



The newsletter of the Nyika-Vwaza Trust and Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust  
*"working for the environment and wildlife conservation in northern Malawi"*

Welcome to the Spring 2012 issue of Nyika-Vwaza News.

Ex Africa semper aliquid novi. Two thousand years on, Pliny's observation remains true. In Malawi, the big new development is the implementation of the Nyika-Vwaza Trans Frontier Conservation Area. Working alongside the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, their Zambian counterparts and also the World Bank and its partners, the Malawi Trust has an important role to play.

In the UK, as well, there is change. Our beloved Harry Foot will retire from the UK Trust in less than a month, as will our long-standing and dedicated trustee, Claire Grimshaw. Harry has written a personal farewell to you that you can read on page 2. On the plus side, however, Peter Lawrance joins the UK team as our new secretary/treasurer. For those of you who don't know Peter, he introduces himself to you all in an article on page 6.

There are, though, some things that haven't changed. We are over the moon that Geoff and Patsy Wooles are with us in Malawi for another year as volunteer trust managers with the Malawi Trust. You can read more about their exploits in the final months of 2011 starting on page 4. With work on the TFCA about to begin, they and the team have an exciting and challenging year ahead.

As the years pass, our trusts go from strength to strength. We are blessed with a fantastic team on the ground in Northern Malawi and tremendous support from you. This has meant that, from very small beginnings, we have achieved much. There is still, though, so much more to do. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of Nyika-Vwaza News, that it encourages you to continue your support and that, with that support, and working alongside the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, we can achieve even more in the Nyika and Vwaza.

As ever, thank you.

**Jane Gallacher (Editor)**

## Two lawyers, a Landy and all of Africa – The Royal Geographical Society 2012

We are thrilled to announce that Lisa Holyhead and Jerry Kent will give our annual lecture at The Royal Geographical Society on Tuesday 6 November 2012. Doors will open at 6pm.

Many of our supporters will recall that Lisa and Jerry spent two years as our volunteer managers in 2008/9, living on the Nyika and working there and in Vwaza.

What you may not know is that their sojourn with us interrupted an epic overland journey across Africa. Many "do" the Cape to Cairo in eight weeks. Lisa and Jerry embraced "Africa time" and took four years! They visited some of the continent's most wild and remote places, all the time in the company of their trusty Landrover.

Join us at the RGS to learn more about Lisa and Jerry's great African adventure, including their time in Northern Malawi. Jerry is an exceptional photographer, so you can be sure that his and Lisa's travelogue will be an extraordinary photographic journey. The photographs below, all taken by Jerry, give you a flavour of what to expect.

More details on the event will be posted in our Autumn newsletter but, for now, please do save the date in your diaries.



Kenya to Ethiopia via Lake Turkana



Caracal



Flamingoes

## **Changing times – Harry Foot and Claire Grimshaw say goodbye**

As many of you know, the UK Trust has existed since 2004. Harry Foot (as secretary/treasurer) and Claire Grimshaw (as a trustee) have been there from the beginning; indeed, in Harry's case, from inception.

After eight years of dedicated and exceptional service, Harry and Claire have decided that the time is right for them to step back from their work for the UK Trust. They leave us on 16 April 2012.

It is hard to over-emphasise Harry and Claire's contributions to the UK Trust. Those of you who know Harry will also know that he epitomises the concept of service. He has worked tirelessly for us for eight years, doing far more than could reasonably be expected of one person. His knowledge of all things Malawian is legion, his judgment on all matters is impeccable and he is the model of diplomacy. All of these attributes he brought to the UK Trust and, more than anyone else so far in its history, he is responsible for its good standing.

Claire and her husband, Chris (himself a trustee of the UK Trust for a number of years), are an exceptional couple. Claire's talents are numerous – from design genius to events organizer, there is nothing that she cannot turn her hand to (and very little that we haven't asked her to do for us!). And anyone who has been to one of our events will know that Chris is an unsurpassed master of ceremonies! Without doubt, Chris and Claire have played a central and essential role at all of our public-facing events (and have done much also behind the scenes). We cannot thank them enough for the charming way in which they have given their time, dedication and enthusiasm to the work of the UK Trust.

Those who know Harry and Claire will understand that they are modest people who do not like a fuss. Nevertheless, we cannot let them go without acknowledging their contributions and expressing our deepest thanks for their efforts. They will be sorely missed by the UK and Malawi trustees, and many others, but it goes without saying that we wish them all the very best for the future.

