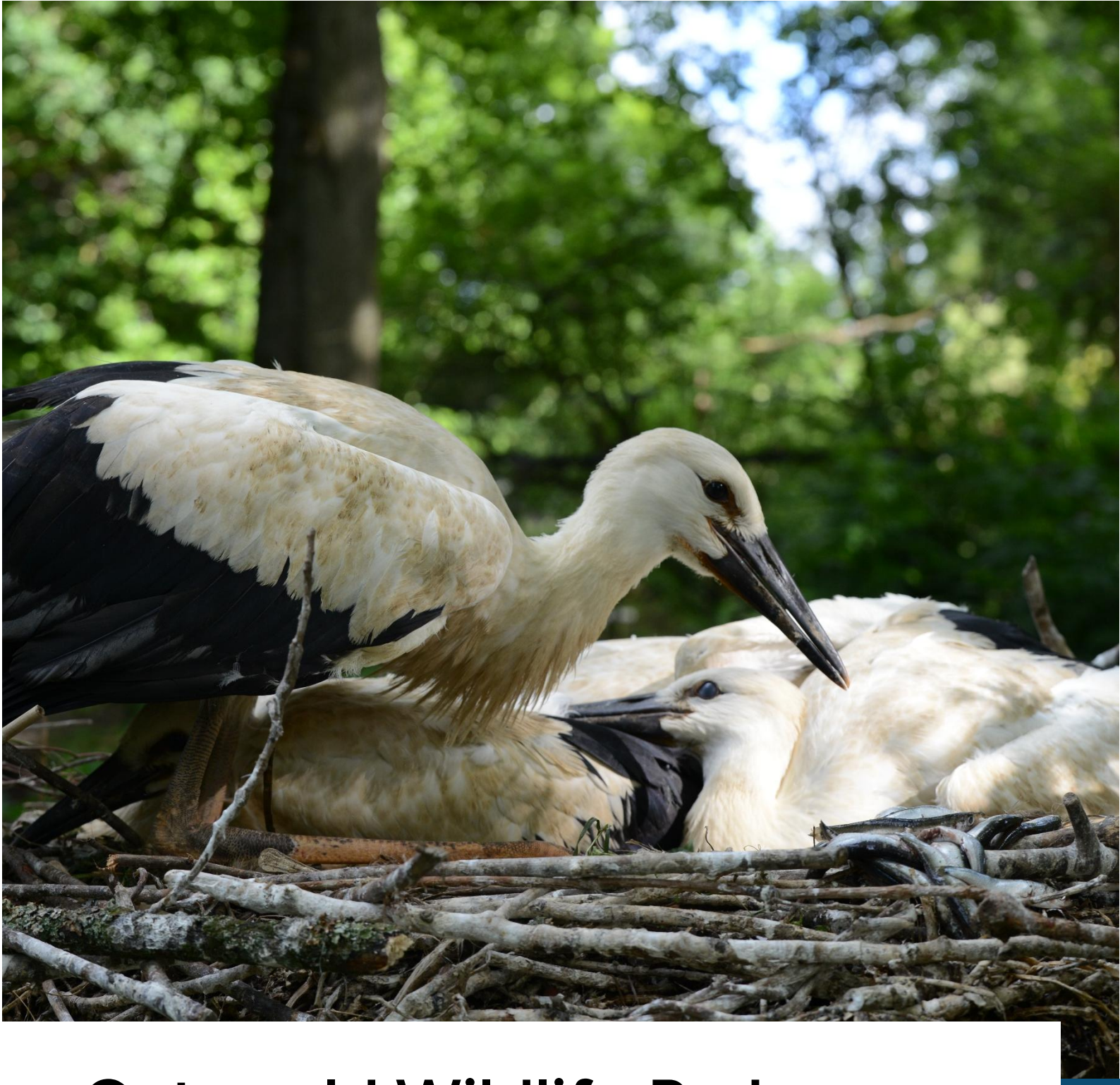


Cotswold Wildlife Park Conservation Trust

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31st March 2026

Cotswold Wildlife Park Conservation Trust is a charity registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (registered charity number 1153477)

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

The Trustees present their annual report together with their receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st March 2025

TRUSTEES	Reggie Heyworth (Chair) Jamie Craig Stuart Fox (Treasurer)
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	Cotswold Wildlife Park Ltd Bradwell Grove Burford Oxfordshire OX18 4JP
CHARITY NUMBER	1153477
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

Structure, governance and management

The Trust is a registered charity number 1153477 and is constituted under a declaration of trust dated 18th March 2013 and was registered with the Charity Commission on 20th August 2013.

New Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees and serve for three years after which they may put themselves forward for re-appointment. The Trust Deed provides for a minimum of three Trustees, with no more than one-third due for re-appointment in any one year.

The Trustees communicate regularly but must hold a formal meeting twice yearly. The Trustees agree on the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Trust and consider applications received for grants regularly and at the same time review the progress of projects that are supported.

New Trustees will be chosen based on their knowledge and experience of conservation activities and other skills.

All trustees give of their time freely and no trustee's remuneration or expenses were paid in the year.

Risk management

The Trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have reviewed those risks and have established procedures to manage those risks. The charity is adequately funded to meet its 2025/2026 commitments.

