



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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| From | Period start date | To | Period end date |
| | 1 st November 2019 | | 31 st October 2020 |

Section A Reference and administration details

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| Charity name | The British Fuchsia Society | | |
| Other names charity is known by | | | |
| Registered charity number (if any) | UK & Wales CC reg No 1038334 | OSCR SC039652 | |
| Charity's principal address | 36, Beach Road West | | |
| | Portishead | | |
| | BRISTOL | | |
| | Postcode | BS20 7HU | |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
|----|--------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Mr John Nicholass | Secretary | | |
| 2 | Ms Carol Gubler | Assistant Secretary | | |
| 3 | Mr Paul Waldron | Treasurer | From 28 th March 2020 | |
| 4 | Mr Derek Luther | President | | |
| 5 | Mr Paul Munro | Editor | | |
| 6 | Mr Paul Russell | Committee Chairman | | |
| 7 | Mr Terry Cook | Committee Member | | |
| 8 | Mr Sid Garcia | Committee Member | Passed Away on 28/4/2020 | |
| 9 | Mrs Bonita Hesketh | Committee Member | | |
| 10 | Mr Stephen Lane | Committee Member | | |
| 11 | Mr Arthur Phillips | Committee Member | | |
| 12 | Mrs Valerie Rosson | Committee Member | | |
| 13 | Mr Geoffrey Smith | Committee Member | | |
| 14 | Mr Keith McManus | Committee Member | From 28 th March 2020 | |
| 15 | Mr Eric Reilly | Committee Member | Until 28 th March 2020 | |
| 16 | Mr Sid Garcia | Committee Member | Until 28 th April 2020 | |
| 17 | Mrs Jill Smith | Treasurer | Until 28 th March 2020 | |
| 18 | Mrs Vera Garcia | Co-opted Committee Member | From 27 th June 2020 | |
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

| Name | Dates acted if not for whole year |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

The British Fuchsia Society Constitution - Issued April 2018

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Unincorporated Association: National Plant Society

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees must be nominated by two current society members and undertake to be willing to serve as trustee. If more candidates are nominated than places available, a membership vote takes place, and the results are announced at the next Annual General meeting. For Society Officers references are requested plus an interview with the Standing Committee. Trustees may also be co-opted by the committee subject to the terms of our constitution.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

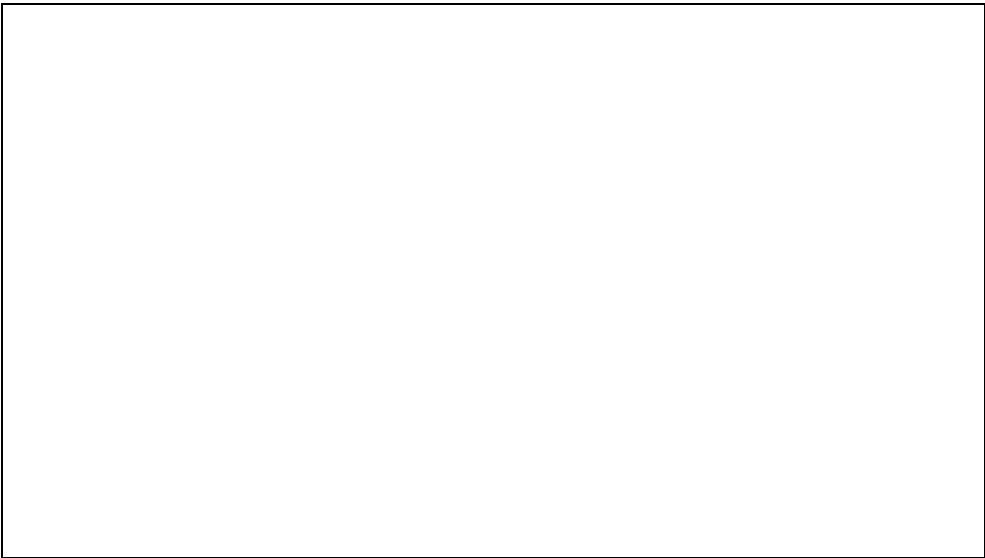
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of

Membership of the society is open to all adults in the United Kingdom and we also accept overseas membership for mailing of the society publications overseas. We also have a junior membership for younger people who are interested in fuchsias with a dedicated newsletter and a plant distribution included.

All new trustees must complete a declaration with the information required by the Charity Commissions and HMRC and declare there is nothing preventing them from becoming a trustee. They are provided with the both the England & Wales and the Scottish charity commission's guidance for trustees and a copy of the society's Duties Manual.