As you will see, Harry has written his own personal farewell, which you can read below.

### **A letter from Harry Foot to all you wonderful supporters and workers of the UK and Malawi Trusts.**

I recall a frisson of excitement mixed with trepidation flowing through the room as I watched Lady Toulson, Major Ian Gordon and Mike Budgen sign their names on the document that was to become the Trust Deed of the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust. That was way back in 2004. In the previous year our son, David, had instigated the formation of the Nyika Vwaza Trust in Malawi to assist the Malawi Government with the conservation of the Nyika National Park and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. Now the Founder Trustees of the UK Trust had set themselves the twin challenges of raising awareness in the UK and world wide about the conservation needs of the two parks and of raising resources, principally money, for the work of the Malawi Trust. An exciting but daunting task.

During the ensuing eight years it has been my great privilege and pleasure to serve alongside you, our constantly growing fine body of supporters and workers, both individuals and institutions, who have unstintingly given of yourselves to inject life into the two Trusts. As we move closer to 16th April when I shall formally hand over my stewardship as Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the UK Trust, it is great to know that the two Trusts are now well established, well led and respected both in the UK and in Malawi. These reputations are the consequence of dedicated support and work by many, many people, each individual making, or having made, your own contribution in your own way. There is still much to be done, some things in different and better ways. That is especially so in the areas in which I have been involved and I am delighted that Peter Lawrance, my successor, has all the experience, skills and qualities that are now required to help move things forward. Peter and Jane, his wife, both dedicated to the cause, will add professionalism and fresh vitality to the work of the UK Board. They are part of the several exciting developments that are taking place at the moment and which give me confidence about the future health of the two parks.

To each and every one of you, supporter or worker, institution or individual, whether in Malawi, in the UK or elsewhere in the world, I send my heartfelt thanks for your personal contributions during the past eight years to the welfare of all the precious fauna and flora that live in the Nyika National Park and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. You have enabled splendid things to be achieved but the work goes on and your on-going support will continue to be needed and valued.

Thank you also for your friendship which has enriched Gill's and my life. May God bless you all.  
Harry.

## Why trees are good for Malawi – The Royal Geographical Society 2011

Our promotional and fundraising evening at The Royal Geographical Society in London on 8 November 2011 was the great success we have come to expect of our events, thanks to your continued support.

We were especially delighted to welcome the Malawi Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Culture, the Honourable Mr. Daniel Liwimbi, together with the Charge d'Affaires at The Malawi High Commission in London, Mr. James Ali, and his wife Bridget.

We were also pleased to welcome from Malawi Mr Chris Badger, the managing director of Central African Wilderness Safaris which holds the tourism concession for operations within the Nyika National Park.

Prof. Jeff Burley's talk, "The changing role of forestry in conservation and development: why trees are good for Malawi", was a wide-ranging and lucid explanation of how the environmental, economic and social spheres need to connect for forestry policies to become sustainable. He also made the important point that foresters – and other scientists – must present their arguments not only to peers but also to policy-makers and the media, so as to influence change.



From left to right: Mrs. Bridget Ali, Prof. Brian Morris, Mr. James Ali (Charge D'Affaires), Prof. Colin Baker, The Hon. Mr. Daniel Liwimbi (Minister of Tourism, Wildlife and Culture), Prof. Jeff Burley, Prof. Anthony Young

Copies of the lecture in booklet form can be obtained from Tom Lupton, The Cottage, 72 North Street, Biddenden, Kent, TN27 8AS. Cost £6 including p&p.

At the Evening, our Chairman, Tom Lupton, reported several important developments which we would now like to share with those of you who were not there:

