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Celebrating new life

For elephants, nothing is more important than family and, time and time again, orphans that have successfully reintegrated into the wild have returned to their human family at the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust to celebrate the arrival of their new babies. In October 2021, this incredible show of trust and gratitude occurred not once, but twice, when both Kinna and Naserian gave birth to calves.

Kinna's story

Kinna was rescued as a newborn baby in 1999. She was discovered submerged in mud where she had lain stuck, her head exposed to the sun, causing terrible damage to her petal-pink ears and leaving her with a very distinctive profile. Keepers at the Trust hand-raised her, first at the Nursery. Then through the Ithumba Reintegration Unit, until she was old enough to return to the wilds of Tsavo where she has since roamed free as the matriarch of her orphan herd. In 2017, Kinna gave birth to her first daughter, Kama, and has proven herself to be an adept mother and leader. Throughout, Kinna has maintained a close bond with her former home and human family, returning regularly to this safe haven to interact with the dependent elephants and take advantage of the fresh water the Trust provides.



Kinna was a vulnerable one-week-old baby when she was rescued from Meru National Park. She is named after her place of rescue.



After returning to the wild, Kinna went on to give birth to her first calf Kama in 2017.



Kaia's birth

Keepers at Ithumba had known for some time that Kinna was expecting and they waited with baited breath for the arrival of her second calf. As an African elephant's gestation lasts some 22 months, it was a lengthy period of anticipation. But finally, in October 2021, Kinna introduced the Keepers to her new-born baby. Most poignantly, she chose to stay close to the Ithumba area on the night leading up to the birth, bringing her hours-old infant along to the stockades at first light to meet her human family. This precious baby, who has been named Kaia by the Keepers, was still wobbly on her feet but clearly in good shape, surrounded by lots of adoring nannies and her protective big sister. Later, Keepers treated Kinna to a private feast of lucerne to ensure her milk was in plentiful supply – during these dry times, it is vital that elephant mums remain nourished to fuel their milk production.

Njema is welcomed into the world

Just a few days after Kinna gave birth, yet another baby joined the Trust's ever-expanding family. Like so many before her and amidst much fanfare, first-time mum Naserian chose to bring her days-old baby to the Ithumba Unit, surrounded by a doting coterie of nannies and protectors. October falls at the peak of the dry season in Tsavo, not the most favorable of conditions for any new mother or calf, but staying close to Ithumba allows Naserian to supplement her diet with the extra provisions the Trust leaves out for the orphans and wild elephants.

The Trust's impact can be measured not only in lives saved, but also in lives added, through the increasing number of calves being born to orphaned elephants who have returned to the wild. With the recent births of Kaia and Njema, that brings the total of known babies to 41! All are fully wild elephants, but will grow up with human protectors watching out for them, knowing that the Trust offers a safe place to return to, if ever they are in need.



Esoit is welcomed into the herd

Out of tragedy has come hope for Esoit. His story with the SWT began in May 2021 when a female elephant was found gravely injured and marooned on a lava slope in the Chyulu Hills. Compounding the already devastating scene, she had a seven-year-old calf with her, as well as a young milk-dependent baby. With Kenya Wildlife Service vets unable to save the mother due to the extent of her injuries, the difficult decision was made to rescue her youngest calf who would not survive without milk. The Trust's helicopter ferried him directly to the Nairobi Nursery where he would have the best chance of survival.

Named after his area of rescue, Esoit has settled wonderfully well into the Nursery routine and orphan herd. He has struck up a special bond with his stockade-neighbour Roho which has been especially beneficial in Esoit's healing process. Most days, the duo are found cavorting around the forest together, rolling in the mud or tussling over tree branches.

Adoptions help save the animals you love, including orphaned elephants like Esoit. Find out how you can adopt him at: sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/adopt

Keepers report that Esoit is very greedy for his milk and is very excitable and vocal around feeding time. He loves to play and looks very happy and carefree – as all baby elephants should. He can be easily distinguished from the other orphans due to his calcified hind knee, likely a result of an old injury. Luckily, it does not appear to cause him any pain and he does not let it hold him back as he navigates the challenges of toddlerhood. Of course, should his knee ever impede his ability to return to the wild, the Umani Reintegration Unit, built specially for vulnerable orphans, will be the perfect place for Esoit to find his wild feet.

