



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1 st November 2020		31 st October 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

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		
4	Mrs Valerie Rosson	President	From 27 th March 2021	
5	Mr Paul Munro	Editor		
6	Mr Paul Russell	Committee Chairman		
7	Mr Terry Cook	Committee Member	Until 17 th June 2021	
8	Mrs Bonita Hesketh	Committee Member		
9	Mr Stephen Lane	Committee Member		
10	Mr Paul Leatherdale	Co-opted Committee Member	From 14 th August 2021	
11	Mr Derek Luther	Committee Member	From 27 th March 2021	
12	Mr Arthur Phillips	Committee Member		
13	Mr Geoffrey Smith	Committee Member		
14	Mr Keith McManus	Committee Member	Until 26 th March 2021	
15	Mr Eric Reilly	Co-opted Committee Member	From 9 th August 2021	
16	Mrs Vera Garcia	Committee Member		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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 August 2021
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:

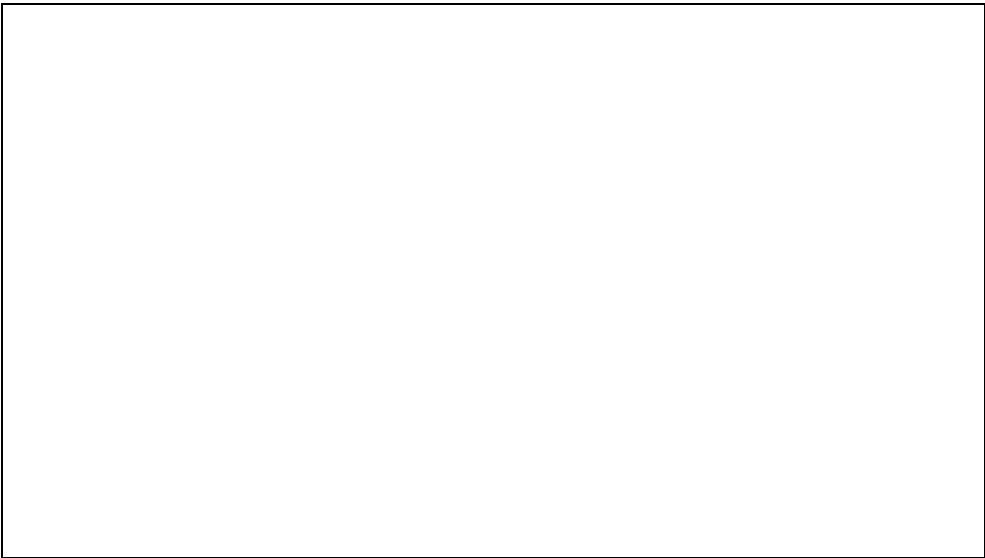
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works.
- relationship with any related parties.
- trustees' consideration of

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. This year our 2021 AGM was held as a virtual meeting. Shows and events were able to take place in the summer of 2021 with appropriate precautions.

- 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 speaking 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

2021 continued to present a lot of difficulties, due to the ongoing COVID situation. Our Annual General Meeting which was due to be held on the 27th March 2021 at West Monkton Village Hall had to be cancelled and was held virtually via the Zoom platform, with voting via a proxy voting form sent to all members.

The Trustees' meetings were held over Zoom in February and June and a physical meeting was held in October. The trustees have agreed to continue with 2 meetings via Zoom in 2022 and one physical meeting to reduce our environmental impact and maintain the reduction in travel expense costs to the society. Sub-committee meetings now are often held over zoom to minimise the travelling. An updated and ring bound A5 sized Duties Manual with loose pages in plastic wallets has been issued to all Trustees. This will make it easier to exchange pages when they need to be updated.

We have been saddened by the passing of some long-term society members, which is a great loss of knowledge to the society and included one trustee, Mr Terry Cook who resigned because of ill health and subsequently passed away.

