


# Trustees Report and Financial Statement

## 1 JANUARY 2025 - 31 December 2025

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

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



A Technical Survey Dog searching for mines & explosive hazards Cambodia

# PART ONE

## Purpose

**APOPO UK's objectives are the relief of sickness and preservation of health; and advancement of environmental protection, through supporting projects that protect people and the planet to benefit low income and vulnerable communities.**

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).

## Policy

The board of APOPO UK has determined to work closely in partnership with the international NGO APOPO. APOPO (international) is incorporated in Belgium and was founded in 1997.

APOPO is recognised as a leading NGO in developing and deploying animal scent detection technologies to address humanitarian issues. APOPO has affiliate foundations in Switzerland and The United States of America.

APOPO trains and deploys rats and dogs to support the clearance of landmines. In addition, APOPO deploys trained rats to assist in the detection of tuberculosis. Beyond the core activities of landmine clearance and research linking rat sensory capabilities to tuberculosis detection, APOPO is also engaged in: Syntropic Agroforestry: biodiversity restoration; the combatting of wildlife trafficking, and the use of rats in emergency response.

The board believes APOPO UK can meet its objectives by fostering and building a strong relationship with APOPO. In our partnership with APOPO we retain full independence of action and decide how and where we allocate revenue raised.

## Board of Directors/Trustees

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|---|---|---|
| Chair/Trustee/Director | Alan Macdonald OBE | Appointed on 31 May 2023 |
| 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/Board Secretary | Mark Unsworth | Appointed on 17 April 2024 |

The UK 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 2025.

The Chair of the UK Board of Trustees has taken up an opportunity offered by the main board of APOPO to be a member of the APOPO international board. This enables APOPO UK to have a voice and vote in the governance of APOPO international.

The Chairs of the Swiss and US foundations have also optioned to sit on the APOPO board.

The US and Swiss foundations are incorporated as independent of APOPO under their respective legal frameworks, as is APOPO UK as a registered independent UK Charity.

## Structure

The APOPO Board consists of 5 trustees as above. There are no APOPO UK employees.

In 2025 the board engaged a part time consultant fundraising specialist to develop new partnerships, and seek financial support from Trusts, Foundations and Government Institutions.

The Board and APOPO UK also benefits pro-bono with time and advice from the APOPO International Public Fundraising Manager working one day a week under secondment. The staff member operates as the "Operations Manager and Public Fundraising Manager" for APOPO UK and is responsible for APOPO UK fundraising, the role also includes maintaining APOPO UK Customer Relations Management (CRM) and fundraising reconciliations.

In addition, several volunteers work with the APOPO operations manager and public fundraising manager under the guidance of the APOPO UK treasurer.

The Board provides oversight, direction, monitoring and assistance to these roles as necessary.

As APOPO UK develops and the financial support base is strengthened and widened the Board will seek to engage full time staff in these roles.

## Governance

The Board of Directors / Trustees held four formal Trustee Meetings during the period 1 January 2025 and 31 December 2025.

The Board of Directors and Trustees have the responsibility for all governance, policy, strategy and financial matters. The board reviews these responsibilities at each formal meeting.

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 Chanties 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.

## Management

The Board is collectively responsible for the management of APOPO UK. As part of this process the board asks the pro-bono OMPF and the consultant to attend UK Board meetings or submit written reports on activities.

The Chair or another designated board member maintains regular contact and dialogue with the APOPO staff member assigned to us one day a week and the part time fundraiser.

## 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.

Our 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 consider the major risks to which the charity is exposed has establish systems and procedures to manage those risks. Regular assessments are 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 comprises:

- a regular review of the risks the charity may face.
- a system 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 are monitored at an appropriate level of responsibility by the Trustees. The Risk Management Strategy sits the Policy Library and be regularly reviewed.

## Policy on Reserves

As of 31 December 2025, the charity's free reserves were **£23,488**

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.

## PART TWO

## Grant Awards to APOPO UK

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| The Souter Trust | £4,000 |
| The Britford Bridge Trust | £10,000 |
| The A.M. Perry Charitable Foundation | £8,861 |
| Allan & Nesta Ferguson Charitable Trust | £10,000 |

## Public Donations

APOPO UK received **£19,357 including £478 Gift Aid**

The Financial Statement is attached to this Report.

