

AFRICAN LAKES PHILANTHROPY LTD
(formerly Scottish Malawi Foundation)
Report of the Directors and Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 December 2025



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Company Number SC 290776

Charity Number SC 036814

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Report of the Directors
For the year ended 31 December 2025

The directors, who are the Trustees of the charity, have pleasure in presenting the company's financial statements and report for the year ended 31 December 2025. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and 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 effective from 1 January 2019.

Objectives & Activities

The Objects of the Company ("the Objects") are to relieve poverty and to promote both commonwealth and sustainable development in Africa, principally (but not exclusively) through community-based organisations and, in furtherance thereof, the charity specifically shall seek:

- (a) to work with and arrange to distribute funds through charities and community groups working in Africa;
- (b) to support local philanthropy within Africa through the development of Community Foundations there;
- (c) to promote microfinance to poor and disadvantaged people within Africa as an effective instrument for sustainable development there and to build support in Scotland for microfinance outlets within Africa;
- (d) to develop and support philanthropy for Africa by managing donations and providing relevant advice; and
- (e) to provide and support training for organisations within Africa to promote transparency, best practice and good governance.

Achievements & Performance

The activities of the Company during this year encompassed three distinct areas of work:

- **Financial Education:** During this year the charity has supported the further development of the Agricultural Community Foundation which provides financial education and enterprise support for women on and around the African Lakes Company farm at Namadzi in Chiradzulu. The original 70 children in the kindergarten who received nursery education and daily nutritional meals have now gone onto primary school with the kindergarten achieving 100% success against a regional average of c.50%. Bee-keeping and honey production have been extended as the orchards have matured and there are now more than 100 hives in operation. Fruit, nut and vegetable gardens have been established along with a tree nursery which sells seedling to local small-holders. The fish pond with integrated chicken coop has been a success, and the pond restocked. A new development has been to plant coffee, which is a forex earning crop, and new to many of the ladies in the community.

The major development in ACF during this period has been planning for a micro-processing unit which will be managed and led by women from ACF. This will give local women the opportunity to add value to the macadamia crop by cracking, roasting and packing nuts on the farm. The farmhouse which we had planned to convert to a farm-stay lodge has been occupied by short term staff and this development was put on hold for this year.

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Achievements & Performance (cont.)

- **Support for women-led small and medium enterprises:** Working closely with the Scottish Government and the African Lakes Company Limited (ALC) we facilitated a grant from the Scottish Government which was fully match funded by National Bank of Malawi into a designated fund to invest growth capital in women-led SMEs. Robert Anderson visited Malawi on behalf of the charity in October 2025 and during that visit he convened a meeting between the First Minister of Scotland and our Malawian partners in NBMDB, the staff of ACF and St Andrews Macadamia.
- **Digital Heritage:** Robert Anderson made a repeat visit to the National Archive of Malawi and the Society of Malawi's archive at Mandala House.

Trustees acknowledge the generous support of the African Lakes Company (ALC), several of whose shareholders have kindly agreed to support the work of the charity.

Financial Review

There was net expenditure for the year of £28,387 (2024: net expenditure of £69,971) as shown in the Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Financial Activities on page 6. Income included donations of £39 and investment income of £228.

Details of the movements in funds are shown in note 8 on page 11.

Reserves policy

Total funds at 31 December 2025 were £56,892 (2024: £85,279), including restricted funds of £37,955 held for the purposes described in note 8. The remaining funds are held in the charity's unrestricted general fund and represent the free reserves of the charity, amounting to £18,937. The charity has identified a minimum reserve of £5,000 in order to meet commitments as they fall due. The Trustees are content with the level of reserves held.

Future plans

The charity will:

- Seek support to extend the Agricultural Community Foundation (ACF) to other commercial farms and ultimately build a network of small community led micro agricultural initiatives linked to commercial farms. We will manage grant funding for ACF from the Scottish Government to develop a women-led and women-owned micro-processing facility for de-husking, cracking and roasting macadamia nuts.
- Work with the Scottish Government and British High Commission in Malawi to convene meetings in Malawi and in Scotland for prospective investors in Malawian companies.
- Develop the partnership with the National Bank of Malawi Development Bank (NBMDB) with a specific focus on consulting on training and peer support for women-led SMEs.
- Consult with the National Archive in Malawi and St Andrews University with a view to handing over the management of the digital heritage website.
- Develop ALP fundraising, with African Lakes Company shareholders and through approaches to UK based Trusts and Foundations as well as US based Donor Advised Funds, to ensure longer term support for the ACF and NBMDB projects.

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Structure, Governance & Management

African Lakes Philanthropy Ltd (formerly Scottish Malawi Foundation) is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 23rd September 2005. The management of the company is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected under the terms of the memorandum and articles of association, which is the governing document. The articles were most recently revised in August 2023.

