



People and Wildlife Ghana Trustees' Annual Report

Covering the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	People and Wildlife Ghana
Other name charity is known by	PAW Ghana
Registered charity number	SC049317
Charity's principal address	Hundland, Papa Westray, Orkney, United Kingdom KW17 2BU

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report:

- 1.
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution determining how the charity shall be run as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Charity trusteeship is open to any individual aged 16 or over who supports the organisation's aims (providing eligibility requirements stipulated in paragraph 20 of the constitution are also met). Applications are considered by the board of trustees. The constitution determines nine trustees as the maximum size of the board.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The advancement of environmental protection and improvement in Ghana, through the awarding of funds to conservation organisations and projects.• The advancement of citizenship and community development for local people in Ghana through the awarding of funds to organisations and projects.• The advancement of education in the wildlife and ecology of Ghana through the promotion of conservation projects and the benefits they provide.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	People and Wildlife Ghana raises awareness of the importance of community-based conservation work in Ghana, develop partnerships and fundraises (through applying for grants and soliciting donations) to support local organisations in Ghana. These partners undertake excellent sustainable development work in Ghana – helping local people whilst conserving wildlife and enhancing the environment.

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

People and Wildlife Ghana's over the 2023/24 Financial Year was relatively limited, with time pressures on the trustees who run the charity as volunteers being a factor in this. However, the board of trustees were delighted to hear of the continued progress made by the Kalakpa Club, with support channelled through PAW Ghana having been central to this over the years.

The Kalakpa Club works with communities around the Kalakpa reserve, supporting to work to limit environmental impacts, and to give people a better quality of life. The club's work over the financial year was focused on its Eco-centre, which sustained its activity, but at a relatively low level, due to limited funding. The Kalakpa Club has also addressed a banking issue, which prevented them getting funds from PAW Ghana within the financial year.

PAW Ghana was delighted to receive a grant of £500 from [REDACTED] Deceased's New Second Charity to support the Kalakpa Club. This grant was received at the end of the financial year, and will be vital to development of activities at the Eco-centre, which remains the hub for the club.

PAW Ghana remains open to supporting other community-led conservation organisations in Ghana. In early 2024, PAW Ghana received a final report from Save Ghana Frogs on the forest conservation project they had undertaken previously. This report demonstrated the great pressures that their focal site – Sui River Forest Reserve – is under, and the positive impact that Save Ghana Frogs is having in tackling them, working with partners from the local traditional councils to regional and national Government. The retained 20% of this grant will be paid to them in the 2024/25 financial year.

PAW Ghana is very grateful to support from all funders. The charity looks forward to developing further links, with appropriate community-led conservation organisations in Ghana. We are now in touch with Greening Northern Ghana. We continue to look for funders – individual or organisational – who are willing to support locally driven work for wildlife and people in Ghana.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

People and Wildlife Ghana has no significant running costs as it is run entirely by volunteers and has no office. As a result, it is the view of the trustees that we do not need to specify a minimum financial reserve that the charity should hold.

Details of any deficit


We hold no financial deficit.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

A trustee covered the cost of website hosting and domain name over this accounting period. All trustees gave their time freely, with no trustees claiming any expenses. A qualified accountant volunteers their time to provide Independent Examination of our annual accounts.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above. Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Chair)	Treasurer	Chairperson
Date	31 st December 2024	31 st December 2024

Receipts and payments accounts							
For the period from	Period start date			to	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	APRIL	2023		31	MARCH	2024

Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	220	108			327	1,633
Legacies					-	
Grants	-	500			500	-
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
A1 Sub total	220	608	-	-	827	1,633
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	220	608	-	-	827	1,633
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		103			103	39
Grants and donations		-			-	1,427
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Other					-	
A3 Sub total	-	103	-	-	103	1,466
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	103	-	-	103	1,466
Net receipts / (payments)	220	505	-	-	725	167
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	220	505	-	-	725	167

Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	1,541	606			2,148	1,980
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	220	505			725	167
						-	
						-	
	Cash and bank balances at end of year (Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1,761	1,111	-	-	2,872	2,147
		-	-	-	-	-	0

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Investments				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available) to nearest £	Current value (if available) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B3 Other assets					
		Total	-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B4 Liabilities				
		Total	-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate) to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B5 Contingent liabilities				
		Total	-	-

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of
approval

			31-Dec-24
			31-Dec-24

Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

Funds to support community-led nature conservation work in Ghana, as detailed in Trustees' Annual Report.

