

Charity Name - Barbary Macaque Awareness & Conservation**Charity number** 1188719**Registered address:** 14 Lindsay Gardens, Tredegar, Gwent, NP22 4RP Wales**Trustees** Dr Tracie McKinney (Chair), Dr Kimberley Hockings, Dr Amanda Webber, Dr Siân Waters.**Independent examiner:** Mr Stephen Woollard**Trustees' Report**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the accounts for the year ended 5th April 2025 for Barbary Macaque Awareness & Conservation. The Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out above.

Structure, Governance and Management. The charity is governed by a constitution adopted on 27th November 2019. The Board of Trustees manages the activities of the charity.

Charitable Objectives

The CIO's purpose is to encourage the protection of Endangered primates by:

1. Developing conservation and research initiatives that are inclusive, fair and sustainable.
2. Raising awareness nationally and internationally about the illegal primate trade with particular reference to the Endangered Barbary macaque in its natural habitat in Morocco.
3. Communicating research findings.
4. Providing capacity building and training to students and conservation practitioners in the UK and internationally with regard to primate conservation, particularly that of the Endangered Barbary macaque.

Acknowledgements

We, as a charity, are aware of the importance of having volunteers and supporters who are generous with their time and financial help. Their support helps us to conduct our work and we thank them for this.

Activities

The BMAC AGM was held on 7th March 2025. All trustees were in attendance.

Siân visited Morocco in June 2024 to conduct a population survey of the Barbary macaque groups affected by the fire. This work was done in partnership with our Moroccan partners Barbary Macaque Conservation in the Rif (BMCRif).

BMCRif requested funds from BMAC to purchase good quality, firefighting equipment and protective clothing for at least eight people. The equipment was purchased and has already been put to good use extinguishing a small fire close to the BMCRif base in Bouhachem.

Future Plans

There is a noticeable increase in macaques in the pet trade and we are working with our Moroccan partners, BMCRif to develop a campaign to inform people about the protected status of the Barbary macaque and why they make poor pets.

We have been approached by diverse universities and conservation NGOs in primate range countries to deliver workshops on conservation social science to their students and staff members.

Public Awareness Raising

Our website was revamped and updated <https://barbarymacaqueconservation.org/> Sian Waters continues to communicate information via Facebook posts.

Illegal Trade

Siân continues to mediate our Facebook page and monitor the public's reporting of illegally held macaques. This led to the confiscation of one illegally held macaque in Fes, Tangier and Oujda respectively, and two macaques being kept in cage at a Marrakech hotel.

Early in August 2025, we received reports on Facebook about the maltreatment of a young male Barbary macaque at a pet groomer in Fes. The groomer washed and dried the monkey which was sometimes frozen with fear. We reported the film to Facebook as animal cruelty but our report was not upheld. We alerted the Moroccan authorities and they confiscated the macaque the following day.

Some people realise quickly that macaques don't make good pets and try to get rid of them by selling them on or releasing them into a forest. Two ex-pet macaques were released into Bouhachem forest in October 2024. One was reported to us by a villager and we also encountered another ex-pet macaque in a different area of Bouhachem forest. Both of these animals were very imprinted and came very close to people which is risky for them and for the public. They are also at risk of being attacked by dogs in the forest. After seeking advice from Siân Waters, the BMCRif team trapped both animals and transported them to the Dream Village rescue centre where they were checked out by the vet before beginning their rehabilitation.

BMAC assisted the BMCRif team in confiscating seven macaques plus providing advice about the two abandoned ex-pets trapped and moved to the rescue centre. This means we confiscated double the number of macaques in 2024 than we normally do. This is concerning and we believe it is because the photo touts in Marrakech are again exhibiting infant macaques in the square along with the adult photo prop macaques. This encourages impulse buys of cute baby monkeys by people visiting Marrakech from all over Morocco. We discussed the problem at the BMAC AGM and all agreed to the appointment of a behaviour change consultant to advise us on the design and implementation of a social media campaign to discourage primate pet keeping in Morocco.

Scientific communication

2024 September- Siân attended the African Primate society Conference in Potechefstroom where she presented on the effects on the macaque population of the wildfire of 2023. Siân also participated in the post conference training of early career African primatologists focusing on social science for conservation.

In October 2024, Siân and volunteer, Lucy Radford attended the Pathways Coexistence Conference in Cordoba Spain. Siân co-organised a symposium on the human dimension of rewilding and co-led a workshop on good practice in the use of responsible images of people and primates. Lucy gave a presentation during the latter workshop.

Sian provided advice on the Red List Assessment for Barbary macaques in Gibraltar.

Financial Review

The financial results of the charity for the year are set out below.

The CIO has few fixed costs and so no reserve is required to cover these in the event of closure.

Barbary Macaque Awareness and ConservationIncome and Expenditure Account for the year 6th April 2024 – 5th April 2025**RECEIPTS**

	£ In	£ Balance
Balance from previous year		13,085.01
Donations	9813.57	
Total		22,898.58

PAYMENTS

	£ Out	£ Balance
		22,898.58
Website	174.22	22,724.36
Equipment	1888.92	20,835.44
Postage	16.64	20,818.80
Attendance at scientific conferences	3,142.34	17,676.46
Visit to Morocco by Sian Waters	435.13	17,241.33
Office expenses	2,500	14,741.33
Consumables	98.18	14,643.15
Totals	8,255.43	14,643.15

Balance brought forward from previous year £13,085.01

Balance in hand at year end

STATEMENTS OF ASSETS and LIABILITIESBank Balance in hand £14,643.15

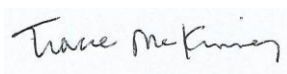
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Trustee:

Date:



Dr Kimberley J Hockings

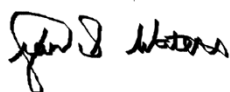
29th October 2025

Dr Tracie McKinney

27th October 2025

Dr Amanda Webber

28th October 2025



26th October 2025

Dr Siân Waters



Part A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees
of**

Barbary Macaque Awareness & Conservation

**On accounts for the
year ended**

5th April 2025

**Charity
no (if
any)**

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Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 5/04/2025.

**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**

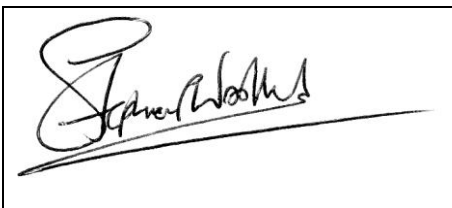
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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:



Date: 01/11/2025

Name: Stephen Woollard

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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.