## APOPO UK donations to APOPO international

In the year Apopo UK awarded Grants to Apopo vzw for £65,000 – Key Activities supported are below

| Area | Amount |
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| Activities in Oddar Meanchey Cambodia | £ 11,300 |
| Rescue Rat Development in Turkey | £ 20,000 |
| Rat and Dog Training Centre | £ 26,700 |
| Operations including Rat Adoptions | £ 7,000 |
| **Total** | **£ 65,000** |

## APOPO UK Activities during the reporting period

APOPO UK Board has sought to develop its capacity to support APOPO international projects that meet our objectives. We have achieved this in three ways:

(1) engaging at APOPO international board meetings, undertaking field visits, attending the annual Mine Action National Directors and United Nations Advisors meeting in Geneva and keeping abreast of global mine action developments. Also attending All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) Explosive Hazards meetings and events in the UK Parliament.
(2) Ensuring that our fundraising consultant develops fully integrated relationships with APOPO international operational planners, financial managers and field delivery staff.
(3) Working with the APOPO international Operations Manager and Public Fundraiser and UK based volunteers to enhance APOPO UK Customer Relations Management (CRM)

APOPO UK funds transferred to APOPO international have contributed to their deliverables

A short summary of the global delivery of APOPO international is attached as an Annex. Further information about all aspects of APOPO international can be found at their website https://apopo.org

## Raising awareness and funds

In 2025 the Board has focused on a strategy of seeking funds from UK based foundations and Trusts and with the assistance of the APOPO OMPF building visibility of APOPO UK in the United Kingdom and internationally.

We have ensured that proposals for funding are developed with APOPO international management so that we can ensure that a grant given can be delivered effectively in the field.

## Plans for 2026

The Board proposes in 2026 to continue to develop the relationship with APOPO international both at the international board level and the operational management and deliver level. The aim is to ensure that the Board has full visibility of APOPO international delivery.

The UK Board will seek to visit APOPO operations overseas and attend international mine action and other conferences.

## Statement

The Board considers this report for 2025 to be a true reflection of the activities of APOPO UK

Signed on Behalf of the Board of Directors / Trustees

Alan AH Macdonald OBE

ANNEX

## APOPO Annual Report 2025 – Executive Overview

### Protecting People Through Innovation

In 2025, APOPO continued to demonstrate how innovative scent detection technology can address some of the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. By combining the exceptional capabilities of trained African giant pouched rats and Belgian Malinois dogs (for mine action), with scientific research and strong operational partnerships, APOPO expanded its global impact across mine action, tuberculosis (TB) detection, research, innovation, and environmental restoration.

The year marked one of significant growth. Despite an increasingly challenging global funding environment, APOPO doubled the overall scope of its mine action activities, expanded its tuberculosis detection programme, strengthened its global training capacity, and advanced new innovations including Search and Rescue Rats and Wildlife Detection Rats.

Since its founding, APOPO has now:

- Returned more than **143 million m²** of safe land to communities.
- Destroyed over **169,000 landmines and explosive remnants of war**.
- Screened more than **703,000 people** for tuberculosis.
- Detected more than **37,000 additional TB cases** that would otherwise have been missed.
- Planted and maintained nearly **2.9 million trees** through HeroTREEs.

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### Expanding Humanitarian Impact

#### Mine Action

Landmines continue to threaten millions of people worldwide, restricting access to farmland, infrastructure and livelihoods long after conflicts have ended. Throughout 2025, APOPO expanded mine action programmes across Cambodia, Ukraine, Angola and Azerbaijan while establishing new operations in Ethiopia.

A major milestone was the rapid growth of the Ukraine programme. Following its establishment in 2024, APOPO significantly increased operational capacity by deploying additional Technical Survey Dog and Mine Detection Dog teams, training Ukrainian handlers, expanding infrastructure, and strengthening national partnerships.

Cambodia remained one of APOPO's largest programmes, where Mine Detection Rats and Technical Survey Dogs continued to support national clearance efforts. The innovative "Minefields to Rice Fields" project reached an important milestone as farmers harvested their first rice crops on previously contaminated land, increasing household incomes while restoring productive land.

Although changing donor priorities led to the closure of programmes in Zimbabwe and the suspension of activities in Senegal, APOPO successfully adapted its operations while maintaining support to affected communities and positioning itself for future growth.

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**Tuberculosis Detection**

Tuberculosis remains the world's leading infectious disease killer, with millions of cases still going undetected each year. APOPO's HeroRATs continue to provide a highly effective complementary screening method that identifies TB cases missed by conventional diagnostics.

In 2025:

- More than **64,000 sputum samples** were screened.
- **3,103 additional TB patients** were identified.
- Activities expanded into four new regions of northern Tanzania.
- The programme continued supporting national TB control efforts in Ethiopia.

