

APOPO UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1199007

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	12164277
Registered	2022-05-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 5 THE CHARITY'S OBJECTS ARE SPECIFICALLY RESTRICTED TO THE FOLLOWING: 5.1 THE RELIEF OF SICKNESS AND PRESERVATION OF HEALTH; ; AND5.2 THE ADVANCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONMAINLY THOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY MAKING GRANTS OR OTHER FUNDING IN RESPECT OF PROJECTS INVOLVING SCENT DETECTION ANIMALS THAT PROTECT PEOPLE AND THE PLANET IN PARTICULAR TO BENEFIT LOWER INCOME AND VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES.

Activities: To fund innovative projects and innovation that enables assistance through animal scent detection. By establishing networks, collaboration and developing partnerships with those working in the field, we help to provide solutions addressing social challenges ie through land mine detection, TB detection, disaster search & rescue and illegal animal trafficking, soil pollution, around the world.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Angola
- Azerbaijan
- Belgium
- Cambodia
- Ethiopia
- Mozambique
- Scotland
- Senegal
- South Sudan
- Switzerland
- Tanzania
- Turkey
- Ukraine
- United States
- Zimbabwe
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£65,329	£52,870	-	-
2023-12-31	£29,488	£25,710	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Harry Angus MacDonald OBE	Chair	2023-05-31
Alan John Mathers		2021-06-08
Dr Cameron Watson		2023-02-17
Justin John Henniker Bedingfeld		2021-06-08
Philip Mark Unsworth		2024-04-17

Accounts



**Trustees report and financial statement
for the year 1 JANUARY 2024 - 31 December 2024**

"People and animals working together for social change"

Registered Charity number: 1199007
Registered company number: 12164277 (England and Wales)

Reference and administrative details of the charity and its Trustees

APOPO UK was incorporated and registered as a private company limited by guarantee on 19 August 2019 (Company No: 12164277). APOPO UK was granted registration by the Charities Commission in England & Wales as a charity on 18 May 2022 (Charity No: 1199007).

APOPO UK's objectives are: the relief of sickness and preservation of health; and the advancement of environmental protection, through supporting projects involving scent detection animals that protect people and the planet, in particular, to benefit lower income and vulnerable communities. To deliver this, APOPO UK works closely in partnership with APOPO vzw, a highly regarded international NGO who are world leaders in developing and deploying animal scent detection technologies to address humanitarian issues. Their many innovative projects include the training of rats (HeroRATs) and dogs (HeroDOGS) to detect and address landmines and Tuberculosis – highly effective methodologies, which have stimulated much public and institutional interest here in the UK. APOPO UK fundraises towards APOPO vzw projects of Trustees interest internationally, while also aiming to increase awareness of scent detection technologies, and support related work within the UK.

The relationship between APOPO and APOPO vzw is underpinned by a robust Partnership Agreement. You can find details of APOPO's work and reference to our partnership on APOPO vzw's website, Annual Report and Accounts: <https://apopo.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/APOPO-Annual-Report-2024.pdf>

The Trustees, who are also directors of the Charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024

The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing the accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK.

The Trustees are satisfied that they have complied with the duty in section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

Board of Directors/Trustees

Chair/Trustee/Director	Susan Robertson	Appointed as Trustee on 19 May 2019 (appointed as Chair on 14 Sept 2022)
Treasurer/Trustee/Director	Justin Bedingfeld	Appointed 19 May 2021
Trustee/Director	Alan Mathers	Appointed on 14 June 2021
Trustee/Director	Cameron Watson	Appointed on 17 February 2023
Trustee/Director	Alan Macdonald OBE	Appointed on 31 May 2023
Trustee/Board Secretary	Mark Unsworth	Appointed on 17 April 2024
Trustee	Yasmine Colijn	Appointed on 17 April 2024

Bankers: - Triodos Bank, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AS

Charity & Company registered office: Suite 3, Peel House, 30 The Downs, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA14 2PX

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

APOPO UK has a Board of Directors and Trustees which, as of 31 December 2024 numbered 7 Trustees.

2024 saw APOPO UK enjoy a fruitful year of expansion, continuing on the path of building networks and strengthening the UK team. After several years of helping to establish APOPO UK, Ros Bird stepped down from her role as Operations and Fundraising Manager. We're very grateful for Ros's dedication and were pleased to welcome Emma Mortiboy as the new Operations Manager and Public Fundraising: responsible for APOPO UK's day to day activities and generating public fundraising, working alongside our Trustees.

We were also delighted to welcome Yasmine Colijn and Mark Unsworth to the APOPO UK Board, with Mark taking on the role of Board Secretary.