Today, Esoit's future is looking much brighter. Though nothing can replace his lost mother, he will still grow up knowing the love and support of a family in the care of the Sheldrick Trust.

Making a difference

Conservation highlights from Kenya 2021



99 orphan elephants dependent on the SWT across five units



6th Mobile Vet Unit launched to cover Rift Valley ecosystem



172 orphans currently living wild



869 animals attended by Mobile Vet Teams and Sky Vets



40%+ of Kenya's elephant population protected by SWT projects



90 bush fire reports attended by field and air teams



4 extra boreholes created this year to provide water for wildlife



201,698 KMs flown by Air Wing on aerial patrol in support of conservation



6,638 snares seized by field teams, saving potentially thousands of wild lives





Offering snared animals a lifeline

Treating two snared lions

The King of the Jungle is facing an onslaught of despair from the effects of bushmeat poaching which is indiscriminately killing the animals that lions prey on and maiming the big cats. Two operations in the space of ten days between June and July 2021 saved the lives of two lions who nearly had their lives cut short. Both had been ensnared around the neck and were slowly being strangled by the deadly traps. Mercifully, help reached them in time and in each instance, the SWT/KWS Meru Vet Unit removed the treacherous wires using bolt cutters, a key piece of equipment in their arsenal. They then cleaned the wounds which had been worn of fur and skin, administering antibiotics to aid healing. It is difficult to comprehend the pain these animals must have suffered before their treatment but, thanks to timely intervention, their misery has been eased and they have a good prognosis of recovery. All told, they may each have lost one of their nine lives, but should live to tell the tale.



Trio of snared elephant calves are saved

Elephant calves often fall prey to snares, which are concealed along popular animal pathways and wildlife corridors. Demonstrating the scale of the suffering, in just a single day in October 2021, the SWT/KWS Mara Vet Unit administered life-saving in-the-field treatment to a trio of calves, all of whom were snared around the neck. With the terrible wounds turning septic, they were unlikely to survive without urgent intervention, so the vet team rushed in to help. In the face of some understandably very protective mother elephants, they successfully treated the calves in three separate operations, giving them a much better chance of survival.



Donations to the SWT in the UK directly fund life-saving veterinary initiatives in Kenya to save snared animals, and also support de-snaring patrols in conservation areas to stop the suffering. Support us today at: sheldrickwildlifetrust.org



Meet the SWT Team

Philip Okonde

Head Keeper at Umani Springs Unit

Philip, you have been with the Trust for over two decades! How did it come about? My father started out working for the Kenya Wildlife Service and then became one of the Sheldrick's first Keepers. He is one of the people who helped raise some of the earliest rhinos at the Nairobi Nursery. During school holidays, I would visit my father, which made me interested to work with animals.

What is it like seeing the first group of Umani Springs orphans start to transition to a wild life? In December 2019, we started to see the first signs that they were ready. Ziwa, Faraja, and Ngasha always wanted to be let out of their stockades at night. So, one evening, we decided to see what would happen. It was a short spell and they were quickly back at the gate asking to be let back in but slowly, slowly they got their confidence in the wild and now they are very outgoing.

There is one girl among them, Zongoloni, who is guiding the boys out in the wild. Murera sent her out there to keep order! It is very good for me to see our first group of orphans begin to go to the wild. They are not lonely; we often see them with wild friends, who they introduce us to. They are having a very good time as we hear them every night having a wonderful time trumpeting with wild friends.