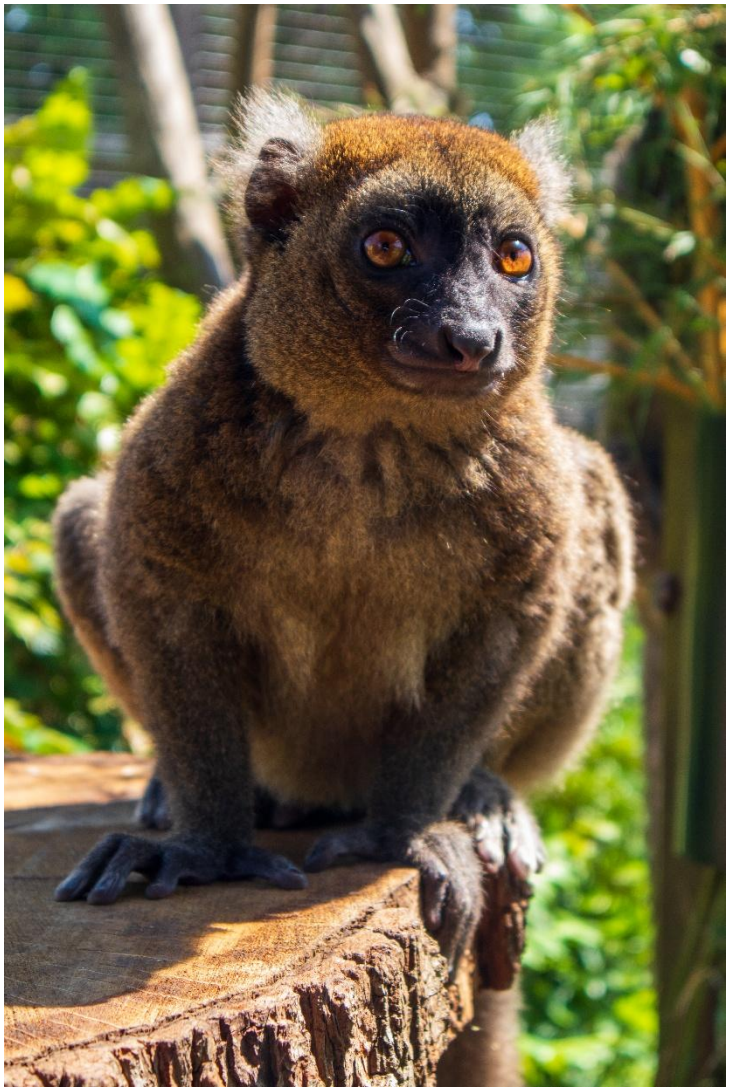
Objectives and activities for the public benefit

The Trust's objectives are:

1) To promote the conservation, preservation and restoration for the public benefit of the world's animal, bird, fish and plant life and its industrial, urban, natural and marine environments of ecological or scientific importance and its natural resources.
2) To advance the education of the public in natural history, environmental studies, ecology and conservation in industrial, rural and marine environments.

To achieve our objectives, the Trust makes grants to organisations, including other charities in the UK and overseas, as well as directly funding a reserve at Madiromirafy in Madagascar for the conservation of Sifakas, Lemurs and other wildlife together with the preservation of that environment. We also receive and hold funds from other European zoos to be used for conservation activities in Madagascar. We are directly involved with other projects in Madagascar, including Assoc. Francais Sauvegarde Du Grand Hapalemur (Helpsimus), for which we provide funding and support. In the United Kingdom we are partners in a scheme to reintroduce White Storks to England as a migrant breeding here in the summer, providing both finance and expertise in the hatching of eggs and the raising of chicks. The chicks are then transferred to our partners for subsequent release when the birds are mature.

The Trustees have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission when exercising their powers.



Using our presence at Cotswold Wildlife Park we inform the visiting public about the Trust's activities, including giving talks about conservation, providing information about the projects we support and encouraging an interest in the conservation of the species displayed at the Wildlife Park.

Material and information from the Trust are used by Cotswold Wildlife Park's education department in its work with the local schools that visit the Park throughout the year. We support many charities and organisations whose aims coincide with our objectives.

We hold various events throughout the year at the Wildlife Park to inform the public about our activities and the charities that we support and also to raise funds for our projects.

Grant-making policy

The Trust has established its grant-making policy to achieve its objectives for the public benefit. When making grants to other organisations the Trustees carefully consider whether any grant made will be spent in such a way as to further our objectives and will be spent on direct conservation activities, environmental improvements, or education projects rather than on administrative costs.

