

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024
FOR
THE GEORGE ADAMSON & TONY FITZJOHN
WILDLIFE TRUST**

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 30 September 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 Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the trust's Trust Deed, and the Charities Act 2011

Objectives and activities

The Trust's objects are to advance the education of the public in the science of zoology by the study of wildlife in its natural habitat particularly in Tanzania, Kenya and the rest of Africa.

The policies adopted in furtherance of these objects include the dissemination and publication of research data and information carried by various bodies on different species, the provision of regular teaching facilities for school-age children, educational trips to national parks, and an environmental education programme conducted in the local communities. There was no change in these during the reporting year.

In collaboration with Kenya Wildlife Services (KWS), the Trust is solely focused on the rehabilitation of Kora National Park, Kenya.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the trust should take.

Most of the activities of the Trust have been in accordance with Section 1 (b) of the Trust Deed which states that in furtherance of the objects, the Trust shall have the power to "promote the preservation and conservation of wildlife generally for the purpose of study and research into the natural sciences and in particular zoology, and to establish, own, form, maintain and manage sanctuaries and natural reserves in order to facilitate the study of the wildlife and to allow wild animals and plant life to breed and propagate in their natural environment."

Public benefit

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the operation of the public benefit requirement.

Trust activity

In May 2022, we lost our Field Director, Tony Fitzjohn OBE, to a malignant cancer. He has been succeeded by his wife, Lucy Fitzjohn, who worked closely alongside him for thirty years during the hugely successful rehabilitation of Mkomazi National Park in Tanzania.

In February 2025 (after fiscal year end) to commemorate our former Field Director, the Trust has changed its name from 'The George Adamson Wildlife Preservation Trust' to 'The George Adamson & Tony Fitzjohn Wildlife Trust' (GA&TFWT).

We are intimately associated with the work of George Adamson, his brother Terence Adamson, and Tony Fitzjohn who worked in Kora National Park in Kenya from 1970-1989 on the rehabilitation of lions and leopards to the wild, on the development of infrastructure in the area and the recovery of its wildlife habitat. Because of their presence in Kora, the area was upgraded to a national reserve in 1974 and to a national park in 1989 upon George's death.

Kora National Park is the third largest national park in the country and covers 1,787 km² in Tana River County. It is one of five protected areas that make up the Meru Conservation Area.

The Trust's goal is to work in collaboration with KWS in a restoration and rehabilitation programme focusing on the rebuilding of a safe and sustainable ecosystem and the protection of the habitat and wildlife of Kora National Park, and to continue our work amongst the communities in the surrounding area.

As noted in the Trustees' Report to September 2020, the Trust has worked hard over many years to secure political goodwill and the development of a framework management plan with Kenya Wildlife Services.

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The Trust's aims, provisional and planned activities are split into six categories:

1. Infrastructure: relating to roads and tracks, airstrips, base-camp and workshop development, fencing, communication networks, river crossings and seasonal dam construction.
2. Reducing damage to the Kora ecosystem and safeguarding the ecosystem: relating to helping to reduce the burning and destruction of riverine forest (including local employment), general aircraft observational patrols and monitoring of key wildlife in the area.
3. Support for Kenya Wildlife Services in protecting and rehabilitating the ecosystem: relating to support for water supplies, vehicle support and aircraft patrols.
4. Wildlife recovery programme: relating to recovery, protection and restocking of wildlife.
5. Community outreach programme: relating to education (including infrastructural support for schools), water projects, community involvement and local employment. Discussion with local government.
6. Tourism: relating to supporting the development of certain park sites and facilities to encourage the growth of tourism, including the wildlife rehabilitation programme and an educational historical centre in Kora National Park to promote its history, George Adamson and tourism.

Over the last year, the work in Kora National Park has accelerated and is in keeping with our six aims above. In collaboration with KWS, the focus this year has been on building out Kora's infrastructure before establishing a wildlife recovery programme, as well as continuing the community outreach programme. We also built a new website at koraproject.org to drive our fundraising efforts.