We were able to hold seven national shows this year albeit with appropriate COVID-Restrictions, two being held as part of the National Autumn Flower shows at Malvern and Harrogate where stands to promote the society were also put on. The Society also won a Three Counties Society Gold Medal for the society stand at the Malvern Autumn Show. A North West road show and mini show was held in Bilborough in September.

Of the three Special Interest Groups, the Lore Club was able to hold one meeting, the BFS Scotland group was unable to hold any meetings and BFS Species, Hybridisation and Heritage Groups was able to hold one normal meeting this year, which was marked by the distinction of being a hybrid meeting where the main lectures were also broadcast on Zoom. They also held several virtual meetings. Additionally, there are Facebook group for those interested in the growing of Bonsai fuchsias and encliandras.

Mrs Eileen Osborn-King has examined and accepted the 2020/21 society accounts.

The society membership had increased by 25 members on 31st October 2021 to 882 when compared with 12 months before.

Before I finish Madame President, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the committee and sub-committees and everyone who

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left the committee this year for all their hard work during the last year to ensure the Society 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 £995, 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. After this time the funds are moved to the General Society funds.

The funds we had invested in with the Charities Aid Foundation were subject to forced sale this year when it was announced they were closing their investment platform. We have found a suitable investment platform, but they are not currently opening new Charity Investment accounts due to a shortage of staff in the office due to the COVID situation. We are holding the funds in cash until the situation is resolved.

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.

The trustees decided to assist the affiliated societies whose activities had been very restricted in the last two years by reducing the cost of affiliation and the Public Liability Insurance scheme for the 2021/2022 financial year.

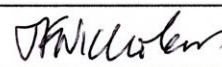
Section F Other optional information

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)

Paul Russell

John F Nicholass

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

SECRETARY

Date

25th June 2022

25th June 2022



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 01/11/2020

to

End Date

31/10/2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
		2021	2021	2021	2020
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Subscriptions/Affiliations	5	13,221		13,221	14,445
Donations		156		156	5,104
Sales: -Books & Leaflets		365		365	163
- Show awards		127		127	559
Interest on investments	4	330		330	250
Prize Money / Awards at non BFS Shows		100		100	0
Show Income		1,445		1,445	50
Adverts in publications		422		422	646
Gift Aid		3,010		3,010	1,712
Plant Distribution		1,149		1,149	561
Affiliated Societies Insurance Scheme		2,201		2,201	2,550
Postage		32		32	82
Investment Value Change	11	6,043		6,043	-1,760
Sundry Income	3	0	500	500	85
Total Incoming Resources		28,600	500	29,100	24,446
Payments					
Direct Charitable expenditure					
Annuals & Bulletins Printing	10	3,264		3,264	3,800
Books & Leaflets		732		732	720
Show awards		344		344	1,150
Ties Stickers Badges etc.		0		0	0
Reduction of Stock	8	963		963	487
Plant Distribution		1,215		1,215	304
BFS Shows		1,493		1,493	381
Expenses at/for Non BFS Shows/Events		614		614	0
Office Expenses for Officers:	2	2,320		2,320	2,320
Travelling Expenses & Room Hire	6	1,218		1,218	1,466
Postage/Carriage	9	4,394		4,394	4,488
General Printing/Stationery		720		720	957
Office & other equipment		184		184	188
Web Site		179		179	838
Examination fees		50		50	50
BFS and Affiliated Societies Insurance		1,186		1,186	1,183
Bank/PayPal charges		89		89	0
Management - Admin of the Charity (AGM)	7	991		991	273
Sundry Expenses		175		175	145
Total Resources expended		20,131	--	20,131	18,750
Net Incoming Resources for Year		28,600	500	29,100	24,446
Excess / - Deficit for the Year		8,469	500	8,969	5,696
Fund balance brought forward		103,485	5135	108,620	102,924
Fund balance carried forward		111,954	5,635	117,589	108,620