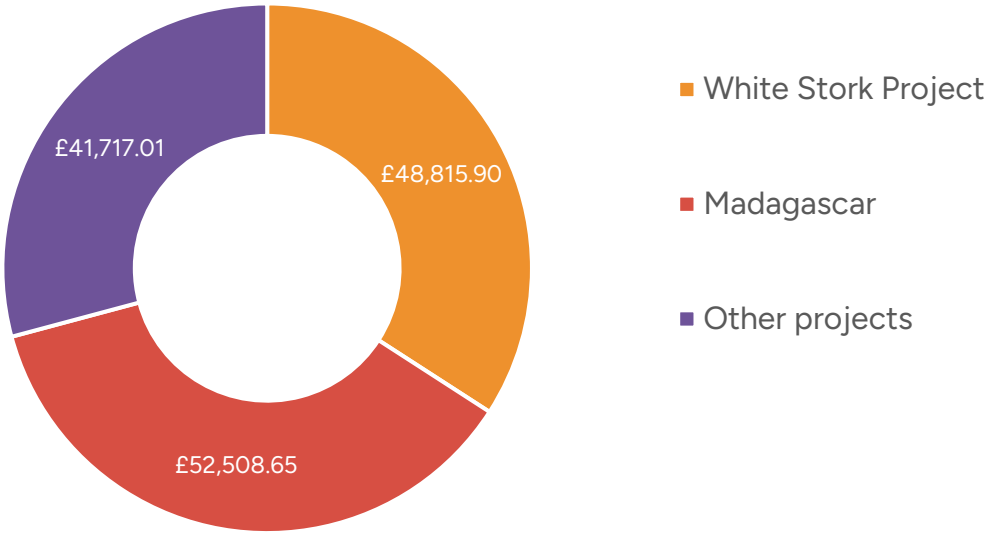
Organisations to which grants are made will be fully investigated and where possible meetings will be held with their representatives and future progress monitored. When choosing charities to support we give preference to projects that involve animals that are kept at Cotswold Wildlife Park.

Activities and achievements during 2025/2026

This year, the two main areas where most support has been provided through direct contribution and financial support are:

1) The White Stork Project – this is a reintroduction project aiming to bring white storks (*Ciconia ciconia*) back to the UK by rearing chicks for release and working with other project partners to release and monitor these birds in the wild.
2) Lemurs in Madagascar – Our support to this area is made through supporting the work of Impact Madagascar, Helpsimus and the conservationists behind these organisations, Josia Razafindramanana and Delphine Roullet.

We also support 19 other projects and charities with purely financial contributions. Many of these projects we have supported over many years, and have been able to see the great work they have achieved over this time.



This figure does not include £50,451.94 from other European zoos towards the projects in Madagascar or the £10,000 grant we received from the Ernest Kleinwort Foundation to purchase more land for the HelpSimus project.

The White Stork Project

Since 2015, we have been involved with the Knepp Castle Estate re-wilding project to establish breeding populations of White Storks in Southern England. Working together with landowners in West Sussex and the Roy Dennis Foundation, the project aims to release captive bred birds in the hope that they will once again become a breeding bird in the UK. Our focus is producing chicks, looking after them until they are fledged, and the care of breeding birds. As a key part of the White Stork Project steering team, we offer advice and support throughout the year and host staff and volunteers from Wadhurst or Knepp for training days when required. Most importantly, we fund the salary of the Project Manager, Laura Vaughan-Hirsch, who manages all aspects of the White Stork Project at Knepp on our behalf. Her work has been instrumental in maintaining and improving husbandry for the static population at Knepp, as well as ensuring highly effective post-release monitoring. Laura has also continued to develop the Project's educational work, strengthen links with other communities involved in stork conservation, and raise awareness through social media.

Summary of breeding and releases in 2025

- 48 storks bred at Cotswold Wildlife Park transferred to Wadhurst for release
- Seven of these birds were fitted with GPS trackers
- Three chicks were kept at the Park (two due to minor injuries and one because it hadn't reached full independence yet)

Total releases from 2019 to 2025 - 231 birds



We hosted our annual Volunteers' Day for the team of White Stork volunteers at Knepp and held several meetings with Laura and the White Stork Project Steering Team to review progress and plan the next stages of the Project.

In 2026, further birds will be released at Knepp, with releases continuing at the site in future years. This sustained approach is intended to allow the population to establish successfully and reach a point where it can begin to expand naturally. Encouragingly, some juveniles released in

previous years have in 2025, begun building nests in a tree near Guildford. This is particularly exciting as it represents the first confirmed nesting behaviour away from the established project colonies, an important indication of the population's developing range and potential for natural expansion.



In 2025, we took regular measurements of the chicks as they grew and monitored their food intake. These data will contribute to PhD research projects being undertaken under the supervision of Dr Aldina Franco at the University of East Anglia. We hope this research will provide valuable insights into the development and husbandry of white storks and will form the basis for further research in the coming years.

During the year, we provided £43,000 towards Laura Vaughan-Hirsch's salary costs, enabling her to continue her vital project management and conservation work. We also provided £5,815.90 to support Dr Tim Mackrill's time and expertise on the project.

Madagascan reserves and projects

Our primary concern within the reserves that we support is the conservation of the Crowned Sifaka and the Greater Bamboo Lemur, but incidentally, our work is also supporting many other species that appear on the IUCN (International Union for the Conservation of Nature) red list as being endangered or vulnerable including other Lemur species (Red-Brown, Mongoose, Grey Mouse and Fat-Tailed), and other species such as the Big Headed Turtle, Flat Tailed Tortoise, Madagascar Heron, Madagascar Fish Eagle, Van Dam's Vanga Bird, Madagascar Flying Fox, Madagascar Marsh-Harrier and the Fossa. We have, so far, identified five fish species from Madiromirafy that are endangered.

In total we have donated £112,950.59 to our various Madagascar projects over this period (2024/25 £56,205). This includes £5,000 to aid with cyclone relief.



The target species we support with Impact Madagascar is the Crowned Sifaka. Our support goes towards the upkeep of the various reserves and intervention sites, education and training and supporting the local communities.

IMPACT Madagascar currently manages 9 sites covering an area of 296,308 ha. The reserves supported by the Trust are highlighted on the map in green.

