

African Wildlife Conservation Fund (UK): 1186260
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Annual Report and Accounts
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Trustees Report

AWCF (UK) Objectives and Activities

To promote the conservation of endangered African wild dogs and other vulnerable large carnivores in Zimbabwe and neighbouring territories, for the public benefit. To advance the education of the public in particular, but not exclusively, in south-east Zimbabwe in ways which include providing facilities for education in schools, and awarding scholarships to enable students to access education.

AWCF (UK) raises funds primarily in the UK to support the education programmes in Zimbabwe and to support field work for conservation of endangered African wild dogs and other vulnerable large carnivores in Zimbabwe and neighbouring territories.

In planning our activities, the Trustees kept in mind the guidance issued on public benefit at our trustee meetings and when setting the objectives. To enable the Charity to fulfil its objects, the Trustees have adopted the following policies:

- Grant Making Policy
- Rural Schools Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Financial Control Policy
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Memorandum of Understanding between AWCF (Zimbabwe), AWCF (UK) and AWCF (US)
- Privacy Policy

Achievements and Performance

AWCF (UK) raised £33,105 in 2021 which contributed significantly to the following achievements on the ground in Zimbabwe in the reporting period:

- Monitored and protected African wild dogs in Savé Valley Conservancy (SVC) and Gonarezhou National Park (GNP); estimates include 69 adult wild dogs across 9 packs in SVC and 100-120 adult wild dogs in GNP.
- Saved two African wild dogs from snare wires, and recorded two wild dog deaths from bushmeat poaching. We also removed a snare from a lioness in May 2021.
- Two annual large carnivore spoor surveys carried out in SVC and GNP; critical to understanding long-term trends and providing valuable data for ecologists and management.
- As part of an international climate change study, we implanted eight African wild dogs with sophisticated thermal loggers and deployed high-tech movement collars. This research will produce several high-impact publications.

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- Two African wild dog packs fitted with satellite collars for improved monitoring and protection.
- Established a carnivore research project in the Sengwe-Tchipise Corridor area – a critical area of connectivity for wild dogs and wildlife south of GNP. This work included a spoor survey of the area in August 2021.
- Rabies campaign carried out in targeted communities adjacent to GNP – a total of 801 domestic dogs vaccinated (in partnership with Veterinarians for Animal Welfare Zimbabwe, and Government District Veterinarians), to protect wild dogs and other wildlife.
- Facilitated vocational training in garment making and provided start-up support for 8 ladies from 7 villages in Bikita District.
- Provided support (tuition and welfare) for our 23 secondary school students and 3 university scholars through our scholarship program. This included a conservation and leadership field course in December 2021.
- As an extension of our literacy and library program in our 108 supported primary schools, an additional 2 solar panel sets were secured and installed at rural primary schools neighbouring SVC facilitating night-time reading and study.
- Facilitated 13 teacher training workshops for a revised Environmental Education Program, including all 108 schools, and involving 216 teachers, 108 school heads, and representatives from the district education offices.
- Four educational day trips into SVC involving 100 students, 8 teachers, and 4 headmasters (October 2021).
- 17 primary schools - directly involving 170 children, 34 teachers, 17 school heads, and 403 community members - participated in our annual conservation interschool (cluster) competitions in December 2021.
- Supported our eighth attachment student from the National University of Science and Technology, Lennox Runduke, during 2021.

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Financial Review

At the end of the period, AWCF (UK) had a balance in Barclays Bank of £7,316. AWCF (UK) does not have a reserve policy and holds zero funds in reserves. This is because we can only provide support to AWCF in Zimbabwe to the extent that we have funds available.

The charity's principal sources of funds are scholarship and other education focused donations from individual donors. In addition, we receive grants from other organisations for forwarding to Zimbabwe for work in line with our objectives.

Structure, Governance and Management

AWCF (UK) is governed by our Trust deed and is a registered Charity in the UK (No. 1186260). The original Trustees were invited to serve by the current Chairperson and the CEO. Going forward, new Trustees will be approved by current trustees

AWCF (UK) works as part of the broader AWCF group and has sister organisations in the US and Zimbabwe. There is a Memorandum of Understanding between AWCF (UK), AWCF (Zimbabwe) and AWCF(US)

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	African Wildlife Conservation Fund (UK)
Other names:	AWCF (UK)
Registered charity number:	1186260
Charity's principal address:	Evesham, Houston Way, CROWTHORNE, RG45 6BY
Trustees:	Elizabeth Mary Gupta (Chairperson, July 2018 – present) Dr John Douglas Graeme Groom, PhD, FEng (Treasurer, July 2018 – present) Amy Ellen Howard (July 2018 – present) Michael Dent (July 2018 – present) Dr Rosemary Joy Groom, PhD (July 2018 – present)

AWCF (UK) does not have any advisors, but the operational arm in Zimbabwe does use a network of high profile scientists and education experts for advice as required

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s):	<i>Liz gupta</i>	
Full name(s):	Elizabeth Gupta	
Position:	Chairperson	
Date:	29th September 2022	

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Section A: Receipts and Payments Accounts for the period (Charity Commission form CC16a)

	CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name	No (if any)	CC16a
		African Wildlife Conservation Fund (UK)	1186260	
Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date	
	01-Jan-21		31-Dec-21	

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					
Donations	33,105	-	-	33,105	45,706
Bank refund	-	-	-	-	2
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	33,105	-	-	33,105	45,708
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	33,105	-	-	33,105	45,708
A3 Payments					
US\$ Purchases for AWCF use in Zimbabwe	22,142	-	-	22,142	32,724
Transfers for Zim\$ purchases	625	-	-	625	3,681
Invoices paid	7,368	-	-	7,368	5,346
Bank and Just Giving charges	111	-	-	111	12
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	30,246	-	-	30,246	41,763
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,246	-	-	30,246	41,763
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,859	-	-	2,859	3,945
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,457	-	-	4,457	512
Cash funds this year end	7,316	-	-	7,316	4,457



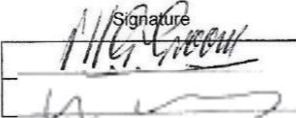
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Section B: Statement of Assets and Liabilities (Charity Commission Form CC16a)

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		7,316	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,316	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Signature 	Print Name JOHN D. G. GROOM ELIZABETH GROOM	Date of approval 13/7/22 13/7/22
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Independent Examiners Report



**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	Charity Name African Wildlife Conservation Fund (UK)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 December 2021	Charity no (if any)	1186260
Set out on pages	3 + 4		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**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 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.

Signed:  **Date:** 13 July 2022

Name: Mark Daniel Calvert

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** Fellow Chartered Accountant, ICAEW

Address: 206 Eng Kong Garden, Singapore 599301

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).

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

None