The major risk to the charity is the declining membership of all specialist national plant societies, and the increasing age of the membership.

major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.



Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance education of the public and further knowledge of fuchsia plants by encouraging, improving and extending cultivation of fuchsias in all possible ways, and in the furtherance of this object but not otherwise.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The trustees have borne in mind the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit at our trustee meetings. Some of our major activities are detailed below. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic most of our face-to-face events have been cancelled in 2020 including our AGM. Where possible we have used virtual means to continue some events.

- Arranging “Road Shows” around the country open to all to learn about fuchsias from experts.
- Organise national fuchsia shows in various parts of the country open to the public with exhibition fuchsias and experts who can answer questions. These may be held in halls, garden centres or as part of major RHS Shows.
- Put on stands or displays at major national flower shows with education about fuchsias and information about the society to the public.
- Running a training scheme for national fuchsia judges and show stewards and maintaining a list of qualified judges on our website.
- Publish a list of speakers, primarily on the subject of fuchsias which any organisation may use.
- To publish and support the publication of books, leaflets and articles relating to fuchsias.
- Maintain a website which includes a section where anyone can ask a question within several fuchsia categories and have it answered by one of our experts. The website also provides links to other useful websites related to fuchsias.
- Maintain a Facebook page with current information and items of interest related to fuchsias.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year has been an extremely challenging one for the trustees as nearly all our planned events were cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic and national restrictions. The trustees meet face to face once this year on the 29th February 2020 and all trustees' meetings since have been held virtually. Our 2020 AGM due to be held near Taunton on the 28th March was cancelled at short notice. Because of this the new Committee member and Officer Trustees were put in place according to the election results, and the accounts submitted to the Charity Commissions not ratified by the AGM. However, no queries have been raised in the subsequent time since their publication.

We have still managed to produce three excellent publications this year for which I thank the Editor, Paul Munro and Carol Gubler and her team for mailing it to our membership.

We have also redone another 3 of our cultural leaflets in a full colour trifold format and sent free copies with the publication distribution to all those who were members at the time of the distribution.

I would like to thank our former Treasurer, Mrs Jill Smith for her work up until the end of her term as a trustee and handing over the accounts to our new Treasurer Mr Paul Waldron in good order.

The society membership has dropped back to a little to over 858 members at the 31st October 2020, but also that we have an aging membership and fewer younger people being interested in joining national plant societies.

The Assistant Secretary, Carol Gubler has continued to look after the 110 affiliated societies and administers the Public Liability Insurance scheme under the policy from the NFU Mutual, providing our affiliates with Liability and Trophy insurance at a very reasonable cost. She also produces a newsletter, Fuchsia News, which is sent to all the affiliated societies and can be downloaded from our website.

I would like to thank Mr Peter Holloway with all his hard work and assistance in getting the publications ready for printing.

The website continues to be a source of information about the society including the new cultivars registered with the British Fuchsia Society. The contact us page which is open to the public and society members and allows questions to be asked on fuchsias within several different categories had approximately 200 questions asked in the society year. I would like to pass my thanks to all of those on the committee who spend their time answering the questions. Additionally, the Facebook page is another media face of the society.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Of the three Special Interest Groups, The Lore Club, BFS Scotland and BFS Species, Hybridisation and Heritage Groups have been unable to hold any normal meeting this year but the latter group held several virtual meetings. Additionally, there is a Facebook group for those interested in the growing of Bonsai fuchsias.

Mrs Eileen Osborn-King has examined and accepted the 2020 society accounts.

Before I finish Mr President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee and sub-committees and everyone who left the committee this year for all their hard work during the last year to ensure the BFS is moving in the right direction, reaching its aims and objectives as laid out in the constitution.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society aims to keep approximately two years' worth of expenditure, represented currently by a combination of fixed term deposits and investment funds.

The society has some restricted funds as part of our reserves which are designated for certain purposes only.

Restricted fund of £4640 reserved for the publishing of books or similar related to fuchsias.

Designated fund, currently £495, from monies given by UK affiliated societies which have closed. These are held for 5 years and can be given back to anyone wishing to start a new society in the same area.