- He congratulated the Hon. Minister and the Malawi Government for signing the long-awaited Nyika Trans Frontier Conservation Area Project Financing Agreement with the World Bank, the Zambia Government and other participants. The NTFCA project will secure the continued sound management of the Nyika and Vwaza, together with adjacent protected areas in Zambia, for at least the next five years. It will also support the socio-economic development of the surrounding communities in both countries. Our Trusts have played an important part in advancing this project through advocacy and by demonstrating our effective operational capabilities within the parks. This culminated in our commitment to the World Bank to continue our funding at current levels for the next five years.
- On the conservation front, a spate of orchid poaching is a real concern and is an issue on which we continue to liaise with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife. On the plus side, there have been recent sightings of African wild dogs on the Nyika. Wild dogs have not been seen for many years, so this is an exciting development (see page 6 for more).
- In the last financial year, the UK Trust provided the Malawi Trust with over £53,000 to fund conservation work on the Nyika and in Vwaza – the largest amount provided to date in a single year. We rely entirely on donations from you to continue to fund our projects there and we are enormously grateful to those of you who have been able to support us in recent times.
- Peter Lawrance has been appointed as the UK Trust's next Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. Peter has long experience with the Commonwealth Development Corporation in Malawi (especially the north) in senior managerial and financial positions, and his wife Jane was born in Malawi. Peter takes over from Harry Foot in April 2012. Peter has kindly contributed an article to this issue of Nyika-Vwaza News on his experiences living and working in Malawi from the 1970 onwards.

That the RGS evening was such a success was, as ever, thanks to the assistance of many people. In particular, we would like to thank David Kelly for the five superb paintings of some of the flowers that can be found in Nyika National Park. And also Angela Kilner for procuring the 2012 WESM calendars and Julie Saunders for ferrying them to the UK; Pip Hayes and Donna Wilson for selling them; Donna Wilson for her photographs; Chris Grimshaw for manning Reception and for doing the heavy work; Denise Prior, the RGS House Manager, and the staff of the RGS for their unstinting help.

## Report from the Nyika

To update you on our work programmes on the Nyika in the final months of 2011, here are some extracts from reports sent to us by our volunteer Trust Managers, Geoff and Patsy Wooles.

The Malawi Trust employed thirty nine casual workers in 2011 and eight permanent workers.

For the last three months of 2011, our main activities were:

### **Dam 1**



Work on Dam 1

Many of you will be very familiar with Dam 1 at Chilinda and the chalets located there. There has been an on-going concern at the amount of silt collecting in the dam. This has been aggravated by run-off from the concession that is logging the pine plantation at Chilinda.

The Malawi Trust continued to remove silt from Dam 1 during the latter part of the dry season.

Work on the creation of a substantial bypass continues, which will make it easier to continue excavation of the Dam. All of the work on Dam 1 has been done manually by our team. Some 250 cubic meters of silt has been removed so far, roughly a third of which has been transported to enrich an area in which our Malawian staff are developing their own vegetable gardens.

This project is being carried out according to the wishes of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife. Our volunteer Trust manager, Geoff Wooles, is also in dialogue with the tourism concessionaire on the Nyika, CAWS, regarding the work.

### **Brick-making for permanent staff housing**

The UK Trust has provided funding for the building of the first new house for our permanent workers. It is to be a duplex. Brick-making work has commenced but 17,000 more bricks and 233 bags of cement are required to complete it. The loosened soil is mixed with a fixed proportion of cement, and compacted in the brick maker, before being stacked under polythene which covers the bricks for a curing period of up to two months.



Earth makes bricks!

### **Water supply**

The lack of water supply at Chilinda (usually plentiful) was exacerbated in 2011 by the many breakages to our supply line (23 in total). The photo opposite shows Baxter Sichinga, our new head mechanic, repairing the hot water boiler at the cabin site.



Repairs

### **Drainage**

The Malawi Trust continues to clear tourist road drains to prevent unnecessary water-fed erosion.

### **Tree Nursery**

An area 9x20 square metres has been cleared at Chilinda in preparation for the Malawi Trust's new indigenous tree nursery.



The photo on the left above shows our workers carefully levelling the main bed. The right-hand photo is taken from the clump of trees, shown behind the workers. The tree nursery will be supplied by gravity fed water, from the channel, shown on the left of the workers.

A seedling collection trip is imminent!

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### **Conserving diesel**

Often fairly convoluted plans are formulated in order to conserve diesel so that bigger trips now tend to be multi purpose ones. For example, the Luselo Bridge (to the right) was repaired during the Thazima team drop-off. Also, on the four hour return pick-up and delivery of Phoka workers, the men carried out invasive plant clearance work (mainly blackberry).



### **Carpenters' work**

The carpenters have worked on the following projects recently: the tree nursery irrigation system and fencing; doors for the watchman's shelter (Southside, in preparation for the storage of building equipment); an extra storage box for the Landcruiser for the wet season; improvements to the volunteer Trust Managers' log cabin (mantelpiece, cabinet repair, mouse-proofing!); bee-proofing of the Malawi Trust office and some general maintenance tasks.

