

Charity number: 1154161

**Agroforestry Research Trust**

**Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements**

**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

# Agroforestry Research Trust

## Trustees Annual Report

for the period 01.01.2021 to 31.12.2021

### Reference and administration details

The Agroforestry Research Trust is a registered Charitably Incorporated Organisation (CIO), No. 1154161.

Its principal address is at 46 Hunters Moon, Dartington, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 6JT.

The charity Trustees during the year to 31 December 2020 were:

Ms M Rose  
Mr D Edge  
Ms M Jain

Senior staff: Mr M Crawford, Director

### Structure, governance and management

The Agroforestry Research Trust is constituted as a CIO under a constitution dated 18<sup>th</sup> September 2014.

New Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing Trustee body.

### Objectives and activities

#### Objects

To advance education for the public benefit into all aspects of temperate agroforestry systems including tree shrub and perennial crops through research and the dissemination of all useful results arising from the research, courses to teach various aspects of growing tree crops and agroforestry systems and tours of the research sites.

#### Main activities

Three research sites in and near Dartington, totalling 20 acres in size, are managed as agroforestry demonstrations and experiments.

- (1) The two acre Forest Garden site in Dartington demonstrates intensive agroforestry, having been started in 1994. The maturity of this site means that there is greatest public interest in visiting this, also increasing interest from researchers in the fields of carbon sequestration and sustainable agriculture.
- (2) An eight acre site at Dartington site has trials of nut trees and other unusual crops
- (3) A nine acre site at Littlehempston hosts the plant nursery, three more recent forest gardens, a forest garden greenhouse and other agroforestry experiments.

Courses are run to teach aspects of agroforestry, particularly forest gardening.

Guided tours of our research sites are conducted for the public and also private groups.

A quarterly journal is published, containing research on agroforestry and related crops.

Books are published and sold on different aspects of agroforestry and tree/shrub crops.

Seeds of many unusual agroforestry species are collected from our sites and made available.

Plants of many unusual agroforestry species are propagated and made available.

A consultancy service gives advice on agroforestry systems.

Most of the Trust's work is undertaken by Martin Crawford, with admin support from Sandra Crawford, and additional work by local subcontractors when required.

The Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## Achievements and performance

Our work in 2021 continued through the Covid-19 pandemic, with most outside tours still taking place.

As usual, a mixture of public tours and private bookings from diverse groups were undertaken. Tours could happen with smaller numbers and with social distancing measures in place when required.

The Forest garden site at Dartington continues to be the most popular site for visiting, and this system, started in 1994, is now at a stage where it looks after itself to a great degree.

Interest continues in the nut trials taking place on the 8 acre site at Dartington, and the course run on growing nut crops based here went ahead in October as part of a new hybrid course. The interest in nut milks and nuts as alternative sources of oils is driving increased interest in nut crops in general.

Planting continued at the Littlehempston site, mainly in the two larger outdoor forest garden areas. Planting also continued in the 'Forest garden greenhouse', mainly underplanting of shrubs and ground layer plants.

The interest in online courses has grown (partly because of lockdowns) and all our courses were made into hybrid versions (online plus outside sessions in Devon) so that classroom teaching is not currently required (useful in the pandemic). Our main online forest gardening course was integrated under license into a new online certified forest gardening course run by the Orchard Project, which ran twice in 2021. This online course is also being translated into Spanish to be sold under licence there.

The International Forest Garden / Food Forest symposium took place online in May and June 2021. Despite some reservations about an online-only event, it turned out to be hugely successful. Over 400 people attended from all over the world and a wide and interesting range of presentations led onto to many interesting discussions. All the symposium materials are now available free to view on the ART website.

Agroforestry News, the quarterly journal, continued to be published, with research articles on tree and shrub crops, forest gardening, pests and diseases, agroforestry systems etc.

Some 400 different species of seed and 700 different species/varieties of plant were made available online and through a mail order catalogue. Brexit kicked in at the start of 2021, making it practically impossible for a small organisation to send seeds or plants to the EU, however a decrease in income from EU plant sales was largely offset from increased UK sales.

## Financial review

Bankers: Lloyds Bank, 31 Fore St, Totnes, Devon, TQ9 5HH.

Independent examiner/accountant: Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited, The Enterprise Centre, University of East Anglia, Norwich Research Park, Norwich, NR4 7TJ.

