REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1141004

Report of the Trustees and

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

for

HIPPO POOLS TRUST

Richardson Swift Audit Limited
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Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025. 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).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and activities

Hippo Pools Trust is a community development and wildlife conservation non-profit organization. The Trust works with impoverished communities in the Shamva and UMP districts of Zimbabwe. The Trust was set up by Sally Plummer, who first visited Zimbabwe in 1998 and subsequently set up Hippo Pools Trust (previously known as the Ambuya Foundation) with the Charities Commission in March 2011. The Trust aims to provide: sponsorship of education, community healthcare, local school infrastructure, the running of an anti-poaching unit and conservation courses. This aligns with the promotion of the Trust's motto "People and Wildlife Together".

TSOKODEKA CLINIC

Through our Clinic (built and opened in 2015) we can help out patients who cannot afford further care needed from doctors, consultants and hospitals. Often this means bus travel to Harare - this used to cost USD2 and is now USD12 one way.

Public benefit

The trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its activities. The trustees consider that the activities undertaken by the charity further its charitable purposes for the public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Students

Our students are now widely dispersed. Some are living independently but remain in touch, while a couple have fallen out of contact. Faith is working at the Southern Sun Hotel in Abu Dhabi and is due to return to Zimbabwe shortly. As opportunities in Zimbabwe remain limited, she hopes to obtain a second visa and stay for another year.

Lostancia has returned from a one-year placement at Sea Island Resort in Georgia, USA, and is completing her chef training at the Hospitality School in Harare.

Spastar returned in July from a one-year placement at Kalahari Resorts and Convention Centre in Pennsylvania. She lives in Harare, with her four-year-old daughter, Rutendo, who attends school. Spastar is also close to completing her course at the Hospitality School after joining Lostancia's class.

Sadly, Sifelani's father died in July 2026. Despite this loss, Sifelani is doing very well. He began his second year at the Hospitality School in June, passed his driving test in October and is due to begin a placement soon, hopefully in New Zealand.

Marlon had worked at the Oak Tree Restaurant in Harare for four years before being laid off in June 2026, reflecting the country's declining economy. He sent his CV to more than 30 restaurants and guest houses across Harare however, towards the end of August, the Oak Tree invited him to return. His daughter, Zoe, will turn four in October.
Tatenda is still working at Bally Vaughan Wildlife Park. He told us, "My bosses are so much happier with me." They are fortunate to have him, as he has a natural rapport with both people and animals.

Delight is reportedly back in Zimbabwe and working in a kitchen somewhere in Westgate. Unfortunately, he has alienated several people, including the Hippo Pools Trust administrators. He refuses to repay anything of a $4,000 loan made to him by the Chairman two years ago. We do not know why he has returned, and he has not been in touch.

Beauty has secured US employment authorisation visa valid until November 2029 and is working as a nursing assistant at MultiCare Valley Hospital in Washington. Unfortunately, she did not complete her chef training at the Hospitality School.

Blessed completed a solar installation course in 2024 with Green Solar and undertook temporary jobs in 2025 while hoping to secure a long-term contract. He has since fallen out of contact, and we have been unable to obtain an update.

Bridget came to us through a different route to the others and has been known to us for many years. She manages several boys' football teams and hopes they may have an opportunity to compete in England in May 2027. A determined self-starter, she currently supports herself by rearing chickens. It would be encouraging to see her receive more support as she continues despite the many obstacles she has faced.

Garikai works for the Prison Service in Norwich, Norfolk, in the United Kingdom. His duties include handling incoming and outgoing correspondence, working in the control room, opening gates, using computer systems and monitoring telephone calls. He also has a second job as a care assistant. Garikai is an exceptional person with considerable talent and potential, but the UK system has not enabled him to progress towards his ambition of becoming an accountant. It appears increasingly difficult for even highly talented people like him to secure good employment without the right contacts.

The Camp

The sad closure of Hippo Pools Wilderness Camp in Umfurudzi Park reported last year, has led to our projects in local schools have ceased. After persistent undermining of our work and staff by Garura village, the trust needed to identify and implement projects has gone.

Instead, we are focusing activities on individuals, both our long-term students, and people in immediate need in the community. Alongside supporting our students, we continue to support a limited number of projects in our original community area. For example, we are building accommodation for nurses at our clinic (opened in 2015) and are installing a borehole for farmers and their families in a neighbouring village.