Induction and training of Trustees

Trustees are provided with updated information regarding new legislation in order that they are aware of their responsibilities.

Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those relating to operations and financing of the Trust, and they are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Trust's exposure to major risks.

Reference & Administrative Information

Trustees

The following are serving as directors of the company (Trustees) at the date of this report:

Robert Anderson
Anne Fergusson
Sibylle Scheipers (appointed 9 September 2025)
Dorthe Tait

The following also served as directors of the company (Trustees) during the financial year:

Gavin Park (resigned 9 September 2025)

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Report of the Directors (cont.)

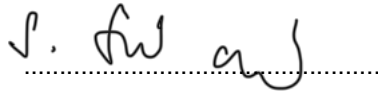
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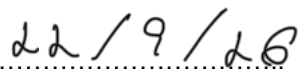
Small Company Provisions

This report has been prepared taking advantage of the small companies exemption of section 415A of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board

Signed:



Date. 

Name:
Director

Sibylle Scheipers

Registered Company Number: SC290776

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Report of the Independent Examiner
to the Trustees of African Lakes Philanthropy Ltd

I report on the accounts of African Lakes Philanthropy Ltd for the year ended 31 December 2025, which are set out on pages 6 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of directors (trustees) and examiner

The directors, as trustees of the charity, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 (the 2005 Act) and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006, as amended (the 2006 Accounts Regulations). They consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations have not been met, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Paul M Clelland CA

Date: 22nd September 2026

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Income and Expenditure Account and
Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Income from:					
Grants and donations	2	39	-	39	8,356
Investment income		228	-	228	975
Total income		267	-	267	9,331
Expenditure on:					
	4				
Project support costs		11,790	15,887	27,677	27,571
Grant payments		-	-	-	50,791
Administrative costs		977	-	977	940
Total expenditure		12,767	15,887	28,654	79,302
Net (expenditure) / income		(12,500)	(15,887)	(28,387)	(69,971)
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(12,500)	(15,887)	(28,387)	(69,971)
Reconciliation of funds:					
Funds brought forward		31,437	53,842	85,279	155,250
Funds carried forward		18,937	37,955	56,892	85,279

The above statement includes all gains and losses recognised during the year.

All activities are regarded as continuing.

Comparative figures for the previous year by fund type are shown in Note 10 on page 12.

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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Balance Sheet

As at 31 December 2025

	Notes	£	2025 £	£	2024 £
Programme related investments	5		45,000		45,000
Current assets					
Debtors	6	826		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		18,416		53,729	
		19,242		53,729	
Current liabilities – Amounts falling due within one year	7	7,350		13,450	
Net current assets			11,892		40,279
Net assets			56,892		85,279
Represented by:					
Unrestricted funds					
- General fund	8		18,937		19,570
- Designated funds	8		-		11,867
Restricted funds	8		37,955		53,842
			56,892		85,279

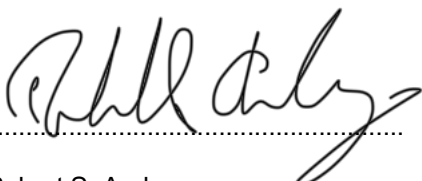
For the year ended 31 December 2025 the company was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 ("the Act") relating to small companies.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

Approved by the Board and authorised for issue

Signed: 

Date: 22 SEPT 2026

Name: Robert S. Anderson
Director

The notes on pages 8 to 13 form part of these financial statements

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

1. Accounting policies

Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis and in accordance with the requirements of:

- the Companies Act 2006
- 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 (FRS102) issued in October 2019 (Charities SORP (FRS102)); and
- the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102).

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS102.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, the accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis.

Grants and donations

All income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. Income received by way of grants and donations is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable. Where entitlement is conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, grants are recognised when the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance. Where a grant or donation is given for a specific purpose, it is included in restricted income and any unexpended portion is carried forward as a restricted fund.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to the expenditure. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. The trustees have opted not to report on the activity basis.

Grants paid

Grants are payments made to third parties in the furtherance of the charitable objectives of the charity. Grants are accounted for when the recipient has a reasonable expectation that they will receive a grant and the trustees have agreed to pay the grant.

Taxation

The company is a charity and is exempt from Corporation Tax on its charitable activities. No charge to Corporation Tax arose during the year. The company is not registered for VAT and accordingly expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

Programme Related Investments

Programme related investments are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost less any accumulated impairment losses. The investments are assessed for impairment at each reporting date and any impairment losses or reversals of impairment losses are recognised immediately in the statement of financial activities.

Basic Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Funds

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds – these are funds that can be used in accordance with the objects of the company at the discretion of the Trustees;

Restricted funds – these are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the Company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Grants and donations				
Miscellaneous donations	39	-	39	8,356
	<u>39</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39</u>	<u>8,356</u>

Prior year grants & donations income was £8,356, of which £73 was unrestricted and £8,283 was restricted.