The programme achieved particularly strong results in Tanzania, increasing TB detection rates by **57%**, while Ethiopia recorded a **120% increase** in case detection. Importantly, almost nine out of ten newly identified patients in Tanzania successfully began treatment, preventing thousands of future infections.

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**Building for the Future**

Training, research and innovation remained central to APOPO's long-term strategy.

At the Rat Training and Research Centre in Tanzania and the Dog Training Centre in Cambodia, APOPO continued improving training efficiency, animal welfare standards and operational readiness. New Mine Detection Rats and TB Detection Rats were trained and deployed to programmes worldwide, while global dog capacity expanded to meet increasing international demand.

Innovation also reached several important milestones during the year.

The RescueRATs programme entered its final operational testing phase in Türkiye, moving closer to becoming a deployable tool for urban search and rescue following natural disasters.

Meanwhile, Wildlife Detection Rats successfully completed operational trials, demonstrating their ability to detect trafficked wildlife products such as ivory, opening new opportunities for conservation and law enforcement.

Behind these innovations, APOPO invested heavily in strengthening information management through a centralized Data Hub, cloud-based infrastructure, improved digital tools, remote sensing technologies and enhanced operational reporting across all programmes.

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**Partnerships Driving Global Impact**

APOPO's achievements continue to depend on strong collaboration with governments, research institutions, humanitarian organisations and private donors.

Throughout 2025, partnerships with national mine action authorities, ministries of health, international NGOs and research institutions enabled APOPO to expand programmes, strengthen local capacity and ensure long-term sustainability. In Ukraine particularly, collaboration with national authorities and international donors accelerated programme growth while supporting the localisation of expertise through the training of Ukrainian team leaders and handlers.

Despite global reductions in humanitarian funding, APOPO demonstrated resilience by diversifying funding sources, strengthening internal systems and maintaining a clear focus on operational excellence.

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**Looking Ahead**

As humanitarian challenges continue to evolve, APOPO enters 2026 with expanded operational capacity, stronger research capability and an increasingly diverse portfolio of scent detection technologies.

Future priorities include:

- Further expanding mine action programmes, particularly in Ukraine and Azerbaijan.
- Scaling TB detection into additional high-burden countries.
- Advancing RescueRATs towards operational deployment.
- Growing wildlife detection and other innovative scent detection applications.
- Continuing investment in training, research, digital systems and animal welfare.

With innovation, scientific excellence and strong partnerships at its core, APOPO remains well positioned to deliver practical, scalable solutions that save lives, restore communities and protect both people and the planet.

Unaudited Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

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APOPO UK

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2025


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Income Statement
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

| | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|---|---|---|
| **TURNOVER** | 90,356 | 65,329 |
| Other charges | (87,856) | (52,992) |
| Taxation | - | - |
| **PROFIT** | 2,500 | 12,337 |

APOPO UK (Registered number: 12164277)

Balance Sheet
31 December 2025

| | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **RESERVES** | 23,488 | 20,988 |

**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 (2024 - NIL).

The company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2025.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 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.



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Balance Sheet - continued
31 December 2025

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 7 September 2026 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 2025

| | 2025 | | 2024 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| **Turnover** | | | | |
| Donations | 4,138 | | 2,940 | |
| Revenue grants | 34,000 | | 34,000 | |
| Fundraising | 52,218 | | 28,389 | |
| | | 90,356 | | 65,329 |
| **Expenditure** | | | | |
| Advertising | - | | 380 | |
| Travelling | 1,368 | | 1,302 | |
| Fundraising events | 139 | | 1,249 | |
| Sites | 216 | | 966 | |
| Fundraisers | 19,730 | | 19,024 | |
| Computer costs | 994 | | 400 | |
| Grants awarded | 65,000 | | 29,000 | |
| Administration | 11 | | 315 | |
| Professional fees | 277 | | 234 | |
| | | 87,735 | | 52,870 |
| | | 2,621 | | 12,459 |
| **Finance costs** | | | | |
| Transaction fees | | 121 | | 122 |
| **NET PROFIT** | | 2,500 | | 12,337 |

APOPO UK

Detailed Balance Sheet
for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

| | 2025<br>£ | 2024<br>£ |
|---|---|---|
| **CURRENT ASSETS** | | |
| Bank account no. 1 | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **NET CURRENT ASSETS** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **NET ASSETS** | 23,488 | 20,988 |
| **RESERVES** | | |
| Retained earnings | 23,488 | 20,988 |