STATEMENT OF BALANCES		2021		2020
<i>(including a statement of Assets and liabilities)</i>		£		£
Current Assets				
Stock of Goods	8	3,726		4,689
Sundry Debtors		0		0
United Trust Bank Fixed Term Deposit - 1 Year		30,330		30,000
Instant Access Account	11	52,500		0
Treasurer's Account		30,933		27,373
Sub Total Cash at Bank		113,763		57,373
CAF Investment Account	11	0		46,458
Imprest Account		100		100
Sub Total Current Assets		117,589		108,620
Net Current Assets		117,589		108,620
NET ASSETS		117,589		108,620
<i>Represented by:</i>				
General Fund		111,954		103,485
Designated Fund	3	995		495
Restricted Funds	3	4,640		4,640
Total		117,589		108,620

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 valued 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 donation 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

£2,320 consisting of Secretary £1,120 - Assistant Secretary £400 - Treasurer £400 - Editor £400.

3 Restricted Funds 2021

Name of Group or Bequest	Amount	Date of Transfer to General Fund	Balance at 2020	Received 2021	Transfer to Gen. Funds 2021	Balance at 31/10/2021	Restricted Funds	Designated Funds
Bequest Barbara Price Trasler	4640	No Time Limit	4640			4640	4640	
Farnborough F & PS Received May 2018	495	2023	495			495		495
North Worcestershire FS Received Aug 2021	500	2026		500		500		500
Total	5635		5135	500	0	5635	4640	995

4 Interest

£330 was received on the maturity of the United Trust Bank FTD, which was rolled over for a further one year term in August 2021.

5 Subscriptions & Affiliations

£13221 includes some renewals for 2022 banked before the end of the year and show offers expiring at 31/10/2022.

6 Travel Expenses & Room Hire

The Trustees are reimbursed for travel expenses to various committee meetings, and other meetings on behalf of the Society. Room hire costs include the cost of the Northern Road Show.

7 Admin of Charity

This represents the cost of the AGM Booklet, voting forms and SAE for members. The new process of allowing all members to vote on measures to be tabled at the AGM, whether attending or not, was very well received, generated a large response, and was perceived as being more democratic for a charity like the BFS. This approach will be used again for 2022 so that all members can have a say in how the Society is run.

8 Stock of Goods

	Stock 01/11/2020	Stock 31/10/2021	Change of Stock in year
Books and leaflets	1788	2176	-388
Awards (Medals, Rosettes and Spoons)	2901	1549	1352
	4689	3726	963

The stock of items & publications has been valued at year end on the basis of the lower of cost and realisable value. Write-downs are included 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). For this year new leaflets were printed and added to stock; the stock of Bronze Medals fell into Category 2 in 2020-21 and has been written down accordingly; and the "Ties, Badges & Cards/Notelets" line has been removed as no such items remaining in stock have a value within the Balance Sheet.

9 Postage/Carriage/Courier

As in previous years, this includes the cost of the franking machine which has been used extensively this year for the postal Plant Distribution scheme as well as the main bulk mailings of the Annual and Bulletins. Also used for paper copies of Fuchsia News, bulk schedule mailing and subscription reminders in mid-January.

10 Annuals & Bulletins

The printing cost of £3264 covers the **three** publications sent out during this financial year.

11 CAF Investment

The CAF Investment Fund was "force-closed" by the Charities Aid Foundation in July, following their business decision to cease offering the investment platform. The Fund generated almost £1100 in income distributions during the financial year, which was retained within the fund and which was included in the total closing value of £52,500. The Fund itself performed well during its relatively short life, and resulted in additional proceeds received of £6043 compared to the starting value at the beginning of the period. The total proceeds were transferred to a Lloyds Bank Business Instant Access Account (upon which a small amount of interest was received and is included in the total), whilst a new investment platform is being sourced (nothing suitable being currently available from alternative providers due to ongoing COVID issues).

Mr John Nicholass (Hon Secretary)

J.F. Nicholass

Date

3rd February 2022

Mr Paul Waldron (Hon Treasurer)

P. Waldron

Date

3rd February 2022

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 2021.

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: 

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