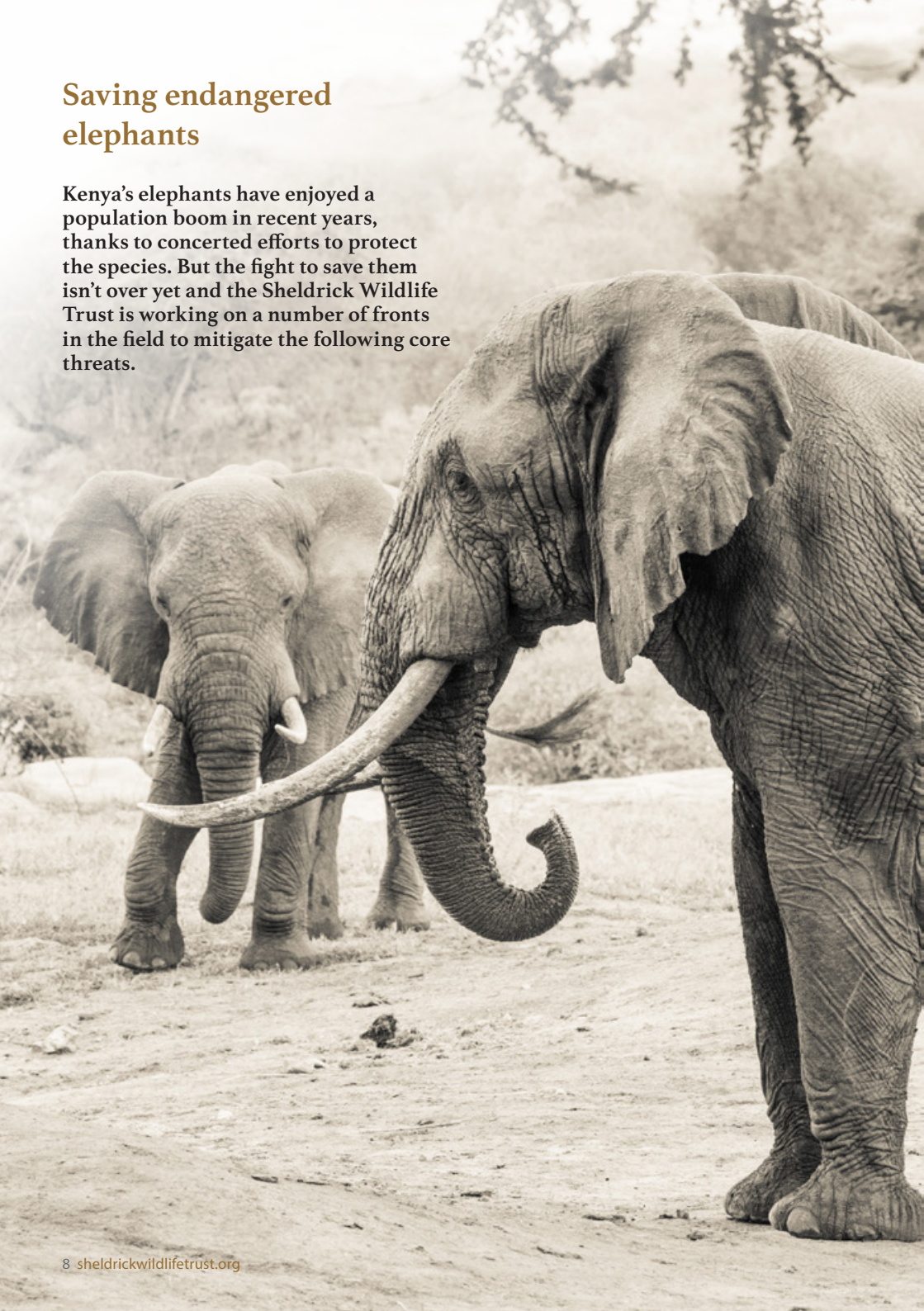
Murera has always been the matriarch of Umani Springs. What is your nickname for her? Murera is our "head girl." I may be the Head Keeper, but I am number two behind Murera. She is the oldest and a very good defender of our team and undoubtedly the boss of Umani! It is only right because Umani was created because of her special needs.

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Saving endangered elephants

Kenya's elephants have enjoyed a population boom in recent years, thanks to concerted efforts to protect the species. But the fight to save them isn't over yet and the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust is working on a number of fronts in the field to mitigate the following core threats.



An expanding human footprint

Habitat loss is putting the squeeze on Africa's elephants, as natural land (often referred to as buffer zones and wildlife corridors) gives way to all kinds of infrastructure. As forest cover, forage and biodiversity are lost, elephants find themselves on islands amidst a sea of humanity, navigating towns and farms, even crossing major roads and railways, as they migrate to find food and water. More than ever, it is important to prevent habitat fragmentation and, with the help of UK supporters, that is exactly what the Trust is doing...

Reforestation

Throughout 2021, the Trust donated over 2,000 saplings to communities. These were nurtured in the Trust's own Tree Nurseries, with the aim of creating additional forest cover and giving elephants and other species access to increased habitat. The SWT has further funded the transplantation of hundreds of thousands more trees in conservation areas to mitigate the loss of forage and shade and to help combat climate change.