Beyond the constant programme of infrastructure maintenance, major activities in the field over the past year included:

- the extension of the main Kora airstrip
- the donation of twelve uni-huts for ranger accommodation and an administration block at KWS Company Command Base
- the donation of eight uni-huts, a kitchen and water storage tank for a KWS Platoon Base on the Tana River
- the building of a new airstrip at the KWS Platoon Base on the Tana River
- the installation of a base station at KWS Company Command base and extension of the radio network system
- the building of four water pans to hold water for wildlife during the drier months
- support for World Wildlife Day and World Ranger Day, both hosted by KWS, with the provision of food for over 700 people
- formal approval for the construction of Historical Education Centre. The site has been cleared and will soon be fenced
- formal approval for the Oryx Recovery Programme with biodiversity assessments to take place in the dry season. This programme will use controlled management as a conservation tool by creating a secure, nucleus breeding herd of oryx that can re-populate the surrounding area over time
- the work of Trust for African Schools (TAS) being formally integrated into our community outreach programme, following the retirement of TAS's Chairman, Gill Marshall-Andrews
- successful fundraising for four schools along the boundaries of Kora in desperate need of help with construction of classrooms, science laboratories, bandas (meeting/social areas), kitchens, dormitories, staff accommodation and fencing of the school properties
- the phased planning of boreholes in the four identified schools with the provision of reliable water sources helping to overcome the barriers posed by persistent drought and unreliable rain patterns
- the building of a kitchen at Kamaguru Primary School
- the donation of fifty school desks for Asako Primary School and we have continued to plant trees in the different communities on the borders of Kora

After this year of hard work, we have witnessed wildlife beginning to return to Kora. Large herds of elephants have crossed the Tana River from the north into Kora. We had sightings of cheetah with cubs, leopard, aardwolf, caracals and civets, and a rare sighting of a small pack of African wild dogs.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Donation and grant income in the year, including gift aid tax recoverable, as well as investment income of £447 (2023: £378) amounted to £65,118 (2023: £59,755); an increase of £5,363. The charity made a gain on revaluation of the investments of £15,926 (2023: £9,171). The charity's expenditure increased by £23,551 to £143,069 (2023: £119,518), resulting in a net deficit for the year of £62,025 (2023: £50,592). At the year-end, the charity had unrestricted reserves of £147,810 (2023: £209,835).

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to those major risks.

Investment policy and objectives

The trustees policy of maintaining sufficient reserves is to ensure that twelve to eighteen months of running costs are held at all times, has continued to work well. Our core supporter base has remained steadfast in their loyalty from individuals and charitable trusts. The trustees consider the unrestricted reserves to be sufficient for the charity's needs.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trust was established by Trust Deed as the Kora Wildlife Trust on 26 February 1980 and amended by schemes dated 19 December 1988 and 21 September 1990. The name was changed in 1988 to honour George Adamson and to free the Trust from a perceived geographical limitation to its activities.

New members are elected by other trustees at meetings which are held not less than twice a year. New members are invited to join when they are clearly able to contribute specific skills of relevance to the objects of the trust. Appropriate training is provided to all new trustees to ensure they are equipped for their roles.

Trustees have delegated the day-to-day management of the trust to the Treasurer, co-signatories and the administrator in the UK.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

279598

Principal address

141A High Street
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TN8 5AX

Trustees

R Marshall-Andrews KC
P Chauveau
B Jackman (resigned 7.5.2025)
A Marrian
P Wakeham (resigned 24.10.2023)
A Harbord
J Thomson (Chairman)
R Cohn (resigned 2.12.2024)
K Grant
S Neckar
M Chaplin (appointed 24.10.2023)
D Peacock

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Keelings Limited
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 15 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Thomson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

J Thomson - Chairman

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
THE GEORGE ADAMSON & TONY FITZJOHN
WILDLIFE TRUST**

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The George Adamson & Tony Fitzjohn Wildlife Trust

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of The George Adamson & Tony Fitzjohn Wildlife Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 30 September 2024.

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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do 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.