New Protected Area MARIARANO (under establishment)

KASIJY Special Reserve

MAHAJEBY Forest

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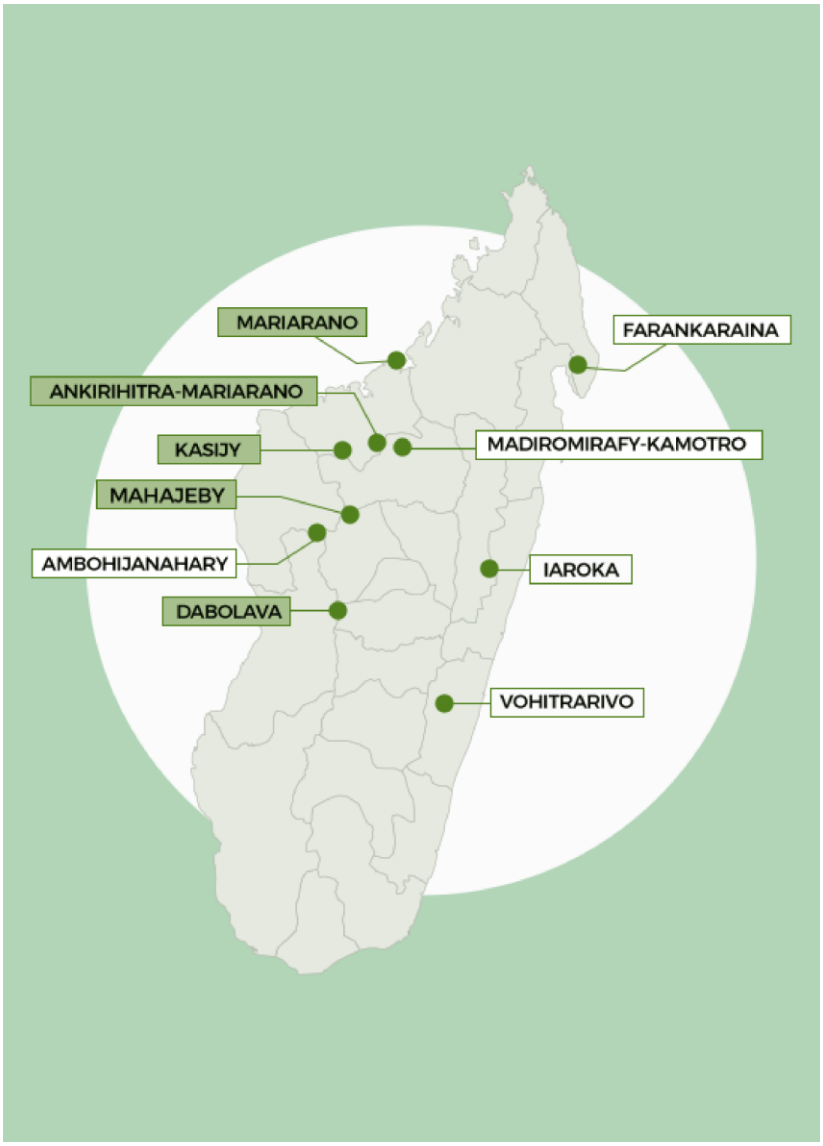
DABOLAVA Forest

FARANKARAINA Forest

IAROKA Forest

New Protected Area VOHITRARIVO (under establishment)

New Protected Area ANKIRIHITRA - MADIROMIRAFY Complex



IMPACT Madagascar intervention sites, highlighting their unique features and achievements in 2025:



The Mariarano Protected Area is currently managed by local communities through a Natural Resource Management Transfer system involving approximately 10 VOIs. The site includes the Ankobohobo Key Biodiversity Area and features a rare combination of dry deciduous forests and mangroves, supporting rich terrestrial and marine biodiversity.

Located in Madagascar's Boeny region, Mariarano is a mosaic of wetlands and forests that provides habitat for six lemur species and a wide range of other biodiversity. More than 255,000 saplings have been planted, while 840 people have participated in patrol activities. Awareness-raising efforts have contributed to a decline in threats to biodiversity, while the site continues to support ecological monitoring and community livelihoods.



Kasijy Special Reserve covers approximately 23,000 hectares and protects a rich diversity of Madagascar's unique flora and fauna. It is an important sanctuary for the country's lemurs, including several threatened species.

Now managed by IMPACT Madagascar, the reserve contains extensive areas of primary forest and supports eight lemur species, with 289 individuals recorded during surveys. Major threats include bushfires and illegal activities. Current management efforts are focused on reducing these pressures and strengthening the long-term protection of the reserve's biodiversity.



MAHAJEBY

The Mahajeby project site is located in Madagascar's Bongolava region and encompasses four villages: Mahajeby, Kamolandy, Ambohimena, and Sahatampoka. The landscape contains fragments of dry deciduous and gallery forest, alongside important wetlands and rivers that support a variety of endemic and threatened species.

Conservation activities at Mahajeby have included the planting of more than 58,000 saplings and the monitoring of 105 Crowned Sifaka, including 11 births. The site achieved zero recorded fires and a 90% reduction in illegal logging. At the same time, community livelihoods improved significantly, with household income increasing by 80% through rainfed rice farming and vegetable production rising by 45%. These activities have benefited more than 2,100 residents across 12 villages.