Fencelines

Fencelines draw a literal line in the sand between human development and areas set aside for wildlife. Over 300km of electric fenceline has been erected by the Trust to date, to prevent any further encroachment along conservation area boundaries. Much of it has been built in human-wildlife conflict hotspots.



As elephants wander through settlements, they can come into conflict with communities. Or in the case of this bull, get trapped in cesspits! The Trust successfully rescued three individuals during 2021, including a mother and her calf, who became trapped in a similar predicament.

Supporting community initiatives

Harnessing local knowledge, experience and enthusiasm for wildlife protection, the Trust has teamed up with local NGOs and partners to protect habitats by funding security patrols and vital equipment, and paying community land leases to ensure areas are set aside for wildlife. Some areas, like the Kimana Sanctuary, are home to the world's last Tuskers!

Making a difference

Donations to the SWT UK have



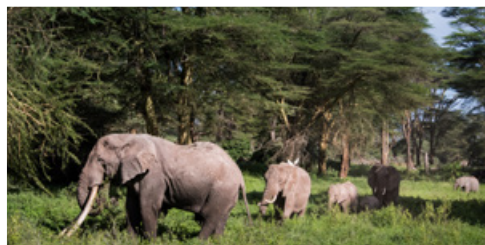
Funded 260,000 trees to be planted as part of reforestation efforts in Amu Ranch.



Enabled the SWT to secure an additional 340,000 acres for conservation with its partners.



Provided funding for an electric fence around KARI ranch to prevent human-wildlife conflict.



Human-wildlife conflict

Human-wildlife conflict (HWC) is one of the biggest threats to elephants across Africa. Generally, this takes the form of crop raiding, as elephants eat and destroy farmers' crops. It is a major cause of conflict in rural areas and can wipe out entire livelihoods. The result? Retaliation attacks on herds, or self-defense efforts by communities, can leave animals injured or, worse, dead. With your support, the Trust is taking substantial steps to mitigate human-wildlife conflict and save injured animals in Kenya...

Aerial Surveillance

Shepherding elephants out of community areas is a dangerous job for ground teams as they contend with a patchwork of settlements and frightened and aggressive herds. The Trust's Air Wing has proved instrumental in these operations, with the ability to manoeuvre herds away from settlements and into conservation areas, through fencelines that have been dropped for their safe passage. Hundreds of elephants have been safely shepherded to safety throughout 2021.

Emergency Veterinary Action

Arrow and spear injuries are typical of HWC and pose mortal danger to elephants if left untreated, causing pain, infection and often limiting the animal's mobility and ability to forage. For lactating mother elephants with calves, injuries can also threaten their ability to nurse their young. The six SWT/KWS Mobile Veterinary Units provide urgent veterinary care to animals injured in HWC, and follow-up treatment where needed to give animals the best chance of survival.



This speared elephant faced danger if he remained on community land. In a planned follow-up treatment, the SWT/KWS Tsavo Mobile Vet Unit teamed up with the Trust's Air Wing to successfully translocate him to a conservation area.

Making a difference

Donations to the SWT UK have



Covered the costs of land leases in Amboseli to ensure the Kimana Sanctuary and Corridor is set aside for wildlife.



Covered maintenance costs for SWT aircrafts, including new parts, to continue shepherding elephants from community land into protected areas.



Funded 75kg of green clay, used by the Vet Teams to treat animals injured by arrows and spears.





This elephant calf was recently saved from a bushmeat poacher's snare. As the calf struggled to free itself, the wire snare pulled tighter around its trunk, threatening to sever it without urgent intervention. Enter the SWT/KWS Tsavo Vet Unit which was equipped with wire cutters to successfully cut through the snare and free the infant.

Snaring

Throughout 2021, bushmeat poaching and the use of snares has caused increasing concern to the Trust.

Some traps – like thicker, heavy-duty cable snares – are deliberately laid to ensnare elephants. Other traps are placed to catch smaller animals, but their indiscriminate nature means that elephants are still at risk of getting caught. Throughout 2021, the Trust has expanded its efforts to put a stop to the suffering...

Security patrols

This year, the Trust added six new Anti-Poaching Teams, bringing the total number of teams in the field to 22. Operated in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service, the teams patrol daily across conservation regions, focusing on areas that are known poaching hotspots to maintain an effective deterrent to poachers. De-snaring exercises are a vital part of these patrols, where rangers comb through well-trodden wildlife paths and watering points to locate and confiscate snares. Where active hideouts are found, ambushes are laid to arrest the offenders.