From 2025 on, we plan to develop another principal employee role, with the appointment of a fundraising specialist who will assist with furthering partnerships with Trusts, Foundations and Government Institutions. The Board will continue to monitor and assist in these roles where necessary.

Governance

The Board of Directors and Trustees have the responsibility for all governance, policy, strategy and financial matters. The appointment of new Trustees is at the discretion of the elected Board of Trustees. All Trustees go through a rigorous recruitment process and are asked to complete and sign a Trustee Declaration prior to any formal appointment.

The Board of Directors held 4 formal Trustee Meetings during the period 1 January 2024 and 31 December 2024.

The Board includes Trustees with experience in not-for-profit management, financial and accountancy, science, academic research, global business, legal, mine action and communications. The normal term of office is three years and reviewable.

The Charity seeks to recruit its Trustees based on relevant skills and expertise. Proposed members are expected to already possess experience in a range of areas which are of relevance to the activities and priorities of the charity. A Conflict-of-Interest register is maintained.

Management

The Operations and Fundraising Manager has been responsible for the overall management and co-ordination of the company/Charity day-to-day activities and supporting, working in close collaboration with the Trustees, third party fundraising platforms, consultants and volunteers. The Board Secretary role is undertaken by an appointed Trustee.

Financial Management

The Chair of the Trustee Board accepts responsibility for the management of the APOPO UK financial and administrative procedures during the period, working in close consultation with the Honorary Treasurer and other Board members.

APOPO UK was registered with HMRC to reclaim Gift Aid 27 June 2022 and we are now making quarterly applications to reclaim gift aid on behalf of eligible donors.

These Accounts cover fundraising, general operation, stationery, travel and professional fees for finance, mail forwarding and Companies House reporting. All expenditure is monitored and approved by the Honorary Treasurer and a Financial Control Policy is in place.

Risk Management

The charity Trustees will consider the major risks to which the new charity will be exposed and establish systems and procedures to manage those risks. Regular assessments will be undertaken to ensure sufficient funds are available to cover the unexpected variance of income and expenditure as the charity evolves.

The Trustees risk management strategy will comprise:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face.
- the establishment of systems and procedures to mitigate these risks in the plan; and
- the implementation of procedures designed to minimise any potential impact on the charity should those risks materialise.

The risk areas identified will be monitored at an appropriate level of responsibility by the Trustees. The Risk Management Strategy will sit in the Policy Library and be regularly reviewed.

Policy on Reserves

As at 31 December 2024 the charity's free reserves were £20,988. APOPO UK has a Reserves Policy that has been agreed by the Board and which sits within the Financial Controls Policy. The Policy recommends holding minimum free reserves to cover three months of operation given we have minimal fixed costs.

Grant Awards

A grant totalling £29,000 was made to APOPO vzw in 2024. As per donor requests and ensuring compliance with donor intent and to maintain financial transparency, money was allocated as follows:

£9,000 went towards general operational costs for APOPO vzw's scent detection animals' work.
£16,000 was restricted to APOPO vzw's mine action work using the HeroRATs and HeroDOGS in Cambodia
£4,000 was ring-fenced for the HeroRATs' wildlife detection program at APOPO vzw HQ in Tanzania.

There are further pre-approved grants pending for 2025.

Message from the Chair - Susan Robertson

This year has been a positive one for APOPO UK. In the high-level strategy agreed by the board, we have laid solid foundations that will allow us to raise awareness of APOPO UK further in 2025. Since securing charitable status in May 2022, we have recruited and welcomed new trustees, and completed the formation of a full board of trustees with a high level and breadth of relevant expertise.

We are building positive relationships with the UK and Scottish governments and would like to thank them for the opportunities they have given us to highlight the ongoing issues of landmines and the crucial role scent detection has to play in building a better world. We have also enjoyed developing our partnership with APOPO International and look forward to expanding our network of partnerships, collaborations and projects in the year ahead as we work to positively impact the scent detection and innovation landscape.



Susan Robertson – Trustee/Director - Chair

Activities during the reporting period

The priority for the Board has been to continue a strategic focus particularly involving Subgroups with specific focus i.e. strategy and fundraising. The constitution of the Board has remained static and has formed into a cohesive and co-operative group.

The Board has been particularly involved in the furtherance of the fundraising objectives. For example, APOPO UK has been working closely with REVIVE, who lead an All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) focused on the humanitarian consequences of explosive weapons. This group of MPs and Peers provides an important space for discussion and information sharing.

The Policy library is monitored regularly and additional policy guidance has been added as requirements have arisen over the year.