MADIROMIRAFY

The Madiromirafy site is located in the Maevatanana district of Madagascar's Betsiboka region and is an important conservation area for IMPACT Madagascar. Co-managed with local communities, the site protects a diverse aquatic and terrestrial ecosystem that supports endemic and critically endangered species, including a significant population of Crowned Sifaka.

Madiromirafy provides an important refuge for wetlands and gallery forests while supporting the conservation of endangered lemurs and the livelihoods of 763 farmers. More than 50,000 seedlings have been planted, firebreaks have been established, and sheep farming has been introduced as an additional livelihood activity.

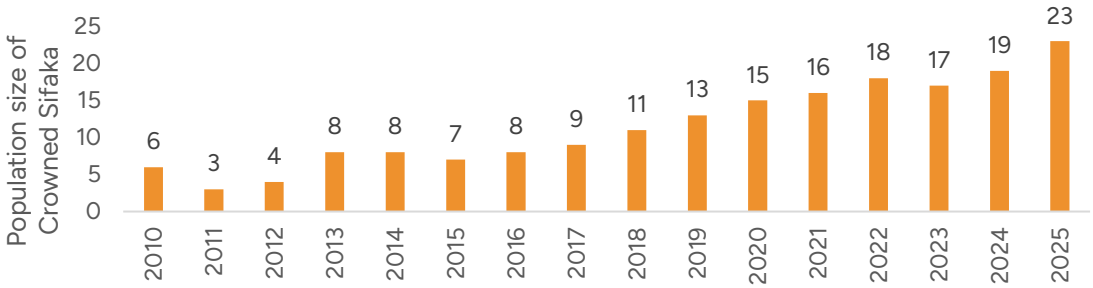
Local economic development has also been supported through the purchase of peanuts and improvements in agricultural production, including a 29% increase in income from corn production.



DABOLAVA

The Dabolava project site, located in Madagascar's Menabe region, is home to the Amboloando dry deciduous forest, which was identified in 2010 as the southernmost known range of the Crowned Sifaka. Conservation efforts have contributed to an increase in the population of the endangered Crowned Sifaka, with 23 individuals identified, including four births. Community engagement has also been strong, with 270 people trained in fire prevention and 125 VOI members participating in conservation activities.

Agricultural productivity has improved alongside conservation efforts, with irrigated rice production increasing by 8% and corn production rising by 35%. These improvements have contributed to the recovery of local livelihoods following previous locust invasions.





ANKIRIHITRA

The rural municipality of Ankirihitra is located in Madagascar's Boeny region and is nationally recognised for its exceptional biodiversity and extensive dry and gallery forests. These forests represent some of the last remaining fragments of these important habitats in Madagascar.

As part of the new Madiromirafy-Ankirihitra conservation complex, surveys recorded 135 Crowned Sifaka and confirmed the presence of three lemur species. Nearly 67,000 seedlings have been planted, while vegetable production has increased by 84%. Strong community participation and awareness have also contributed to improvements in rice yields and local incomes.

The Trust has contributed 4% of Impact Madagascar's total income in 2025, making us their third-largest supporter. The largest supporter was Helpsimus, another project we support in conjunction with Impact Madagascar.



Dr. Josia Razafindramanana Visit

In November 2025, we welcomed Dr. Josia Razafindramanana, who co-founded IMPACT Madagascar, to the Park.

During the day Josia provided updates on how the sites and projects are progressing to the trustees and in the evening gave a talk at the Park, with an overview of the last 15 years of the project. As we have been long-term supporters of the project, it was great to see what positive impacts the work has had. It was, however, salutary to see the devastating decline experienced in the areas that have not been protected during this time.



We part fund Helpsimus, including EEP (European Captive Breeding Programme) and TAG (Taxon Advisory Group) for Greater Bamboo and Black and White Ruffed Lemur conservation. Helpsimus was formed in 2008 and is managed by Delphine Roullet. Helpsimus aims to find a balance between the needs of humans and those of Lemurs, so that local communities and wild fauna can cohabitate in harmony. In 2025, we donated £27,854.68 (2024/25 £278,610).

This year, on behalf of Helpsimus, we applied for a £10,000 grant from the Ernest Kleinwort Trust to help purchase 39 hectares of land, expanding their protected area for the Greater Bamboo Lemur in southeastern Madagascar. This land acquisition, combined with a previous 40-hectare purchase, created the 79-hectare 'Simus Land.' The newly acquired areas include vital bamboo habitats and sites for restoration, strengthening habitat connectivity and providing refuge for dispersing lemur groups. This strategic purchase supports both lemur conservation and local community needs, such as maintaining rice fields for school canteens.



Summary of Helpsimus Activities in 2025

In 2025, Helpsimus strengthened its conservation efforts through an integrated programme of emergency response, habitat protection, forest restoration and biodiversity monitoring. An emergency plan secured 39 additional hectares of land for lemur habitat, while a new PhD research programme focused on Greater Bamboo Lemur conservation. Monitoring was intensified, with lemur groups tracked five days a week and high-risk groups monitored daily, alongside biannual population censuses. Reorganised patrols also helped reduce illegal logging by 81%. Forest restoration expanded significantly, with more than 75,000 saplings planted across 19 hectares—26.7% more than in 2024—with a 95% survival rate. Monitoring of lemurs and other wildlife continued to show encouraging population increases, while research confirmed new species in the conservation area.