Making a difference

Donations to the SWT UK have



Purchased two new vehicles, ensuring De-Snaring Teams can patrol further.



Funded tactical equipment including torches, GPS Units and radios so teams can lay ambushes, record illegal activities and communicate with Field HQ.



Covered training costs for Canine Unit and De-Snaring Teams so rangers can be even more effective in the field.



Donations that make a difference

Every donation to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust makes a difference, and none more than donations through our Wish List. Here is a snapshot of areas where funding is much-needed, enabling you to donate directly towards items that can save or change lives.



1 pair of bolt cutters £45

Bolt cutters are a lifesaver for any animal that has become caught in a poacher's snare. Used by Vet Units, they can cut through wire and rope snares, freeing a trapped animal in minutes.



1 pair of boots £30

Sturdy, well-fitting boots are an essential piece of equipment for rangers. This gift enables them to patrol over tough terrain, come rain or shine, as they scour vast areas for poaching activities.



1 Milk feed £5

No matter what the cause, baby elephants that have been orphaned require milk formula to survive. This Wish List gift can provide vital nutrients through two bottles of milk to an orphan in need.



50 tree seedlings £20

Deforestation is having a devastating effect on Kenya's wildlife. Your gift will help replant lost forests with indigenous tree saplings, grown in our Nurseries.



Green Clay (5kg) £53

A staple used by the SWT/KWS Vet Units, this natural substance is effective in speeding healing and preventing wound infections, restoring animals back to health quicker.

By picking out a gift to the SWT from our online catalogue, whether from yourself or in the name of a loved one, you can help make an immediate and lasting difference, enabling the Trust to continue providing vital support to wildlife and habitats under threat. Learn more at: sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/shop/wishlist



Kerrio is a survivor

Kerrio's story of rescue and recovery exemplifies how the Sheldrick Trust can provide comfort, hope and a safe haven, even in the most tragic of circumstances. This little elephant's world changed overnight in August 2021, when gunfire sent a nearby herd of elephants stampeding in terror in a conflict-ridden area of North West Kenya. The next morning, her lone plaintive cries were heard by tribesmen who discovered the seven-month-old abandoned calf laying on her side, unable to stand. The rescue operation itself presented many challenges, requiring a helicopter to fly through a known conflict zone amidst a turbulent storm. Once safely arrived at the Nursery in Nairobi, a further twist in Kerrio's story revealed itself: she showed signs of paralysis in her hind legs, which remained

almost lifeless, and it was suspected that Kerrio may already have been grappling with this condition for some time. Hope, it would seem, was all but lost.

Yet miracles can and do happen. During the first six weeks following Kerrio's rescue, she made significant progress in her mobility and is able to partake in the herd's activities, albeit at a slower pace. As the Keepers work hard to meet Kerrio's specialist needs and provide a sense of family, they have been aided by the other orphans who have greeted Kerrio with compassionate and gentle trunk touches. Poignantly, they have also accepted her physical limitations without question, with Kinyei and Naleku proving especially attentive.

Making a difference



Babies like Kerrio need milk, and plenty of it. Donations received directly to the SWT in the UK have helped fund 14 tonnes of specialist formula milk in 2021, enough to make 126,346 bottles of milk. Ensuring milk-dependent orphan elephants can continue to thrive.

Field news in brief



Kenya's wildlife in numbers ◀

Earlier this year, the Ministry of Tourism and Wildlife, the Kenya Wildlife Service and its partners embarked on an ambitious task: to count over 30 iconic species across more than 50 National Parks and reserves. The aim? To collect important data on wildlife populations and track the consequences of threats like climate change, habitat loss and poaching. Included in the census was the Tsavo ecosystem, which the Trust supported by committing three fixed-wing aircraft to the aerial count in the area, flying over 94 hours across eight days! Results have revealed that Tsavo is home to 41% of Kenya's national elephant population, underscoring just how important this ecosystem is. All in all, 36,280 elephants were counted across the country, a 12% population increase in the last seven years.

Naipoki returns for help ▶

In August 2021, Naipoki made a surprise visit to the Voi Reintegration Unit after she suffered a wound on her rump. While it was nothing serious, it was sufficiently infected to cause discomfort and the Keepers immediately arranged for the SWT/KWS Tsavo Vet Unit to come to the scene and treat her. Naipoki chose to remain at the Unit in the days after, with the Keepers reporting that she happily put herself to bed in the stockades each evening with the other orphans. After her 80 kilometre trek for help, it seems she relished her sojourn and the R&R on offer.