### **Vehicle workshop**

Baxter Sichinga is the new workshop supervisor. He is proving very reliable and carries out work efficiently.

### **Wildlife**

Poaching continues to be a concern. The total number of poachers captured in 2011 is around 20. Of these, seven were captured by our alert Malawi Trust workers, as they travel about the plateau on work-related excursions.

Our volunteer Trust Manager, Geoff Wooles, was delighted to join a team of DNPW's scouts in November's African wild dog research trip. There have been five sightings to date (see page 6 for more details) although we have yet to gather photographic evidence!

### **Library/education**

The language sessions run for our Malawi Trust workers by Patsy Wooles finished just before Christmas 2011. The lessons were held on the khonde of the Trust Managers' log cabin, with between six and 12 casual workers in attendance.

An extension of these sessions is the office-based library, which will be accessible to all our workers. On 3 December 2011, we held our first gathering in the Malawi Trust office. A small carton of books and periodicals was available. Around ten of the men happily availed themselves of this opportunity. These books will be exchanged on a weekly basis.

Patsy has continued her association with our local school at Chilinda, working with two teachers to introduce new ideas and more varied methods of teaching. When Geoff and Patsy's daughter, Anna, visited towards the end of 2011, she eclipsed her mother very rapidly by teaching a three-part harmony folk/jazz piece to year 7 and 8 students!

### **Malawi Trust community outreach**

Patsy has continued working at the Eva Demaya nursery school at Luviri (which is situated three hours' drive away from Chilinda). She carries out teacher training at this centre. The Tae kwon do flip photo opposite was taken at the recent ten year celebration festival there.



## Fundraising successes

In the summer of 2011, readers may recall that the UK Trust launched its first fund-raising prospectus, "Supporting our Projects". We have enjoyed some fabulous early successes with this initiative, including:

**Desilting Dam 1:** This project has been funded with £500 annual grants for five years by the Crookall family.

**Indigenous Tree Nursery:** This project has been funded with £750 annual grants for 5 years by the Peter Poolton Fund.

**The Four Wheel Trailer:** This project has been funded by a £5,000 grant from our long-term supporter, The Rufford Foundation.

**Hewe Channel and Lake Kazuni Project** – This project has been funded for 2012 by our long-term supporter, Tusk Trust. Any surplus funds from this project in Vwaza Marsh will be deployed on the **Road Maintenance Project** on the Nyika.

**The Women's Co-Op Maize Mill:** This project has been funded by a grant of £2,500 from The John Horseman Trust.

**Permanent Staff Housing:** This project has been one quarter funded by a grant of £11,000 from the UK Trust, being part of the Ian Hay Memorial.

**Directions Signs Project:** This project has been funded for one year by a grant of £500 from the Miss G.M Marriage Will Trust.

Our heartfelt thanks to those who have supported these projects. We know that, in partnership with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, we are carrying out essential conservation work on the Nyika and in Vwaza but it is so encouraging to find others who share our vision and are in a position to contribute financially to ensure that it is realised.



*First of the new wet season Disa orchids*

## African wild dogs on the Nyika

Charles Chihana, Head of the Department of National Parks and Wildlife at Chilinda, is preparing a full report on the recent sightings of African wild dogs on the Nyika. In the meantime, we can let you know that:

1. On 22 September 2011, our supervisor saw a pair of wild dogs lying on the road, near the Kasaramba turn off (on way to the Juniper Forest): "They got up and walked off towards the north", he said.

2. DNPW's Charles Chihana has two sightings between 15 and 23 October: first one dog, then later three dogs. Both sightings were at same place, and on the road. The area is the section of road just north of the Acacia Abyssinica forest, which spreads its canopies across the road - around 23km from Thazima gate.

3. Two other sightings have taken place just near this place; Reuben Zanda, a DNPW scout, and a logging contractor saw pairs at separate times in roughly the same location as Charles.

To have such a rare and charismatic mammal species make an appearance – on more than one occasion! - on the Nyika after such a long absence is just remarkable. It confirms to us, if such confirmation were needed, that the work we do, alongside the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, is essential to the fauna and flora that use the resources in the parks, whether as transient visitors – as the wild dogs are likely to be – or as permanent residents.