The reserves this year include a £5000 donation from a member.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

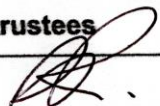
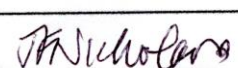
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

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| PAUL RUSSELL | JOHN FRANKLIN NICHOLLS |
| CHAIRMAN | SECRETARY |
| 1 - 5 - 2021 | |



The British Fuchsia Society

England and Wales registered charity no 1038334

Scottish registered charity no SC039652

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from

Start Date 01/11/2019 to End Date 31/10/2020

| | Notes | Unrestricted Funds | Restricted Funds | Total | Total |
|---|-------|--------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | | 2020 | 2020 | 2020 | 2019 |
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | | |
| Subscriptions/Affiliations | 5 | 14,445 | | 14,445 | 15,213 |
| Donations | 4 | 5,104 | | 5,104 | 207 |
| Sales: -Books & Leaflets | | 163 | | 163 | 696 |
| - Show awards | | 559 | | 559 | 782 |
| Interest on investments | 12 | 250 | | 250 | 2,202 |
| Prize Money / Awards at non BFS Shows | | 0 | | 0 | 1,005 |
| Show Income | 6 | 50 | | 50 | 1,064 |
| Adverts in publications | | 646 | | 646 | 987 |
| Gift Aid | | 1,712 | | 1,712 | 1,750 |
| Plant Distribution | | 561 | | 561 | 690 |
| Affiliated Societies Insurance Scheme | | 2,550 | | 2,550 | 2,798 |
| Postage | | 82 | | 82 | 99 |
| Sundry Income | | 84 | | 84 | 205 |
| Total Incoming Resources | | 26,206 | 0 | 26,206 | 27,698 |
| Payments | | | | | |
| Direct Charitable expenditure | | | | | |
| Annuals & Bulletins Printing | 11 | 3,800 | | 3,800 | 3,429 |
| Books & Leaflets | | 720 | | 720 | 1,149 |
| Show awards | | 1,150 | | 1,150 | 238 |
| Ties Stickers Badges etc. | | 0 | | 0 | 0 |
| Reduction of Stock | 9 | 487 | | 487 | -278 |
| Plant Distribution | | 304 | | 304 | 484 |
| BFS Shows | | 381 | | 381 | 2,354 |
| Expenses at Non BFS Shows | | 0 | | 0 | 311 |
| Office Expenses for Officers: | 2 | 2,320 | | 2,320 | 2,320 |
| Travelling Expenses & Room Hire | 7 | 1,466 | | 1,466 | 3,585 |
| Postage/Carriage | 10 | 4,488 | | 4,488 | 2,990 |
| General Printing/Stationery | | 957 | | 957 | 1,915 |
| Office & other equipment | | 188 | | 188 | 280 |
| Web Site | | 838 | | 838 | 299 |
| Examination fees | | 50 | | 50 | 1,766 |
| BFS and Affiliated Societies Insurance | | 1,183 | | 1,183 | 2,413 |
| Investment Value Change - decrease (increase) | 12 | 1,760 | | 1,760 | -908 |
| Admin of the Charity (AGM etc) | 8 | 273 | | 273 | 1,210 |
| Sundry Expenses | | 145 | | 145 | 72 |
| Total Resources expended | | 20,510 | -- | 20,510 | 23,629 |
| Net Incoming Resources for Year | | 26,206 | 0 | 26,206 | 27,698 |
| Excess / - Deficit for the Year | | 5,696 | 0 | 5,696 | 4,069 |
| Fund balance brought forward | | 97,789 | 5135 | 102,924 | 98,855 |
| Fund balance carried forward | | 103,485 | 5,135 | 108,620 | 102,924 |

| STATEMENT OF BALANCES | | 2020 | | 2019 |
|--|----|----------------|--|----------------|
| <i>(including a statement of Assets and liabilities)</i> | | £ | | £ |
| Current Assets | | | | |
| Stock of Goods | 9 | 4,689 | | 5,176 |
| Sundry Debtors | | 0 | | 0 |
| United Trust Bank Fixed Term Deposit - 1 Year | | 30,000 | | 0 |
| 32 day notice Account | | 0 | | 24,192 |
| Treasurers Account | | 27,373 | | 25,238 |
| Sub Total Cash at Bank | | 57,373 | | 49,430 |
| Bond | | 0 | | 48,218 |
| CAF Investment Account | 11 | 46,458 | | 0 |
| Imprest Account | | 100 | | 100 |
| Sub Total Current Assets | | 108,620 | | 102,924 |
| | | | | |
| Net Current Assets | | 108,620 | | 102,924 |
| | | | | |
| NET ASSETS | | 108,620 | | 102,924 |
| | | | | |
| <i>Represented by:</i> | | | | |
| General Fund | | 103,485 | | 97,789 |
| Designated Fund | 3 | 495 | | 495 |
| Restricted Funds | 3 | 4,640 | | 4,640 |
| Total | | 108,620 | | 102,924 |

1 Accounting Policies:

(a) Basis of Accounting - These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts(Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

(b) Receipts and Payments - Receipts (including grants receivable) are included in the accounts when received. Payments are included in the accounts when payment is made and are allocated to a particular activity where the cost relates to that activity.