Launch of Rift Valley Mobile Veterinary Unit ▼

Animals in the Rift Valley ecosystem have been given a lifeline with the launch of a new Mobile Veterinary Unit. The Rift Valley Unit is the Sheldrick Trust's sixth Vet Unit, operated in partnership with the Kenya Wildlife Service. It has been funded by SWT UK, which covered the Unit's set-up and operational costs for the first year. Already, the team – which includes an experienced KWS Vet and a modified off-road vehicle – has attended to 61 cases in their first two months of operations, including threatened species like white rhino and leopard.

Murera takes the next step towards the wild ▲

Orphaned elephant Murera suffered terrible injuries as a result of a poacher's trap, which left her walking with a limp. At the time of her rescue, many wondered if she could ever return to the wild and the Umani Springs Unit was specially built with her future in mind. This huge effort to accommodate her individual needs is paying off and, in August 2021, Murera started spending nights away from the stockades, linking up with wild herds of females and their calves. This is a pivotal moment for Murera who has been hand-raised by the Trust for more than 11 years, and it is a wonderful example of how contributions from UK supporters help to ensure that every orphaned elephant is given a second chance at a life in the wild.



Saying goodbye to Luggard and Maisha ►

Tragedy struck not once, but twice, during the past few months as we said goodbye to two of our most-cherished orphans, Luggard and Maisha. They both epitomised all that is so wonderful about elephants and they leave a hole in the hearts of all who knew them: from the Keepers and orphans, to each member of the Sheldrick Team and supporters around the world. We would like to say a heart-felt thank you to everyone who was so invested in their survival and whose donations ensured we could provide the very best veterinary care and a nurturing environment until their last breath. They will always be remembered and their stories have been immortalised forever in our Herd of Hope exhibit.





Seeing wildlife through the dry season

By the time you read this, the “short” rains should have arrived in the Tsavo Conservation Area. It has been a worrying wait, as we have watched the already arid area grow parched and dry.

Of course, erratic weather is something we are all used to in the UK but, in Kenya, wildlife lives by well-established weather patterns. In past years, however, rainfall has become increasingly unpredictable and unreliable. So, after less than plentiful rains earlier this year, we braced ourselves for a long dry season in Tsavo, knowing that it would be tough for wildlife, but survivable – as long as the rains came in September. That deadline has come and gone and so, in the meantime, Trust has been busy supporting wildlife in a number of ways.

Feeding stations across the Tsavo Conservation Area have proved vital to animals like hippos who have become anchored to the last remaining and fast-drying water holes, with no food around them to sustain them. During September, the Trust supplied hundreds of bales of hay and lucerne to wild animals in the

hardest-hit areas, to see them through these toughest of times.

Four additional boreholes were also created by the Trust during 2021, providing drinkable water for wildlife within conservation areas. Many of these are solar or wind powered, and feed water troughs and water pans that have been built to give access to all wildlife, including smaller mammals and birds. These water sources ensure that wildlife does not have so far to trek, and also prevents the need to leave the safety of the protected Park boundaries in search of water, where they might otherwise enter community land.

Finally, lucerne supplements in the form of pellets and bales have kept the Keeper-dependent orphans in good health, despite the dry and barren conditions. Since they are still reliant on their Keepers, they are unable to walk the vast distances covered by wild elephants in search of browse, as they must return for milk feeds and for the night-time security offered by the stockades.



Herd of Hope to remain at Spitalfields until 2022

We are trumpeting the good news: the Herd of Hope sculpture exhibit has had its stay extended and will now remain in Spitalfields Market in London until Summer 2022. Londoners have really taken the herd to heart and this extension gives tourists and visitors an extra chance to see the exhibit before the herd roams to its next destination.

The sculpture features 20 bronze elephant calves, symbolising real-life orphans in the care of the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, and a life-sized mother elephant, all placed in different locations across the Market. Their presence aims to inspire visitors to join us in protecting elephants, and to raise funds for the orphans' wellbeing.