Conservation was closely linked to community development and sustainable livelihoods. Five-year agreements with village associations strengthened local stewardship, while consultations began for the creation of a new Class 5 Protected Area. Climate-smart agriculture and agroforestry programmes supported food security, with 212 families benefiting from improved rice production and 840 families receiving seeds, equipment and technical support for vegetable and bean cultivation. New fish farming and chicken breeding initiatives, irrigation improvements benefiting more than 130 families, and support for local craftwork created additional livelihood opportunities, particularly for women. Community health and environmental initiatives also promoted waste management, hygiene, menstrual health and rainwater harvesting, alongside support for the Ranomafana National Park during forest fires.

Education and awareness remained central to the programme. Helpsimus supported six schools by contributing to the salaries of 16 teachers, providing school supplies to 926 children and serving more than 115,000 school meals. Environmental education reached 4,775 children through 311 workshops and 10 outdoor classes—an increase of 53% from 2024—while events such as the Simus Festival and World Environment Day engaged more than 1,000 community members. Infrastructure improvements included renovated school facilities, enhanced field camps and research centres, and a permanent footbridge improving access to school.

These achievements were made possible through strong partnerships and more than €573,000 in funding, with nearly 400 people contributing to the programme in Madagascar. Despite the loss of François-Gilles Grandin, a founding member and conservation photographer, his legacy continues to inspire the team. Overall, Helpsimus' work in 2025 demonstrated how urgent conservation, habitat restoration, sustainable livelihoods, education and community empowerment can work together to protect the Greater Bamboo Lemur while improving the well-being of the communities living alongside it.

Other Projects supported by the Trust





White-tailed Eagle Reintroduction

This is a UK reintroduction project, based initially on the Isle of Wight to return this, our largest Eagle, to its traditional habitats. The reintroduction started in 2019 and, with the agreement of Natural England, will now be extended to Norfolk, where it is hoped a breeding population will be established by 2026. The project has a licence to release 60 birds over 5 years. White-Tailed Sea Eagles, which can have wingspans of 8ft, were wiped out as a breeding species in the 18th century, but in the past 40 years breeding populations have been successfully re-established in Scotland and Ireland.

We donated £9,000 this year (2024/25 £5,000). The project is managed by Dr Tim Mackrill from the Roy Dennis Foundation Tim has worked extensively with Osprey re-introduction.





Falklands Conservation

A charity focused on conserving the wildlife and environment of the Falkland Islands and surrounding seas through scientific research, habitat restoration, public education, and community engagement. Its work is guided by a strategic plan that emphasises reducing its carbon footprint, restoring native habitats, supporting environmental education, and promoting sustainable use of natural resources. The charity collaborates with local and international partners, manages several nature reserves, and relies on a mix of grants, donations, and fundraising to support its activities.

This year, it made notable progress across its core areas: it offset its carbon emissions, expanded youth and community engagement, and continued habitat restoration projects, including planting native species and controlling invasives.

The Park has several Penguin collection boxes, and £2,524.92 (2024/25 £1,122) from these was donated to the Falklands Trust.

Tongwe Trust

This trust was formed in 2006 to help secure and protect the Ntakata Villages' Land Forest Reserve in south-west Tanzania for the benefit of the Tongwe people and the variety of wildlife found in the area. This includes, African Elephant, Leopard, Lion, Chimpanzee, Giant Pangolin, Zebra and Red-Tailed Monkey. The trust aims to allow the Tongwe people, formerly of the Congo basin, to acquire and manage land adjacent to Lake Tanganyika and to encourage income-generating activities, including honey production, that are environmentally friendly, together with sustainable eco-tourism projects. The trust seeks to preserve the knowledge and traditions of the Tongwe people and to train the young as trackers and guides both within and outside the Forest Park's boundaries. To support the trust, we donated £4,705.94 (2024/25 £4,967). Our donation is used to pay Rangers' salaries, food, patrol costs and expenses.



Tusk Trust

Tusk Trust has been established for over thirty years, funding conservation, community development and environmental education programmes across Africa. We donated a total of £1,514.06 (2024/25 £1336) raised through collection boxes around the Park and a Rhino Weekend fundraising event.



Wild Camel Protection Foundation

An estimated 1,000 individual Wild Bactrian Camels survive in the Gobi Desert and Mongolia, making the Wild Bactrian Camel the 8th most endangered large mammal on the planet. Captive breeding is important to protect the future of this breed, and there are breeding centres in China and Mongolia. We have committed to give a minimum annual donation of £1,000 but have given £6,812.27 in the current year (2024/25 £1,000). This extra funding was provided for the purchase of additional winter hay and $5,000 towards the purchase of a new vehicle to access the breeding centres.



Nomad Conservation Fund

This UK charity was formed in 2022 to raise funds to help conserve wildlife and natural habitat in Tanzania's national parks. They work with local communities promoting health, education and local community programmes to drive their conservation goals. We contributed £6,000 in the current year (2024/25 £6,000).



Whitley Fund for Nature

This fund provides substantial support to many conservation projects and organisations throughout the world. Their aims are; to find and fund the most effective grassroots conservation leaders in developing countries, support the scale-up of projects with a track record of success founded on scientific evidence and community involvement, fund practical work that will have a long-lasting impact on the ground, provide a platform for winners of the WFN annual awards to boost their national and international profile, work with winners of their annual awards to improve awareness of the serious problems facing biodiversity worldwide and address them through effective and inspiring solutions. We donated £2,400 to WTN this year (2024/25 £2,400).



