

# WATERBERG RHINO UK ANNUAL REPORT

To year end 31 March 2025

The Trustees of Waterberg Rhino UK present the charity report and financial statements for the year end 31 March 2025.

Charity name	Waterberg Rhino UK
Charity registration number	1187429
Trustees	Lucy Asprey William Asprey Belinda Chaffer (chair) Bill Curral Edward Peel Roger Stringer MBE

<b>Total receipts to 31.03.25</b>	<b>£145,071.26</b>
<b>Total grants to 31.03.25</b>	<b>£125,319.56</b>

## 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 which 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.

## Annual Review 2024–25

January 2025 marked a significant milestone for Waterberg Rhino UK as we celebrated five years of impactful operation. This anniversary coincided with the charity's highest-ever annual revenue of **£145,000**, firmly establishing us as a major contributor to rhino conservation and community development in the Waterberg region.

## Protecting One of the Last Wild Rhino Populations

Our top priority remains the security and protection of the Waterberg's critically important rhino population. Over the past year, we continued expanding the network of ANPR cameras across the region, enhancing the detection and deterrence of criminal activity. This data-driven system not only supports security operations but also helps foster confidence among local residents and businesses.

To further strengthen protection, the charity funded targeted ranger patrols in a known poaching hotspot. These patrols led to arrests and noticeably increased community engagement in safeguarding the area.

Ensuring that rangers have the tools they need to operate safely and effectively is vital. In September 2024, we delivered more than **50 pairs of military-grade boots**, alongside bullet-proof vests, tactical webbing, and head-torches, equipment that directly supports their challenging daily work.

## Supporting Rhino Rehabilitation and Welfare

Our partnership with the Limpopo Rhino Orphanage continues to thrive. In March 2024, a young rhino calf raised with the support of our donors was transferred to the Orphanage to benefit from essential companionship and social integration. We remain committed to funding its feed and care, thereby assisting other orphans as well, until its successful release back into the wild.

## Strengthening Communities Through Education and Food Security

The **Waterberg Rhino Food Gardens Scheme** continues to flourish. November 2024 saw the successful conclusion of our second Gardens Competition, run in collaboration with the Waterberg Biosphere Reserve. The initiative encourages sustainable gardening practices among 22 rural schools and communities, helping promote food security while reinforcing the connection between conservation and livelihoods. Over 3,000 children are fed daily with produce from the gardens.

Additionally, we supported a wide range of educational opportunities, including:

- A grant to the Waterberg Academy bursary fund
- Funding for **60 children** to attend a three-day conservation course at the pioneering Lapalala Wilderness School.
- Sponsorship of a public-speaking competition at Lapalala Wilderness School, focusing on the social, political, and economic impacts of rhino poaching

## Fundraising and Partnerships


Our annual fundraising events are now a cornerstone of our income. We were also delighted to receive generous support from **Repton School**, where engagement throughout the spring term helped raise both funds and awareness of our mission.


We remain proud members of the **1% for the Planet** initiative, and are deeply grateful to sculptor **Zoe Carmichael** for her continued dedication and generous contributions through the sale of her artwork.

## Looking Ahead

Important progress has been made this year in strengthening collaboration across the Waterberg. By uniting conservation organisations, private landowners, schools, and community groups, we are better equipped to confront the challenges of wildlife crime and the criminal networks that fuel it.

Waterberg Rhino UK is committed to expanding this shared effort, enhancing safety, improving livelihoods, and creating opportunities for both people and wildlife to thrive. From security and schooling to sustainable food supply and economic empowerment, our mission remains clear: **protect the Waterberg's rhinos while supporting the communities that live alongside them.**

 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION</b> FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Waterberg Rhino UK			No (if any) 1187429
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>			
	For the period from	Period start date 1-Apr-24	To	Period end date 31-Mar-25
<b>Section A Receipts and payments</b>				
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	<b>Endowment funds</b>	<b>Total funds</b>
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
	145,071	-	-	145,071
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	145,071	-	-	145,071
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	145,071	- 0	- 0	145,071
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
grants made	125,320	-	-	125,320
bank fees and other costs	20,220	-	-	20,220
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
	- 0	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	145,540	-	-	145,540
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Sub total</b>	- 0	- 0	- 0	-
<b>Total payments</b>	145,540	- 0	- 0	145,540
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	- 468	-	-	- 468
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	- 0	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	47,117	-	-	47,117
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	46,649	-	-	46,649
<b>Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period</b>				
<b>Categories</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>	
		to nearest £	to nearest £	
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	community account	6,308		
	premium account	40,341		

		-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	46,649	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
		<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Restricted funds</b>
	<b>Details</b>	to nearest £	to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-
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		-	-
		-	-
	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-
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	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which asset belongs</b>	<b>Cost (optional)</b>
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-
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	<b>Details</b>	<b>Fund to which liability relates</b>	<b>Amount due (optional)</b>
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	
		A W Curral	
			

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9/8/25				



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Waterberg Rhino UK

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 March 2025

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 31 /03/2024

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:

Date:

24/9/25

Name:

Alastair Young

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

Solicitor (non practicing)

Address:

1, Coton Road, Ravensthorpe, Northants, NN6 8EG



**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.**