Raising funds for elephants

Across the UK, supporters have also organised their own fundraisers to generate funds and awareness for the orphans. Heather Parsons decided to go above and beyond for her birthday this year, planning a 50km walk in order to raise funds for the Trust's vital projects. Her feat is truly amazing considering the awful weather that dogged her long journey, but she persevered and pulled through. Not only did she raise a fantastic sum of \$600, she also ended up walking an incredible 91km instead, all in one day!



Catching up with recent graduates

Graduations mark a milestone moment in an orphaned elephant's journey back to the wild and, in mid-2021, the big day beckoned for some much-loved orphans. Several months on from their momentous moves, we check in to find out how they're getting on at their new homes.

Nabulu dives into life at Ithumba

In May 2021 Nabulu and Maisha embarked on an exciting move to the Ithumba Reintegration Unit. Sadly only a month after arriving, Maisha suddenly passed away (we have shared more on page 15). In the wake of this shock, Nabulu has been shown lots of extra attention from the Ithumba herd, many of whom she knew from her Nursery days. She is very close with Musiara, Sattao and Dololo who are her night-time stockade room-mates, while the presence of older females has provided a nurturing balm. In a sign that she has settled in well, her Keepers share that Nabulu has been given the opportunity to lead the herd – a great privilege for any orphan – and has even enjoyed a couple of special moments playing with young wild elephant calves who have visited with their herds.



Maktao, Kiasa and Kiombo are in a forest heaven

Age-mates Kiasa, Maktao and Kiombo now find themselves as the cosseted babies of the Umani Springs Reintegration Unit. In the months following their move in May 2021, they have settled in brilliantly and, already, each graduate has found themselves a very willing protector in the older females of the herd. Sonje has taken Kiombo under her wing, while Kiasa has proven very popular, with motherly Murera ear-marking her for special treatment. Likewise, Maktao has forged a close friendship with his stockade neighbour Enkesha, who has taken on a mentorship role to the young bull. The Keepers report that she is regularly found sharing her freshly cut greens with Maktao, who is loving the special treatment.

As Angela Sheldrick puts it,

“Our little trio have really hit the jackpot. They will go wild in a gentle environment, with plenty of exposure to wild elephants and the best of Kenya’s wilderness. Their new home puts some of Kenya’s greatest ecosystems at their feet: The Kibwezi Forest and Chyulu Hills connect to Amboseli and Tsavo, which means that Kiasa and Maktao could find themselves back in the places of their birth.”

For the love of elephants

Every year, the Sheldrick Trust embarks on pioneering conservation initiatives and flies to the rescue of orphan elephants thanks to some wonderful donors and fundraisers.

Foster family go the extra mile

At the end of June 2021, the Timm family took on an incredible challenge in honour of our projects. Cycling over 1500km, they made their way from Land's End to John O'Groats over the course of 14 days and raised over £3,000 from friends and family on their way! The Timm family are passionate about the Trust's work and their daughters Micaela and Kiara especially love elephants and rhinos, so this challenge was one that meant a lot to them. They certainly went the extra mile to raise as much as they could and we couldn't be more grateful for their support.

Did you spot our 'elephant' in London?

October 2021 was a busy month for our fundraisers, with a group of seven taking on the Royal Parks Half Marathon in order to raise funds for wildlife protection. Pictured here is Simon, an avid supporter of our work and proud adopter of Apollo and Dololo! Events like the Royal Parks Half offer a great way to spread awareness, raise funds and have fun – all in the name of elephants!

Your donations are directly helping orphaned elephants

Through your support, the UK charity



Funded the replacement of 50 calving bottles for the orphans' milk feeds.



Covered the costs of Maxwell's stockade refurbishment and an electric fence around Kiko's stable.



Provided 5,000kg of milk replacer to ensure older orphans can continue to thrive during the dry season.



Supporters take on half marathon

With the return of the London Marathon in October 2021, our 'Team Sheldrick' runners were raring to take on the epic challenge and raise monies in aid of the Trust's lifesaving projects! Running for elephants were Louisa and Rachael (pictured above), and Dimi and Tom, the latter of whom raced while dressed in a humungous elephant costume. In total, the team raised over £4,000 between them. Great job team!



Shop to

Our online shop sells a vast array of items inspired by elephants.

WEAR

As cold winter days draw in, our eco-conscious hoodies and long-sleeve tops will help keep you cosy and warm. Our range of super soft T-Shirts in a variety of colours are great for layering too.

ZIP UP HOODIE £45
LONG SLEEVE TOP £20



USE

Our stainless steel, reusable water bottles bring you one sip closer to helping our planet. Mugs and notebooks round out our collection.