Save the Rhino International

This charity, based in England, was formed in 1989 to conserve viable populations of critically endangered Rhinos, both in Africa and Asia. They fund several field-based projects and actively support environmental education programmes and anti-poaching activities. We contributed £500 in the current year (2024/25 £500).



Hornbill Research Foundation

We have supported this project in Thailand for many years. Our funding is used to pay members of the local community to monitor several Hornbill nest sites within the Budo National Park. By paying local villagers to monitor these nest sites, it discourages them from seeking to earn extra income by selling Hornbill chicks. We provided £857.66 funding this year (2024/25 £901). Funding and research are administered through Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand.



Australian Wildlife Conservancy

Guided by science, Australian Wildlife Conservancy works to restore ecosystems across their sanctuaries and partnership sites, actively combating invasive weeds and feral animals, reintroducing native wildlife and strengthening the resilience of Australia's ecosystems for future generations. Most of Australia's wildlife is found nowhere else in the world, making its conservation of utmost importance. We donated £750 (2024/25 £750).



Songbird Survival

Songbird Survival Funds research into the decline in the population of British songbirds and works with like-minded organisations to promote and conserve natural habitats in which song and other small birds live. We supported their aims by donating £1,000 (2024/25 £1,000).



Conservation Planning Specialist Group

The International Union for the Conservation of Nature is a membership organisation that includes Governments and civil society organisations, including most of the world's major zoos. It has over 1,400 members and is the global authority on the status of the natural world. It is well known for its Red List of critically endangered species. They support projects across the world and can call on a wide range of experts advising on projects and providing data, guidelines and recommendations for research and conservation activities. We contributed £761.76 (2024/25 £813).



Kope Lion and Safina Lion Conservation Fund

This project operates in the Ngorongoro region of Tanzania. It aims to protect Lions, monitor Lion populations and enable lasting co-existence between people and lions in Northern Tanzania. Their on-the-ground teams aim to stop the killing of Lions, but also retrieve lost livestock, warn herders of Lions' presence, and offer wound treatment to injured livestock. They continue to find ways to reduce carnivore attacks by improving livestock enclosures, using natural materials. They also continue with education projects for the Maasai warrior age groups, their elders and leaders to reaffirm the ban on killing Lions for both ritual and retaliatory reasons and to promote positive attitudes to Lions for current and future generations. We donated £1,541.88 in the current year (2024/25 £2,787).



World Parrot Trust

The Trust's headquarters are based in the UK, but it also has offices in the U.S.A., Canada and Australia and is active globally, supporting the conservation of all Parrot species. This year, we donated £88.93 (2024/25 £500).



Sebakwe Black Rhino Trust



The trust works in Zimbabwe, protecting a small group of Black Rhinos and works closely with the local community through the Sebakwe Conservation Education centre. The Rhinos are protected 24/7 by a team of scouts. Other projects supported included the supply of 10 pedal-powered sewing machines as part of our education support programme. We donated £750 in the current year (2024/25 £750).

ABConservation



This organisation is based in France but is working mainly in the Philippines, studying the Binturong, which is also known as the Bearcat. Their science and research team are based in Palawan. Binturong are listed by I.U.C.N as vulnerable. AB Conservation is active in both conservation and educational activities, including camera trapping and radio tracking. In May each year, they hold an annual Binturong Day event in which 50 zoos, including ourselves, participate. We donated £1,155 in the current year (2024/25 £956).

Pallas's Cat International Conservation Alliance



Working in the highland regions of Iran, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Armenia, Bhutan, Nepal and Turkmenistan, this project seeks to establish the range and population of Pallas Cats by involving the local population in surveys and by the use of camera traps. Research is also being carried out on threats from domestic and feral dogs, illegal trade and the use of poisons intended to manage the rodent population on farmed land. Educational material has been produced and distributed in 14 countries to raise awareness and improve Pallas Cat conservation. Our donation this year was £500 (2024/25 £500).

Plant Life International



Plant Life was formed in 1989 as a campaign group active in the UK and globally, working with partner organisations to encourage the conservation of wild plants and fungi. We support their aims, and we donated £500 this year (2024/25 £500).

Financial review and sources of funding

As in previous years, our main funding has been provided by Cotswold Wildlife Park Ltd. In the current year, £156,000 was awarded (2024/25 £20,000). We received £32,640 (2024/25 £35,751) from several European zoos and this money is restricted to the maintenance of defined reserves in Madagascar.

We raise funds from visitors to the Wildlife Park who donate to various causes through our collection boxes, including Madagascar reserves, Penguins and Tusk, and by holding special events. This year we raised £10,482 (2024/25 £8,351)

Our Just Giving page has generated £1,420 (2024/25 £2,529).