## In his own words: Peter Lawrance

*Many of our readers will already know Peter Lawrance, who will become the new Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the UK Trust when Harry Foot MBE retires in April. Here Peter describes his reaction to his appointment and his and his wife, Jane's, experiences of Malawi.*



The family on Nyika with Jock and Bar Corrie in June 1983

I am delighted to have been offered and to accept the post of Honorary Secretary and Treasurer of the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust. Judging by the email traffic in recent weeks it is certainly an exciting time with securing funding for many of the activities on the 'to-do' list. It also brings home to me just how much I have to learn from Harry and the UK Trustees.

My association with Malawi goes back to the mid 1970's when Jane and I went over from Zambia to spend Easter at Monkey Bay with her brother; Jane's association with the country goes back much further to the early

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1950's when she was growing up in Zomba and Mzuzu with her parents, Jock and Bar Corrie, who will be known to many who lived in Malawi in the 1950s and 60s.

We returned to Malawi a year after that Easter visit to start the first of a number of jobs with the Commonwealth Development Corporation (CDC) to work in Central region with smallholder tobacco farmers. It was only a short posting and we were soon moved to Johannesburg, only to return to Malawi in 1979 to work with the smallholder tea farmers in Thyolo and Mulanje. I must have gained a bit of a reputation for that line of work as we found ourselves moved to Mzuzu in 1981 to work with smallholder coffee farmers in a revamped Smallholder Coffee Authority. This period of four years gave us one of our most enjoyable times, with relatively easy access to the Nyika and the lakeshore at Chiweta. It was also here that we were fortunate enough to meet Tom Lupton for the first time and Julie who was teaching in Ekwendeni.

Our work took us all over Northern region from the Misuku Hills in the north to a small area on the south east of the Viphya district, but the majority of the activity was in Misuku and in the villages of the Phoka people, centred on Nchenachena, on the eastern side of the Nyika.

When going up to Misuku we were lucky to have the choice of following the road up the lakeshore to Karonga and turning west or, by far the more interesting route, to turn off at Rumphu and follow the road up over the Nyika and along the little used, and little maintained, road (built by the British Army as an exercise) to Chitipa and thence to Kapoka. On one trip a fallen bridge forced us to go down the riverbank and try to get up the other side, which we did eventually manage after many attempts. I am sure we did the engine and gearbox of the car no good but it was either getting ourselves out of a tight spot or sitting it out with a car full of cash for the farmers and staff until another vehicle chanced to come along!

This choice of routes enabled us to visit the Nyika in all seasons and although most visits were short and sweet we nevertheless always saw groups of game, particularly the eland, zebra and reedbuck, and the changing flora as the seasons passed. Our longer stays at Chilinda, in the old chalets beside the dam, gave us the opportunity to make the drives down to Fingira Rock and the Juniper Forest, a walk up to the peaks of Domwe or Jalawe, take some time out trying to catch a trout in one of the streams or sit in the peace and quiet around Dam 2 or 3, hoping to see a leopard coming along the road at dusk. This only happened on only one occasion, but it was a wonderful sight!

All good things come to an end, children needed an education (we had no school in Mzuzu) and so we headed off to the Solomon islands for three years (more excitement there amid the occasional earthquake and one rather destructive cyclone) and then back to Malawi for a fourth job with CDC, based in Limbe, running a group of ex-Spearhead farms ranging from the South Rukuru area, an area near Nkhata Bay, some tobacco farms in west-central region, an area north east of Mangochi (Ngapani) and some farms between Zomba and Limbe.

All things (both good and bad) came to an end when CDC closed down the project management arm of its business which resulted in many redundancies. I embarked on a new career of self-employment as a qualified freelance accountant/auditor which has taken me to jobs in Europe, particularly Eastern Europe and which continues to this day.

In recent years I have accepted some other voluntary positions, which now include the Honorary Secretary of the Sarawak Association (the country where I grew up) and the Honorary Treasurer of the Friends of Malawi Association, a body whose members have lived and worked in Malawi at some point in their lives, and which has a charitable arm, disbursing small grants to worthy charitable causes in the fields of health and education in Malawi.

I much look forward to working with the UK Trustees in helping to conserve and develop the Nyika and Vwaza Marsh to hold their places as two of the loveliest, unspoilt and natural areas in the Central Africa region.