	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	A grant payment of £699 to Kalakpa Club was returned unpaid due to banking issues between the Kalakpa Club and their bank (Zenith Bank, Ghana). This has now been resolved and the grant payment made in 2024/25.			
		Total		

C3a Trustee remuneration

If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)

X

Authority under which paid

3

C3b Trustee remuneration - details

C4a Trustee expenses

If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)

X

C4b Trustee expenses - details

	Number of trustees	£

C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)

C6 Other information

Value of grant payment to Kalakpa Club amounting to £699 and a charge of £20 was returned unpaid by the recipient bank resulting in an additional charge of £82.74 (a total of £102.74 in bank fees relating to the failed international transaction). A decision was therefore taken to withhold grant payments to Kalakpa Club until the issue is resolved. We have been advised of the resolution of the problem and a recent transfer was made to Kalakpa Club in December 2024.

Analysis of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Expendable endowment funds	Permanent endowment funds	Total current period	Total last period
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
Benevity [REDACTED] employer match for [REDACTED] donation in 22/23; individual donations through Benevity crowdfunder on Jacobs employee website)	-	108			108	1,280
[REDACTED]	-				-	210
Online shopping donations (Amazon, EF & GAYL)	100	-			100	
Individual donations	120				120	
Other	-	-			-	139
Total	220	108	-	-	327	1,629

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
	-	500	500	-
	-	-	-	-
			-	-
			-	-
Total	-	500	500	

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
International bank transfer charges		103			103	39
(See narrative against Note C6 above)					-	
					-	
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					-	
					-	
Total	-	103	-	-	103	39

Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below General	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts				
Donations	220		220	143
Legacies			-	
Grants			-	
Receipts from fundraising activities			-	
Gross trading receipts			-	
buildings			-	
Rents from land & buildings			-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities			-	
Sub total	220	-	220	143
Receipts from asset & investment sales				
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets			-	
Proceeds from sale of investments			-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	220	-	220	143
Payments				
Expenses for fundraising activities			-	
Gross trading payments			-	
Investment management costs			-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	-		-	
Grants and donations			-	-
Governance costs:			-	
Audit / independent examination			-	
Preparation of annual accounts			-	
Legal costs			-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Payments relating to asset and investment movements				
Purchases of fixed assets			-	
Purchase of investments			-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	-	-	-
Net receipts / (payments)	220	-	220	143
Transfers to / (from) funds			-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	220	-	220	143

Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds enable PAW Ghana to support community-led nature conservation in Ghana.

Additional analysis (3)**6 Breakdown of restricted funds**

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	General				
Receipts					
Donations	608			608	1,490
Legacies				-	
Grants				-	-
Receipts from fundraising activities				-	
Gross trading receipts				-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings				-	
Rents from land & buildings				-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities				-	
Sub total	608	-	-	608	1,490
Receipts from asset & investment sales					
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets				-	
Proceeds from sale of investments				-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	608	-	-	608	1,490
Payments					
Expenses for fundraising activities				-	
Gross trading payments				-	
Investment management costs				-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	103			103	39
Grants and donations	-			-	1,427
Governance costs:				-	
Audit / independent examination				-	
Preparation of annual accounts				-	
Legal costs				-	
Sub total	103	-	-	103	1,466
Payments relating to asset and investment movements					
Purchases of fixed assets	-			-	
Purchase of investments	-			-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	103	-	-	103	1,466
Net receipts / (payments)	505	-	-	505	24
Transfers to / (from) funds				-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	505	-	-	505	24

Nature and purpose of funds

Restricted funds held are for work of the Kalakpa Club. As indicated in Note C6, PAW Ghana attempted to make a grant award in the 23/24 financial year, but it was returned unpaid by their bankers. The issue is now resolved and a transfer was made in December 2024. The remainder of the balance in this unrestricted fund at the end of the 23/24 financial year comprises other grant funding received for the Kalakpa Club, but being retained until a final report is submitted, and a further grant of £500 for the Kalakpa Club from the [REDACTED] New Second Charity which was received in late March 2024.

Report to the trustees/members of Registered charity number On the accounts of the charity for the period Set out on pages	Independent examiner's report on the accounts V2						
	People and Wildlife Ghana						
	SC049317						
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
1 st	April	2023	to	31 st	March	2024	
1 to 6					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.</p> <p>My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.</p>						
	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 						
Independent examiner's statement Signed: Name: Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Address:	[Redacted Signature]			Date:	30 st December 2024		
	[Redacted Name]						
	[Redacted Qualification]						
[Redacted Address]							