WATER BOTTLE £20
CERAMIC MUG £8



GIFT

Whether for Christmas or a birthday, we have a variety of gift ideas that will bring joy. The Unsung Heroes Coffee Table book (left) is a gift that keeps on giving with over 40 pages of beautiful imagery. For game-lovers, our 500-piece puzzle is a fun challenge!

UNsung HEROES £45
ADULT PUZZLE £18

KIDS

Adorable elephant-themed gifts including books and puzzles for the little people in your life!

Our fan-favourite rattles are hand-made from organic cotton, perfect for tiny hands to hold and love.

GARZI PUZZLE £12 **ELEPHANT RATTLE £7**



Every purchase you make can have a lasting impact for wildlife

100% of the proceeds of all shop items benefit the SWT's conservation projects to protect, preserve and conserve wildlife and habitats. This includes funding the rescue and intensive care of orphaned elephants like Suguroi so that they might one day reclaim their place in the wild. Funds also benefit veterinary and anti-poaching projects that save wild lives, and habitat restoration projects. Make your purchase today: sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/shop



Pachyderm Partners

We are proud to partner with eco-minded brands, who commit financially to our projects and also create some truly wonderful products which celebrate elephants and inspire further support of the SWT. With Christmas just around the corner, we are sharing some exciting new items created by our partners, in collaboration with the Trust. Perfect for gifting – or perhaps for your own wish list – you can be confident that these items will have greater meaning by giving back to the wildlife you love.



A little bottle with a big impact ▼

Since 2017, Elephant Gin has supported the Trust by donating 15% of profits from the sale of each miniature gin bottle sold! Elephant Gin currently fosters 24 orphans, whose names are fittingly featured on these bottles. And just in time for the festive season, new miniatures filled with the sweet citrusy flavours of Orange Cocoa are being released. Aptly named after the cheekiest orphans in our care: Bondeni, Lemeki and Kiasa. With the dark night's drawing in, close your eyes and imagine a breath-taking African sunset whilst sipping on an Elephant Gin & tonic.



A conservation collection that cares ▲

Elizabeth Scarlett became a Pachyderm Partner in 2019 with their limited edition Pouch for Purpose. This sell-out success, embellished with a beautiful depiction of a mother elephant leading her calf, was inspired by the Trust's work.

With a new initiative that donates 2% to the Wild – a charitable pledge to protect the precious wildlife on our planet – Elizabeth Scarlett has now launched the Conservation Collection: Elephants. Centred around these wondrous animals that define entire ecosystems, this collection includes a whole range of accessories and homewares in two beautiful colours. With a common goal to support orphan baby elephants, each item from the collection generates vital funds to help us on our mission to secure a future for the African Elephant species.



Leaving a lasting legacy

The care and protection of orphaned elephants and their wild kin is a lifelong commitment. A gift to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in your Will is a gift from the heart and a wonderful promise to help us protect Kenya's wildlife and preserve habitats for wild generations to come.

Elephants, rhinos, giraffes and countless other species are being left orphaned due to poaching, human-wildlife conflict, habitat loss and drought. By including a gift to the SWT in your Will, you can help us give orphaned animals a second chance at life, providing them with the specialist care, love and sense of family they need – not only to survive, but to thrive when living back in the wild. Importantly, in choosing to leave a legacy to the SWT, you will be making a lasting contribution that will also enable us to secure their homes for the future, so we can keep more wild families together, roaming free, where they belong.

"Having fostered orphan elephants for so many years, I consider them to be a part of my family – and families look after each other. That's why, when writing my Will, I decided to leave a gift to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust, so that I can continue to provide for the elephants I love and help protect the places they will call home, even long after I'm gone."

Heather, Berkshire



Do you consider the orphans to be part of your family too?

To find out more about how you can remember them forever through a legacy gift, please contact Louise James at: louise@sheldrickwildlifetrust.org or call 01372 378 321.

Already included a legacy gift to the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust in your Will? Let us know, so that we can keep in touch with you and share our vision of what your future gift could mean.

ADOPT AN ORPHAN

Adoptions help support the Sheldrick Wildlife Trust's work to rescue and hand-raise orphaned elephants and ensure that all the babies at the Nursery - and beyond - receive the love, formula milk and nurturing care they desperately need.

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