Report of the Trustees
for the year ended 31 December 2025

FINANCIAL REVIEW
Reserves policy
The trustees' reserves policy is to maintain enough reserves to enable operating activities to be maintained. Should the worst happen, trustee Sally Plummer, will fund the charity if reserves don't cover the operating costs needed to ensure the future of the charity.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT
Governing document
The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
Registered Charity number
1141004

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Catherine Edwards
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ADMINISTRATION
Our camp managers, Cheryl and Anthony Ives, now work for the environmental organisation AWE and the Chewore Conservation Trust in the Chewore Safari Area, which borders the Zambezi and forms part of African Parks. Cheryl however continues to work for Hippo Pools Trust, keeping in touch with all the students and doing her best to ensure their wellbeing. Apart from two young men who have dropped out, we remain in contact with everyone, mainly through WhatsApp.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 05/11/2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Sally Plummer
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S J Plummer - Trustee

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
Hippo Pools Trust

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Hippo Pools Trust
I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hippo Pools Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2025.

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.

Catherine Edwards

Richardson Swift Audit Limited
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Date: ..... C L Edwards 10/11/2026 28D00000-CCD8-BED6-80FE-08DF3B446359

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	92,229	20,000	112,229	35,238
EXPENDITURE ON					
Raising funds	3	125	-	125	-
Charitable activities	4				
Hippo Pools Trust Zimbabwe		81,611	-	81,611	-
Tikki Hywood Trust		-	20,000	20,000	-
Garikai Makore		19,647	-	19,647	-
Charitable Activities		-	-	-	188,295
Other		-	-	-	4,242
Total		101,383	20,000	121,383	192,537
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(9,154)	-	(9,154)	(157,299)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		27,900	-	27,900	185,199
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		18,746	-	18,746	27,900

The notes form part of these financial statements

HIPPO POOLS TRUST

Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	-	-	-	3,007
Cash at bank		20,846	-	20,846	26,893
		20,846	-	20,846	29,900
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(2,100)	-	(2,100)	(2,000)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		18,746	-	18,746	27,900
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		18,746	-	18,746	27,900
NET ASSETS		18,746	-	18,746	27,900
FUNDS	9				
Unrestricted funds				18,746	27,900
TOTAL FUNDS				18,746	27,900

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

05/11/2026

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Sally Plummer

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S J Plummer - Trustee

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2025

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.

Income
All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Voluntary income is received by way of unrestricted donations, gifts and other incoming resources received or generated for the charitable purposes. Volunteer time is not included within the accounts.

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. Expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Taxation
The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2025	2024
	£	£
Donations	91,959	32,231
Gift aid	20,270	3,007
	112,229	35,238

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3. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	2025	2024
	£	£
Support costs	26	-

4. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

	2025	2024
	£	£
Charitable activities	101,611	180,318
Grants to individuals	17,787	7,977
	119,398	188,295

Within Charitable Activities is £15,000 restricted expenditure.

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2025 nor for the year ended 31 December 2024.

6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

In the previous year, £34,927 of incoming resources and £192,226 of resources expended related to unrestricted funds. Restricted fund income of £311 and restricted fund expenditure of £311 related to the Tikki Hywood fund.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other debtors	-	3,007

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8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025	2024
	£	£
Other creditors	2,100	2,000

9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.25	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.25
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	27,900	(9,154)	18,746
TOTAL FUNDS	27,900	(9,154)	18,746

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

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	92,229	(101,383)	(9,154)
Restricted funds			
Tikki Hywood	20,000	(20,000)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	112,229	(121,383)	(9,154)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At 31.12.24
	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	185,199	(157,299)	27,900
TOTAL FUNDS	185,199	(157,299)	27,900

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9. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

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

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	34,927	(192,226)	(157,299)
Restricted funds			
Tikki Hywood	311	(311)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	35,238	(192,537)	(157,299)

10. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The charity received donations under gift aid provisions of £1,800 (2024 £1,800) from Richard Fox Lowe, trustee.

The charity received no donations (2024 £10,000) from Purton Property Company Ltd, a company controlled by The Hon Sally Plummer, trustee.

The charity received donations under gift aid provisions of £70,000 (2024 £10,075) from The Hon Sally Plummer, trustee.

The charity received no donations (2024 £10,000) from Speen Property Trust Co Ltd, a company controlled by The Hon Sally Plummer, trustee.

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Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations	91,959	32,231
Gift aid	20,270	3,007
	112,229	35,238
Total incoming resources	112,229	35,238
EXPENDITURE		
Other trading activities		
Exceptional items	(1)	-
Charitable activities		
Hippo Pools Trust Zimbabwe	60,518	127,971
Tikki Hywood Trust	20,000	772
Camp closure	21,093	51,575
Grants to individuals	17,787	7,977
	119,398	188,295
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,960	3,858
Bank charges	26	384
	1,986	4,242
Total resources expended	121,383	192,537
Net expenditure	(9,154)	(157,299)

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