Raising awareness and funds

The 5-year fundraising strategy has been maintained and will be for regular review by the Trustees and fundraising planning will be integral to this. Our focus has been on raising public funds and making applications to small/medium sized Trusts. We will continue to make applications using a strong case for support highlighting our partnership with APOPO vzw. We are grateful to those organisations who have made contributions during the period which include the Henhurst Charitable Trust, Bower Trust and Rhododendron Trust.

We have also received support from businesses and members of the public giving one off or regular gifts and sponsorship raised through third party challenge event participation. We were also excited to gain a corporate partner in 2024: Clarify B2B chose to support APOPO through the Clarify Foundation. The Clarify team raised over £7,000 towards our work, and we're grateful to everyone involved.

We are planning to build on this during 2025 with increased awareness building efforts, including public fundraising, corporate partnerships and targeted proposals, as well as raising our profile within the House of Parliament through the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) partnership.

We will continue to provide transparent reporting and ensure we give clarity of purpose in any public statement and adopt the "Know your Donor" ethos.

Plans for 2025-26

Our priorities:

Over the next 12 months the organisation will continue to work towards achieving and delivering on key priorities in line with the robust 3-year strategy: -

- Continue to introduce, refine, develop, and monitor fully compliant policies and procedures.

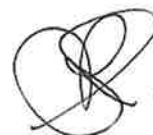
- Deepen our Core Partnership with APOPO vzw and APOPO's Swiss and US Foundations and develop new relationships.
- APOPO UK looks forward to contributing to conversations surrounding the APPG for EOD in the Houses of Parliament in 2025.
- Strengthen our own organisational structure & ongoing governance by recruiting new Trustees as required or desirable.
- Develop an ongoing and broad understanding of our core partner's projects in order to build generic and bespoke cases for support and applications for funding.
- Introduce a staff and volunteer appraisal process.
- Take steps to protect donations and where resources permit, award grants wisely in line with our grant giving policy
- Monitor developments in animal scent detection/seek out relational development, partnership, and fundraising opportunities.
- Work closely with our core international Partner and identify projects that resonate with the UK Board
- Host a UK engagement event to raise awareness about APOPO's mine action.
- Appoint volunteers to help develop influencing relationships and recruit another to help with a UK communications and marketing role to support the Operations & Fundraising Manager.
- Raise the profile of APOPO UK, give recognition to supporters and strengthen our brand.
- Continually improve and enhance our stakeholder experience.
- Grow income through a sound fundraising strategy aiming to raise related funds (for designated and restricted projects and unrestricted core funding) through businesses, trusts, challenge event participation and philanthropic giving.

We will continually measure and monitor our impact so that we can convey outcomes succinctly and in a meaningful way and we will use key performance indicators to ensure we remain on track to achieve our plans.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on 6 September 2025
and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Robertson – Chair of the Board of Trustees



Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

for

APOPO UK

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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Income Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Year Ended 31/12/24 £	Period 1/9/22 to 31/12/23 £
TURNOVER	65,329	29,488
Other charges	(52,992)	(25,710)
Taxation	-	-
PROFIT	<u>12,337</u>	<u>3,778</u>

Balance Sheet
31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS	20,988	8,651
NET CURRENT ASSETS	20,988	8,651
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	20,988	8,651
RESERVES	20,988	8,651

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

APOPO UK is a private company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The company's registered number and registered office address are as below:

Registered number: 12164277

Registered office: Suite 3 Peel House
Cheshire
30 The Downs
Altrincham
WA14 2PX

2. AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES

The average number of employees during the year was NIL (2023 - NIL).

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

- (a) ensuring that the company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

APOPO UK (Registered number: 12164277)

Balance Sheet - continued

31 December 2024

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the micro-entity provisions.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors and authorised for issue on 19 September 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J J H Bedingfeld - Director

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Detailed Profit and Loss Account
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Year Ended 31/12/24		Period 1/9/22 to 31/12/23	
	£	£	£	£
Turnover				
Donations	2,940		1,435	
Revenue grants	34,000		15,775	
Fundraising	28,389		12,278	
		65,329		29,488
Expenditure				
Advertising	380		-	
Travelling	1,302		575	
Fundraising events	1,249		713	
Sites	966		912	
Fundraisers	19,024		14,100	
Computer costs	400		-	
Grants awarded	29,000		9,000	
Administration	315		243	
Professional fees	234		82	
		52,870		25,625
		12,459		3,863
Finance costs				
Transaction fees		122		85
NET PROFIT		12,337		3,778

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Detailed Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

	Year Ended 31/12/24 £	Period 1/9/22 to 31/12/23 £
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank account no. 1	20,988	8,651
NET CURRENT ASSETS	<u>20,988</u>	<u>8,651</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>20,988</u>	<u>8,651</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>20,988</u>	<u>8,651</u>
RESERVES		
Retained earnings	<u>20,988</u>	<u>8,651</u>

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