



Trustees Annual Report and accounts for year ending 11th June 2025

Zambezi Working Donkey Project UK

Registered office.

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Charity name. Zambezi Working Donkey Project UK.

Charity no. 1189998

Bankers. Lloyds, Oldham Branch

Zambezi Working Donkey Project UK Trustees

Trustees.

Sarah Harvey

Anne Penney

Tania Wedin

Meryl Maclaren



Sarah Harvey (Founder and Trustee)

With a lifelong passion for and some knowledge of equines, first became aware of the plight of working donkeys on a visit to Zambia six years ago and along with her daughter who lives there knew something had to be done to help these animals and so founded ZWDP.

Anne Penney (Trustee)

Also with long term experience of equines and having much travelled worldwide, well understands animal welfare issues in poor countries and has spent much of her free time volunteering including for the RDA.

Tania Wedin (Trustee)

Established and runs her own successful business . She also runs the HOCL trust and launched a campaign providing free antiviral sanitiser to frontline workers during the covid pandemic.

Meryl McLaren (Trustee)

Has had a long term love for equines which she has been surrounded by since a young age and continues today. She has an MA in archaeology

Structure and organisation

Zambezi Working Donkey Project UK is a registered charity that was founded in October 2018 and registered as a CIO with the UK Charities Commission on 18th June 2020. Registration number 1189998.

ZWDP operates according to its constitution and is managed by its trustees who meet quarterly to discuss progress, direction, finances and fundraising.

ZWDP supports its partner Zambezi Working Donkey Project in Zambia The two are separately registered organisations in their own countries but the two boards work together towards a shared strategic plan.

Zambezi Working Donkey Project Zambia is a registered Not-for-Profit Company limited by Guarantee (reg no 120190001631).

Our Vision

Is a Zambia where working donkeys are free from suffering, treated with compassion and truly valued by those whose livelihoods depend on them.

Our mission

To relieve the suffering of working donkeys and other equines in Zambia and to promote humane behaviour by providing appropriate treatment, care, protection and security for these animals which are in need due to sickness, maltreatment, ill use or poor circumstances and to educate their owners and public in general in regard to donkey welfare and prevent further suffering.

How we work

Since founding the ZWDP in 2018 we have undertaken multiple outreach clinics visiting rural villages and have made significant improvements to the lives of the donkeys and thereby those of their owners. We have done this by removing the heavy and entirely unsuitable wooden ox yokes and provided new harnesses made in our workshop, modifying carts for use with harnesses and removing excess weight and installing shafts making them lighter and easier to pull. We also advise on loading these carts correctly for balance.

We tend to wounds, often many, treat skin parasites and deworm, teach about hoof care; crucially we have introduced education on the care and wellbeing of these animals. This has been well received in the main and the level of interest and willingness has exceeded our expectations.

Our achievements

Up to the end of financial year ending 11th June 2025

In this year we continued to make a big difference to the lives of working donkeys and their owners.

Our outreach clinics as well as our 'drop in' facility enabled us to treat 2014 animals with 78 villages and 674 owners benefitting from our help. Some 222 adults and 137 children were educated in the care of donkeys.

60 new humane harnesses were distributed, 12 were mended and 2 replaced.

There were also the many usual call outs and market visits where our team attended and dealt with multiple injuries and cruelty issues.

Rescued during this time were 19 donkeys and 16 animals were released or rehomed. We also hosted 2 'in house' open days.

Our permanent herd of donkeys too old, sick or blind to be released, continues to grow.



Date	Details	Paid in	Paid out	Fees out	Balance
12/06/24	Foreign payment		1700		3625.28
				15	3610.28
17/6/24	PayPal	9.41			3619.69
01/06/24	PayPal	9.41			3629.1
08/07/24	Foreign payment		799.68		2829.42
				15	2814.42
15/7/24	Paypal	9.41			2823.83
01/08/24	Paypal	9.41			2833.24
15/8/24	Paypal	9.41			2939.45
02/09/24	Paypal	9.41			2948.86
16/8/24	Paypal	9.41			2958.27
17/8/24	Donation	500			3458.27
25/9/24	Donation	20			3478.27
01/10/24	PayPal	494.61			3972.88
15/10/24	PayPal	201.11			4173.99
21/10/24	Purchase		10		4163.99
	Payment for ZWDP		1000		3163.99
01/11/24	Paypal	47.15			3211.14
04/11/24	one.com		41.76		3169.38
14/11/24	Foreign payment		1000		2169.38
	Fee		15		2154.38
15/11/24	Paypal	9.41			2163.79
02/12/24	Paypal	9.41			2173.2
13/12/24	Foreign payment		1000		1173.2
	Fee		15		1158.2
16/12/24	Paypal	9.41			1167.61
02/01/25	Paypal	9.41			1177.02
15/1/25	Paypal	9.41			1186.43
27/1/25	Donation	5000			6186.43
03/02/25	Paypal	9.41			6195.84
10/02/25	Foreign payment		2000		4195.84
	Fee		15		4108.84
03/03/25	Paypal	9.41			4190.25
17/3/25	Paypal	94.5			4284.75
18/3/25	Foreign payment		1000		3284.75
	Fee		15		3269.75
01/04/25	Paypal	9.41			3279.16
01/05/25	Paypal	9.41			3288.57
06/05/25	Foreign payment		1000		2288.57
	Fee		15		2273.57
15/5/25	Donation	156.04			2429.61
02/06/25	Paypal	9.41			2439.02
	Closing balance				2439.02