THE BAOBAB TREE

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2025

Reference and administrative details

Reference	AR25-REM-CIO-7e - 1207139 - E
Charity name	THE BAOBAB TREE
Registered charity number	1207139
Registered address	176B Great Suffolk Street, London SE1 1PE, United Kingdom
Reporting period	1 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

Structure, governance and management

The Baobab Tree is a registered charity. The trustees are responsible for the governance, strategic direction and oversight of the charity. During 2025, the charity continued to strengthen trustee and volunteer involvement and its systems for managing donated educational resources and partnerships.

Trustees and key roles

Trustee	Role
Magalie Dihumba	Chair & Founder - Governance, Partnerships, Strategy
Martine Bolalo Bondekwe	Secretary / Treasurer - Finance and Administration
Lucien Likandja	Operations & Strategic Planning Lead
Daudy Londele	Community Engagement, Outreach & Sourcing Lead

Objectives and activities

The charity's work during 2025 focused on advancing education and improving access to books and learning resources for children and young people, particularly those experiencing disadvantage. Activities included collecting educational books, preparing resources for future distribution, developing relationships with beneficiary organisations and strengthening the practical systems needed to support educational programmes.

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance in carrying out the charity's activities. The charity seeks to provide public benefit by widening access to educational resources and supporting literacy, learning and the development of children and young people.

Achievements and performance

During 2025, The Baobab Tree increased its collection of educational books, continued preparing donated resources for distribution, built relationships with potential beneficiary organisations, developed systems for sorting and distributing resources, strengthened trustee and volunteer involvement, and created foundations for future educational programmes.

On 10 December 2025, the charity established a partnership with CUBA in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo. The partnership was formed to support an orphanage serving children in need by providing educational resources. Approximately 20 children were expected to benefit. The partnership was established in preparation for future distribution; books were scheduled for delivery in the following year and were not reported as delivered during 2025.

Plans for 2026

The charity planned to progress delivery of books and educational resources through the partnership, review the impact of the resources provided, identify further educational needs and consider sending additional resources where appropriate. The charity also intended to continue developing its collection, sorting and distribution systems and its relationships with educational and community partners.

Financial review

Total receipts for the year were £600, all from donations. Total payments were approximately £700. The charity reported an opening bank balance of approximately £200 and a closing bank balance of approximately £100. No cash was held outside the bank at year end, no amounts were reported as owed to or by the charity, and there were no restricted or designated funds. The charity did not have a formal reserves policy during 2025.

The financial figures in the accompanying receipts and payments account are presented to the nearest pound, consistent with the rounded figures supplied for the year.

Approval

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

First authorised trustee	
Name	Magalie Dihumba
Position	Chair of Trustees
Signature	
Date	08.10.26

Second authorised trustee	
Name	MARTINE BONDEKWE
Position	Secretary / Treasurer - Finance and Administration
Signature	
Date	08.10.26

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2025

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Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis from the financial information supplied for the year. Figures are shown to the nearest pound.

Receipts

Receipts	2025
Donations	£600
Fundraising	£0
Grants	£0
Other income	£0
Total receipts	£600

Payments

Payments	Approx. amount
Books / educational resources	£129
Shipping / postage	£25
Website / software	£383
Bank / payment fees	£0
Office / venue	£99
Other charitable expenditure	£63
Total payments (rounded overall)	£700

Movement in funds

	2025
Opening bank balance	£200
Add: total receipts	£600
Less: total payments	(£700)
Closing bank balance	£100

Statement of assets and liabilities at 31 December 2025

Item	Amount
Bank balance	£100
Cash held outside bank	£0
Amounts owed to the charity	£0
Amounts owed by the charity	£0
Restricted funds	£0
Designated funds	£0

Notes

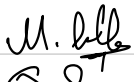
The charity had no restricted funds and no designated funds at the year end. No liabilities or amounts receivable were reported. The charity did not have a formal reserves policy during 2025.

Rounding note: The detailed expenditure amounts supplied total £699.87. The overall expenditure and year-end balances supplied were rounded to £700 and £100 respectively, so these accounts present the figures to the nearest pound.

Trustee approval

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