(c) Stocks - Stocks are values at the lower of cost or net realisable value.

(d) Grants Payable - Grants Payable are recognised as expenditure when the grant is paid.

(e) Value Added Tax (VAT) - The Charity is not registered for value added tax as it mainly supplies exempt services. Value Added Input Tax is included in the expense to which it relates.

(f) Funds - **Unrestricted funds** are donations and other incoming resources receivable or generated for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds are to be used for specific purposes laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund. Designated Funds are determined following discussion and agreement of the trustees.

2 Office Expenses of Officers

£2320 consisting of Secretary £1120 - Assistant Secretary £400 - Treasurer £400 - Editor £400.

3 Restricted Funds 2020

| Name of Group or Bequest | Amount | Transfer to General | Balance at 2019 | Balance at 31/10/2020 | Restricted Funds | Designated Funds |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Bequest Barbara Price Trasler | 4,640 | No Time Limit | 4,640 | 4,640 | 4,640 | |
| Farnborough F & PS Received May 2018 | 495 | 2023 | 495 | 495 | | 495 |
| Total | 5,135 | | 5,135 | 5,135 | 4,640 | 495 |

There have been no amounts either received or transferred to General Funds in 2019/2020

4 Donations

Included £5000 from Mr Peter Whenman

5 Subscriptions & Affiliations

£14445 includes some renewals for 2021 banked before the end of the year & show offers expiring at 31/10/2021.

6 Show Income

This is a donation from Roualeyn Fuchsias towards the Prize money at the cancelled 2020 Wales and West Show which will be carried forward to the 2021 show.

7 Travel Expenses & Room Hire

£1466 Includes £1176 paid to the Trustees for travel expenses to various committee meetings, and other duties etc. The balance is made up of room hire paid before the COVID19 issue which has been carried over by the venue to 2021.

8 Admin of Charity

£273 represents the net printing cost of the 2020 calling notice and booking form for the (subsequently cancelled) AGM.

9 Stock of Goods

| | Stock 01/11/2019 | Stock 31/10/2020 | Change of Stock in year |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Books and leaflets | 2,059 | 1,788 | 271 |
| Awards (Medals, Rosettes and Spoons) | 2,695 | 2,901 | -206 |
| Ties, Badges, Cards/Notelets, etc | 422 | 0 | 422 |
| | 5,176 | 4,689 | 487 |

The stock of items & publications has been valued at year end on the basis of the lower of cost and realisable value.

Provisions are now made for slow-moving or dated publications/items where further value may be difficult to realise. This is done on the basis of publication/production date - over 5 years for general publications/items (category 1), or over 12 months for event-specific publications/items (category 2).

10 Postage/Carriage/Courier

As in previous years, this includes the cost of the franking machine which has been used extensively this year for the AGM cancellation mailing, postal Plant Distribution as well as the main bulk mailings of the Annual, Bulletins and renewal reminder letters.

11 Annuals & Bulletins

The printing cost of £3800 covers the **three** publications sent out during this financial year, plus the cost of a new batch of ISBN numbers.

12 CAF Investment

The CAF Investment Fund generated £874 in income distributions during the financial year, which was retained within the fund and which is included in the total value of £46458. The impact of COVID19 on world markets contributed to an overall decline in value of £1760 compared to the start of the period.

Mr John Nicholass (Hon Secretary)

JF Nicholass

Date 16th January 2021

Mr Paul Waldron (Hon Treasurer)

P Waldron

Date 16th January 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the British Fuchsia Society

England & Wales Registered Charity No. 1038334

Registered Charity in Scotland No. SC039652

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the British Fuchsia Society for the year ended 31st October 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report.

As the charity trustees of the Society you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 ('the 2005 Act'), the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended), and the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). You are satisfied that your Society is not required by charity law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

I report in respect of my examination of the Society's accounts carried out under section 44(1)(c) of the 2005 Act and section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed the requirements of Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

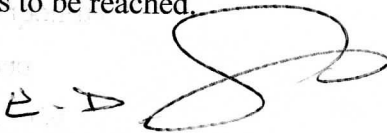
Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; and
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of Regulation 8 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Mrs Eileen Osborn-King

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Oxon OX11 0NH

14th January 2021