3. Transactions with Trustees and Related Parties

During the year, consultancy fees of £16,800 (2025: £16,800) were paid to Philanthropy Scotland Ltd, a company whose sole director is Robert Anderson, a trustee.

There were no other transactions with trustees or related parties, and no other trustees received remuneration or expenses from the charity in either the current or previous year.

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4. Expenditure	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Project support costs				
Consultancy & Monitoring	11,790	15,887	27,677	27,571
Grant payments				
Mayankho	-	-	-	11,750
Agricultural Community Foundation	-	-	-	39,041
	-	-	-	50,791
Administrative costs				
Bank charges	77	-	77	90
Accountancy	900	-	900	850
	977	-	977	940
Total expenditure	12,767	15,887	28,654	79,302

Prior year expenditure was £79,302, of which £28,511 was unrestricted and £50,791 was restricted.

Expenditure includes:

	2025 £	2024 £
Independent Examiner's remuneration:	900	850

Grant payments: no grant payments were made during the year. In the prior year, the charity made grants in furtherance of its charitable objectives to 2 organisations totalling £50,791.

The charity had no employees during the year.

5. Programme Related Investments	2025 £	2024 £
Unquoted investments:		
Market value at 1 January and 31 December	45,000	45,000

Investments held consist of ordinary shares in African Lakes Company Limited. Investments are carried at cost less any accumulated impairment.

6. Debtors	2025 £	2024 £
Accrued income	826	-
	826	-

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7. Creditors	2025 £	2024 £
Accruals	7,350	13,450
	7,350	13,450

8. Movement in Funds

	Balance at 1 Jan 25	Income	Expenditure	Transfer	Balance at 31 Dec 25
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Scottish Government Africa Dev. Prog.					
- Discover Africa	3,052	-	(3,052)	-	-
Financial Education & Empowerment	50,790	-	(12,835)	-	37,955
Total restricted funds	53,842	-	(15,887)	-	37,955
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	19,570	267	(900)	-	18,937
Designated fund:					
Postcode Lottery - Africa	11,867	-	(11,867)	-	-
Total unrestricted funds	31,437	267	(12,767)	-	18,937
Total funds	85,279	267	(28,654)	-	56,892

Notes on restricted funds:

Discover-Africa

This fund holds the balance of restricted funds from the Scottish Government's International Development Fund for the "Discover-Africa/Heritage" project. The fund was spent in full during the year.

Financial Education & Empowerment

This fund has been established from donations from individuals, including several investors in the African Lakes Company, as well as grant funding from Scottish Government to support the charity's role in promoting financial education and business development in Africa. This work is ongoing.

Notes on designated funds:

Postcode Lottery – Africa

This fund was donated by the People's Postcode Lottery to support the charity's role in promoting financial education and sustainable investment in Africa. The fund was spent in full during the year

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9. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £
Programme Related Investments	-	45,000	45,000
Debtors	-	826	826
Bank	20,687	(2,271)	18,416
Creditors	(1,750)	(5,600)	(7,350)
Net assets at 31 December 2025	18,937	37,955	56,892

10. Statement of Financial Activities - Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Income from:			
Grants and donations	73	8,283	8,356
Investment income	975	-	975
Total income	1,048	8,283	9,331
Expenditure on:			
Project support costs	27,571	-	27,571
Grant payments	-	50,791	50,791
Administrative costs	940	-	940
Total expenditure	28,511	50,791	79,302
Net (expenditure) / income	(27,463)	(42,508)	(69,971)
Transfers between funds	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(27,463)	(42,508)	(69,971)
Reconciliation of funds:			
Funds brought forward	58,900	96,350	155,250
Funds carried forward	31,437	53,842	85,279

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11. Movement in Funds – Prior Year

	Balance at 1 Jan 24 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance at 31 Dec 24 £
Restricted funds					
Scottish Government Africa Dev. Prog.					
- Discover Africa	3,052	-	-	-	3,052
Financial Education & Empowerment	93,298	8,283	(50,791)	-	50,790
Total restricted funds	96,350	8,283	(50,791)	-	53,842
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	19,373	1,048	(850)	-	19,570
Designated fund:					
Postcode Lottery - Africa	39,527	-	(27,661)	-	11,867
Total unrestricted funds	58,900	1,048	(28,511)	-	31,437
Total funds	155,250	9,331	(79,302)	-	85,279

12. Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds – Prior Year

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Programme Related Investments	-	45,000	45,000
Bank	44,887	8,842	53,729
Creditors	(13,450)	-	(13,450)
Net assets at 31 December 2024	31,437	53,842	85,279