Rekhon Ali ACCA

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Chartered Tax Advisers and
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15 July 2025

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	64,671	-	64,671	59,377
Investment income	3	447	-	447	378
Total		65,118	-	65,118	59,755
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities	4				
Charitable Activities		143,069	-	143,069	119,518
Net gains on investments		15,926	-	15,926	9,171
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(62,025)	-	(62,025)	(50,592)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		209,835	-	209,835	260,427
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		147,810	-	147,810	209,835

CONTINUING OPERATIONS

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

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**BALANCE SHEET
30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	7	122,403	-	122,403	126,477
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors: amounts falling due within one year	8	8,331	-	8,331	9,094
Cash at bank		22,176	-	22,176	78,884
		<u>30,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,507</u>	<u>87,978</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>30,507</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,507</u>	<u>87,978</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		152,910	-	152,910	214,455
ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME	9	(5,100)	-	(5,100)	(4,620)
NET ASSETS		<u>147,810</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>147,810</u>	<u>209,835</u>
FUNDS	10				
Unrestricted funds				147,810	209,835
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>147,810</u>	<u>209,835</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 15 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

J Thomson - Trustee

A Marrian - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

The Trustees' Annual Report states that the trustees are actively and constantly reviewing options for the future. At the time of approving the accounts, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts and they do not include adjustments that would result if the trust was unable to continue in operation.

Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used and the charity currently does not have such reserves.

Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Donations payable

Donations payable are made by the charity to provide funds for individuals and organisation based within the beneficial area on the submission and approval of their application.

Fixed Asset Investments

Investments are shown in the balance sheet at quoted market value at the year end.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and are basic financial assets.

Financial instruments

The trust has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the trust's balance sheet when the trust becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the trust's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Accounting estimates and significant judgements

In the application of the trust's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates. The trustees do not consider that there are currently any judgements and estimates of note.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	54,671	-	54,671	49,377
Grants	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
For the year ended 30 September 2024	64,671	-	64,671	59,377

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3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments	447	378

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2024	2023
	£	£
Plane running costs and associated costs	25,426	13,015
Travel	1,191	4,755
Medical insurance	7,852	6,880
Website costs	8,754	6,682
Communications	118	108
Kora costs	57,470	26,224
Consultancy - field director	23,713	23,460
	124,524	81,124
Share of governance costs	18,545	38,394
Analysis of funds		
Unrestricted funds	143,069	
Restricted funds	-	
	143,069	
For the year ended 30 September 2023		
Unrestricted funds		119,518
Restricted funds		-
		119,518

GOVERNANCE COSTS

	2024	2023	Basis of allocation
	£	£	
Administrator fees	5,724	6,099	Governance
Office expenses	4,236	3,582	Governance
Accountancy and independent examination	5,100	4,620	Governance
Other costs	3,485	24,093	Governance
	18,545	38,394	

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued
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5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 30 September 2024 nor for the year ended 30 September 2023.

No Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year or last year.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	59,377	-	59,377
Investment income	378	-	378
Total	<u>59,755</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,755</u>
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Charitable Activities	<u>119,518</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>119,518</u>
Net gains on investments	<u>9,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,171</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	(50,592)	-	(50,592)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	260,427	-	260,427
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	<u>209,835</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>209,835</u>

7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

	Listed investments £
MARKET VALUE	
At 1 October 2023	126,477
Disposals	(20,000)
Revaluations	15,926
At 30 September 2024	<u>122,403</u>
NET BOOK VALUE	
At 30 September 2024	<u>122,403</u>
At 30 September 2023	<u>126,477</u>

There were no investment assets outside the UK.

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7. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS - continued

Cost or valuation at 30 September 2024 is represented by:

	Listed investments £
Valuation in 2018	726
Valuation in 2019	15,033
Valuation in 2020	11,457
Valuation in 2021	28,268
Valuation in 2022	31,822
Valuation in 2023	9,171
Valuation in 2024	25,926
	<u>122,403</u>

8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>8,331</u>	<u>9,094</u>

9. ACCRUALS AND DEFERRED INCOME

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>5,100</u>	<u>4,620</u>

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.10.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	209,835	(62,025)	147,810
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>209,835</u>	<u>(62,025)</u>	<u>147,810</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	65,118	(143,069)	15,926	(62,025)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>65,118</u>	<u>(143,069)</u>	<u>15,926</u>	<u>(62,025)</u>

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10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.10.22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 30.9.23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	260,427	(50,592)	209,835
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,427</u>	<u>(50,592)</u>	<u>209,835</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Gains and losses £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	59,755	(119,518)	9,171	(50,592)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>59,755</u>	<u>(119,518)</u>	<u>9,171</u>	<u>(50,592)</u>

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 30 September 2024.