

WATERBERG RHINO UK ANNUAL REPORT
To year end 31 March 2021

The trustees of Waterberg Rhino UK present its charity report and financial statements for the year end 31 March 2021.

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity name: Waterberg Rhino UK

Charity registration number: 1187429

Registered office and address: Beenham Hatch
The Avenue
Chapel Row
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Trustees: Lucy Asprey
Alexandra Bartlam (resigned 12/07/21)
Elizabeth Blakey
Belinda Chaffer (chair)
Bill Curral
Caroline St Quinton

Aims and objectives

- To fundraise and raise awareness for the protection and conservation of rhino and other endangered wildlife in the Waterberg region of South Africa
- To fundraise and provide support for projects that advance the education and conservation of the environment in the Waterberg
- To support projects that bring social and economic upliftment for the community in the Waterberg
- To raise awareness of the plight of the rhino and other endangered wildlife in the UK

Waterberg Rhino UK (charity no 1187429) received its registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation from the Charity Commission on 17 January 2020. We had our first trustees meeting in London on 4th March 2020.

Very soon after, the UK was placed in lockdown. Like everyone else, it was necessary to rethink all strategy on fundraising and events, with no idea how long we were all going to be in this situation.

Projects supported 2020-21

With concurrent lockdown in South Africa, the safari lodges in the Waterberg closed and with that the flow of income from tourism. Our first priority was to act to secure funds for security patrols to protect rhino in the region.

- With all fundraising going online, we organized 2 prize draws raising £13,084.75 in total. The total cost for the year to cover the patrols has been £22,545.92. While recently there has been a trickle of international tourists, who have managed to make it to South Africa, funding is still ongoing to ensure the safety of rhino in the region.
- The charity's other main area of concern has been the well-being of the community during these difficult times, with many laid off work, and children unable to go to school due to closures. During the winter months of August and September 2020, we were able to provide fruit and e-pap to schoolchildren in the Vaalwater area to aid nutrition.
- We have been fortunate to be supported in our endeavours by Jessica Babich who is based in the Waterberg. She works on a consultancy basis for the charity and is able to facilitate and oversee the rolling out of funding for projects.
- To mark World Rhino Day on 22 September, we were able to send a donation to the Waterberg Academy for its bursary fund, which enables as many children as possible from the local area to benefit from the excellent education that is provided by this independent school. We also donated funds for prizes at the Lapalala Wilderness School annual public speaking competition, which aims to encourage conservation champions for the future.
- In November 2020, we were alerted to the fact that the local police station near Vaalwater, had been without water for 3 months, an unsustainable situation during a pandemic. With the help of local landowners who provided a pump, we were able to pay for the installation of a borehole to supply water.
- Other community-based help has included funds to Security Interest Group (SIG), to buy first-aid equipment in its role alongside the South African police in preventing a medical emergency becoming a fatal one in the rural areas in the Waterberg.
- Alongside the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve (WBR), the charity has reinitiated funding for food garden schemes to 8 schools, a clinic and a community co-operative, enabling some 2,885 children to receive fresh vegetables as part of their diet at school. In this we have been fortunate to have the help of Daniel Mashasha to oversee the gardens and support the community. This is an ongoing project with plans for further funding through the WBR.

- In July 2020, Waterberg Rhino UK was approached by the founders of Urban Rhino Gin who chose the charity to support through sales of their premium brand of gin. Despite an unbelievably tough first year for the company, Urban Rhino was able to donate funds for the purchase of binoculars for the rangers working in Atherstone Provincial Park.

With the plans at the start of 2020 to hold live events destroyed by Covid, it has been heartening to have success through online fundraising and the support by so many, much through direct mailing. We have also received funding through sales of Christmas cards, a specially designed WRUK storm lantern, bush straps, sales of artwork and pyjamas.

Plans for the future

In normal circumstances, the trustees would travel to the Waterberg to visit the organizations and individuals with whom we work but again with travel restrictions, this has been impossible. Through the great generosity of a donor through Goldman Sachs Gives, we have been able to take on Jessica Babich as our vital on-the-ground consultant, who oversees projects in the region and acts as our liaison with organisations, thus enabling the charity to give funds with confidence.

At the time of writing, the annual Ride for Rhinos, the charity's main fundraiser, a 300km ride on horseback through the Waterberg, has been transformed into a virtual 8,000-mile hackathon. The idea is that riders from all over the world come together to accumulate the distance from the UK to SA while raising funds for the charity. With the hope that international travel will resume later in the year, the 2022 Ride for Rhinos, scheduled to take place in January in the Waterberg, is sold out, with interest already in the 2023 Ride.

Despite a difficult and testing first year for the charity, the trustees of Waterberg Rhino UK are extremely grateful for the level of support shown in terms of donations. They are confident that the charity will be able to continue to meet the requests for funding from the Waterberg community in order to help it protect the iconic rhino and the environment in which it lives, while bringing support to sustain and improve people's livelihoods.

Belinda Chaffer
Chair of Trustees
20/07/21

FINANCIAL REPORT 2020-2021
To year end March 2021

Total receipts: £49,073.91
(interest £2.89)

Total donations: £31,872.69

Total expenses: £1,197.80

Cash balance: £16,002.50

Funding grants to end March 2021

Rhino patrols	£22,545.92
Jessica Babich and food gardens	£5,445.92
Waterberg Academy	£500.00
Waterberg Security Cluster	£1,746.00
Lapalala Wilderness School	£250.00
Dorset Police Station water	£941.10
SIG	£208.94
Atherstone Rangers binoculars	£236.13



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
1-Apr-20

To

31-Mar-21

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	49,071	-	-	49,071	-
Bank Interest	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	49,074	-	-	49,074	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	49,074	-	-	49,074	-
A3 Payments					
Grants made	31,874	-	-	31,874	-
Operating expenses	1,198	-	-	1,198	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,072	-	-	33,072	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,072	-	-	33,072	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	16,002	-	-	16,002	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	16,002	-	-	16,002	-

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	community account	4,862	-	-
	premium account	11,140	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,002	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on
behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

A W CURRAL

13-Jul-21



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

WATERBERG RHINO UK

On accounts for the year
ended

31 MARCH 2020

Charity no
(if any)

1187429

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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:

A. Young

Date:

09 July 2021

Name:

Alastair Young

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

Solicitor

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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.