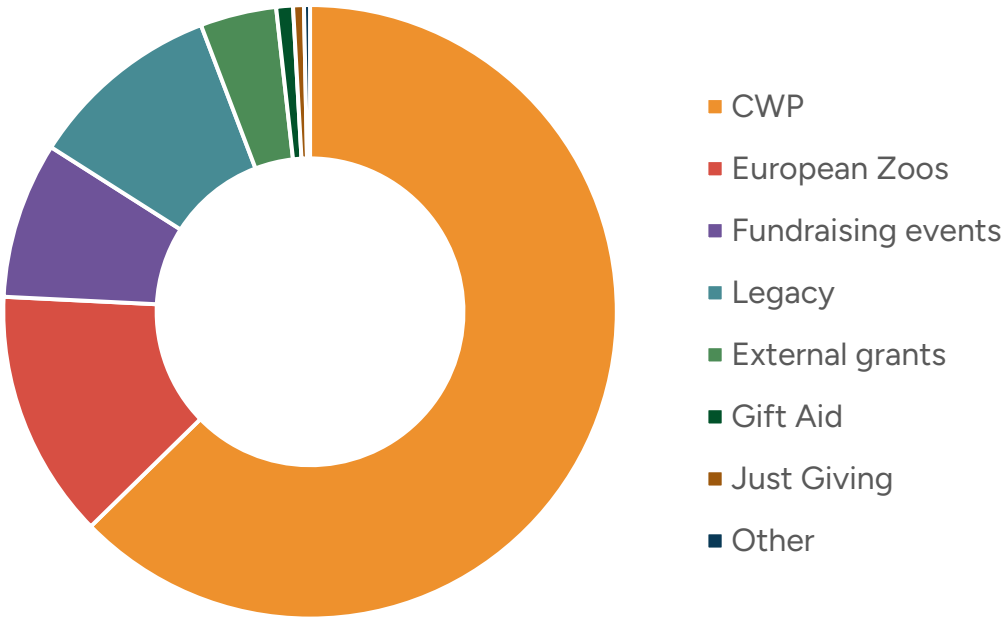
We received £2,191 in Gift Aid (2024/25 £1.332).

Other income, including the sale of goods, filming fees and general donations, generated £790 (2024/25 £2,208).

In the current year, we received a legacy of £25,397 (2024/25 £1,675)

External grants received £10,000 (2024/25 £5,000)

Total income in the current year was £238,920 (2024/25 £76,847).



Overhead and governance costs were £921 (2024/25 £848) and costs of generating funds was £236 (2024/25 £236).

This year our income exceeded our expenditure by £34,269 (2024/25 £63,639).

On 31st March 2026 we had £113,794 in bank balances (2024/25 £79,524), of which £48,899 is restricted or designated.

Trustees' responsibilities in relation to the financial statements

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom accounting standards. The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the finances of the charity and of the receipts and payments of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements and;
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Reserve policy

We aim to have sufficient funds available at any one time to cover at least six months of known commitments. At the end of our financial year, the trust had cash reserves of £113,794 (2025 £79,524) and we have a commitment from Cotswold Wildlife Park Ltd for continued financial support.

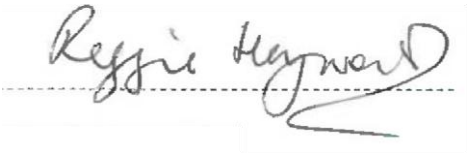
Investment Policy

The Trust's funds are all held in both Sterling and Euro current accounts with NatWest Bank. There are no long-term surplus funds that require investment.

Principal Sources of funds

Our principal source of funding remains an annual donation from Cotswold Wildlife Park Ltd plus donations from several European Zoos, which are restricted to support work in Madagascar. Additionally, we generate funds from collection boxes situated around the Wildlife Park, plus donations from our Just Giving page and occasional fees from film and TV companies. We hold fund-raising conservation events for specific projects and receive donations from the public.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 1st June 2026 and signed on its behalf by:



Reggie Heyworth
Chair of the Board of Trustees

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of	**Cotswold Wildlife Park Conservation Trust**		
On accounts for the year ended	31st March 2026	**Charity no (if any)**	1153477
Set out on pages	1 & 2		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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: A Chapman **Date:** 22/9/2026

Name: Anna Chapman

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): FCA

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Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.	N/A

CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cotswold Wildlife Park Conservation Trust	1153477

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1st April 2025	To	31st March 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Cotswold Wildlife Park Ltd	156,000	-	-	156,000	20,000
CAF American Donor Fund		-		-	5,000
Collection Boxes etc.	-	20,482	-	20,482	7,846
Grants from Other Zoos	-	32,640	-	32,640	36,058
Legacy	25,397	-	-	25,397	1,675
Filming TV and other activities		-	-	-	750
Gift Aid	2,191	-	-	2,191	1,332
Just Giving	1,420	-	-	1,420	2,529
Other Inome	790	-	-	790	1,657
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	185,798	53,122	-	238,920	76,847
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	185,798	53,122	-	238,920	76,847
A3 Payments					
Charitable Grants	136,202	67,292	-	203,494	139,402
Costs of generating funds	236	-	-	236	236
Accountant's Fees	690	-	-	690	660
Bank Charges and money transfer costs	231	-	-	231	188
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	137,359	67,292	-	204,651	140,486
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	137,359	67,292	-	204,651	140,486
Net of receipts/(payments)	48,439	- 14,170	-	34,269	- 63,639
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	
Cash funds this year end	64,894	48,899	-	113,793	79,524

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Nat West Sterling Account	64,894	23,333	-
	Nat West Euro Account	-	25,566	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	64,894	48,899	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
Gift Aid	1,196	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Reporting Accountant's Fees	Unrestricted	750	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
R Heyworth	REGINALD HEYWORTH	1/6/26
	STUART FOX	1/6/26