## New bird checklist on NVT website

When the UK and Malawi Trusts were first constituted one of the ambitions was to become a centre of excellence for information on the wildlife and habitats of the Nyika National Park and the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve. We now have an impressive list of Patroni Naturae with expert knowledge ranging from birds, flowers and forests to mammals and reptiles. Over time they will be contributing information that will be published on the Trusts website for anyone to access wherever they may be.

We have made a good start with UK trustee Jonathan Timberlake compiling a comprehensive bibliography of books, journals and research papers relevant to the Nyika and Vwaza. Francoise Dowsett-Lemaire, our birds and evergreen forests expert, has also produced an annotated check list of birds to be found in the Nyika National Park. Her full report on the annotated list and life history of the birds of Nyika National Park, Malawi-Zambia ( Tauraco Research Report No. 8, 2006 ) has also been published on the website. To find these publications please go to [www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org/Resources/Resources.html](http://www.nyika-vwaza-trust.org/Resources/Resources.html)

## Mike and Emma Rutter head for Africa



Mike and Emma with Claire Grimshaw, and Harry and Gill Foot

For months Mike and Emma Rutter, whose home is a smallholding overlooking the river Dart in Devon, have been planning the adventure of their lives. Now they have disposed of all their animals, let their home for two years, and, on 12<sup>th</sup> March, headed for Africa overland in the Blue Beast (an adapted Landrover Defender). The preparations for their trip included searching the internet where they discovered Jerry Kent and Lisa Holyhead's website which led them to the Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust. To their delight they learnt that our trustee, Claire Grimshaw, lived on their doorstep. Recently Claire and her husband, Chris, entertained Mike and Emma to a 'bon voyage' lunch. They hope to arrive in Malawi in July in time to help Geoff Wooles, one of our volunteer Trust Managers resident on the Nyika, with the construction of a dam at the outflow of Lake Kazuni in the Vwaza Marsh Wildlife Reserve (which is being funded by our long-term supporter, Tusk Trust). This is

an important project to stabilise the water level of this shallow lake during the dry season for the benefit of the resident hippo population. Mike's skills as chartered building surveyor will be invaluable. The Rutter's journey down the west coast of Africa can be followed on <http://mikerutter.co.uk/afica/>

## Maps for Lorna

You may recall a recent newsletter in which our friend, supporter and Nyika-Vwaza News feature writer, Lorna Hobson, made a plea for detailed maps of the Nyika and Mulanje.

Lorna was delighted with the response from our readers and has written as follows:

Re my appeal for maps of Malawi, I should like to thank all the kind people who responded to my enquiry with helpful suggestions, information about availability, loans of old maps, e-mailed photos, even offers to purchase for me! You have all been most thoughtful and your help and encouragement are much appreciated.

We are very pleased that our readers have been able to help Lorna out. Thank you!





## Printing and postage costs

Like everything else the cost of producing and distributing the bi-annual NV News newsletter continues to increase dramatically. One of the most significant costs is the postage for both UK and international recipients of the newsletter. About a third of you now receive an electronic version of the newsletter by email and this helps enormously to reduce our expenditure. We would like to increase the number of people receiving the newsletter by email to well over fifty percent so if you have an email address and are not already receiving the newsletter by email please send the details of your email address to [mikebudgen@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mikebudgen@tiscali.co.uk) if you are happy to receive the newsletter by email in future. It is sent in PDF form so it easy to print on your own printer in colour or black and white. Thank you.

## Legacies

Leaving a legacy is one of the easiest ways to make a gift to charity and is a good way to make a significant donation and help secure the charity's long-term future. Please consult your solicitor on making a will or to make an adjustment to include The Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust, or alternatively visit the "Remember a Charity" website for a step-by-step guide at:

[www.rememberacharity.org.uk](http://www.rememberacharity.org.uk)

If you decide to include The Nyika-Vwaza (UK) Trust in your will for a legacy, we would be grateful if you could inform us of your decision.



*A reedbuck, giving the classical Nyika pose*

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The Nyika-Vwaza Trust can only continue with the vital task of helping to conserve the Nyika and Vwaza Marsh with the continuing support of generous donations. We welcome further donations from current Friends of the Trust but we also endeavour to widen our scope for funding so please pass on copies of the newsletter to your friends and relations.

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