, both in terms of fundraising and the resumed transport of blankets and essential goods to South Africa via our dedicated volunteers. BFBR remains committed to supporting wildlife conservation and those on the front line protecting endangered species.

Elisa Best

Head Trustee

Blankets for Baby Rhinos



Blankets for Baby Rhinos		Charity No 1179773
Receipts and Payments Account		
For the period from	1st April 2024	to 31st March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
donations	£ 18,792	£ -	£ -	£ 18,792	£ 13,755
fundraising/merchandise sales	£ 6,606	£ -	£ -	£ 6,606	£ 5,109
HMRC gift aid	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
grants	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
interest	£ 10	£ -	£ -	£ 10	£ 11
Sub Total	£ 25,408	£ -	£ -	£ 25,408	£ 18,875
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total receipts	£ 25,408	£ -	£ -	£ 25,408	£ 18,875
A3 Payments					
AWARE	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 3,000
to Care for Wild Rhinos Sanctuary	£ 4,060	£ -	£ -	£ 4,060	£ 2,500
African Wildlife Vets	£ 4,500	£ -	£ -	£ 4,500	£ 3,000
Zululand Conservation	£ 1,500	£ -	£ -	£ 1,500	£ -
Sanparks Honorary Rangers	£ 3,300	£ -	£ -	£ 3,300	£ 1,400
Pangolin support	£ 1,800	£ -	£ -	£ 1,800	£ 3,257
Legend Rhino orphanage	£ 3,085	£ -	£ -	£ 3,085	£ 3,900
Tusk Trust Project Rhino	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 1,500
fundraising/shop/merchandise costs	£ 20	£ -	£ -	£ 20	£ 1,200
bank charges	£ 266	£ -	£ -	£ 266	£ 295
Sub total	£ 18,531	£ -	£ -	£ 18,531	£ 20,052
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
Total payments	£ 18,531	£ -	£ -	£ 18,531	£ 20,052
Net of receipts/(payments)	£ 6,877	£ -	£ -	£ 6,877	£ 1,177
A5 Transfers between funds	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
A6 Cash funds last year end	£ 6,028	£ -	£ -	£ 6,028	£ 7,205
Cash funds this year end	£ 12,905	£ -	£ -	£ 12,905	£ 6,028

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds				
	Lloyds account 00031984	£ 12,185	£ -	£ -
	PayPal account 6VCHRRZ74YHXW	£ 720	£ -	£ -
		£ -	£ -	£ -
	Total cash funds	£ 12,905	£ -	£ -
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		ELISA JOY BEST	16-12-25	



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BLANKETS FOR BABY RHINOS

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31ST MARCH 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1179773

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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 31/03/2025.

**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**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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:

Dawn Cater

Date: 2.9.25

Name:

DAWN CATER

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

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