Net monetary assets at the end of the year stood at £395,188 (compared with £336,401 at the end of 2020).

### Further details

Total net income for the year (£56,193) is healthy and sufficient for the purposes of the Trust.

Both income and expenditure were less in 2021 than in the previous year. Donations and sales of plants, seeds and publications were down, but course income was up significantly due to online course interest and the symposium event.

The main expenditure which declined was the cost of the symposium, as most of the costs came in 2020. Expenditure has supported the key objectives of the Trust by maintaining land-based research sites, publishing useful information, maintaining the charity's website etc.

The balances in hand at the end of the year indicate a healthy financial position.

The charity does not have an endowment fund.

### Policy on reserves

The Trust requires reserves for:

1. Day-to-day operating capital.
2. To enable the charity to continue to develop the research sites.
3. Costs of hosting the Second International symposium in February 2023.
4. Building fund for a new course centre.

The level of net monetary assets required is in the order of £280,000, consisting of £50,000 for No.1 above, £30,000 for No.2, £30,000 for No.3, and £170,000 for No.4.

The level of net current assets at 31.12.2021 stood at £395,188.

The policy on reserves is reviewed annually by the Trustees.

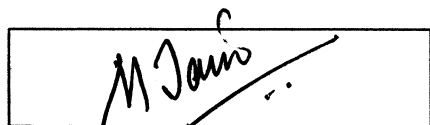
### Funds materially in deficit

There are no funds materially in deficit.

### Declaration

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

Signed as a trustee on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signature

MINNI JAIN

Print name

30<sup>th</sup> MAY 2022

Date

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Agroforestry Research Trust  
Report of the Trustees  
For the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements for the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

**Objectives and aims**

The trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, including the guidance 'public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Name of Charity	Agroforestry Research Trust
Charity registration number	1154161
Principal address	46 Hunters Moon Dartington Totnes TQ9 6JT

**Trustees**


The trustees and officers serving during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Miss Minni Jain  
David Edge  
Miriam Rose

**Independent examiners**

Triple Bottom Line Accounting Limited  
The Enterprise Centre  
University of East Anglia  
Norwich  
Norfolk  
NR4 7TJ

Approved by the Board of Trustees and signed on its behalf by

  
Miss Minni Jain 30/5/2022

**Agroforestry Research Trust**  
**Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees**  
**For the year ended 31 December 2021**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).


I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiners statement**

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.



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12 April 2022

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Statement of Financial Activities  
For the year ended 31 December 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	2020 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>			
Donations and legacies		4,056	23,423
Charitable activities	2		
Tours and Courses		82,639	54,802
Books and Publications		10,603	14,890
Seeds and Plants		138,151	168,114
<b>Total</b>		<b>235,449</b>	<b>261,229</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities			
Tours and Courses		(52,654)	(67,358)
Books and Publications		(69,986)	(6,338)
Seeds and Plants		(69,266)	(142,765)
<b>Total</b>		<b>(191,906)</b>	<b>(216,461)</b>
<b>Net income</b>		<b>43,543</b>	<b>44,768</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Total funds brought forward		364,166	319,398
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>407,709</b>	<b>364,166</b>

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Statement of Financial Position  
As at 31 December 2021

	Notes	2021 £	2020 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	10,184	20,967
		<b>10,184</b>	<b>20,967</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash at bank and in hand		395,188	336,401
		<b>395,188</b>	<b>336,401</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>		<b>2,337</b>	<b>6,798</b>
<b>Net current assets</b>		<b>397,525</b>	<b>343,199</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>407,709</b>	<b>384,166</b>
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>407,709</b>	<b>384,166</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>			
Unrestricted income funds		407,709	384,166
<b>Total funds</b>		<b>407,709</b>	<b>384,166</b>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board and signed on its behalf by:

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## 1. Accounting Policies

### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments which are included at market value and the revaluation of certain fixed assets and in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

Agroforestry Research Trust meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

### Going concern

## 2. Income from charitable activities

	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		
<i>Tours and Courses</i>		
Income from charitable activities	82,639	54,802
<i>Books and Publications</i>		
Income from charitable activities	10,603	14,890
<i>Seeds and Plants</i>		
Income from charitable activities	138,151	168,114
	<b>231,393</b>	<b>237,806</b>

## 3. Staff costs and emoluments

Total staff costs for the year ended 31 December 2021 were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and wages	57,692	54,635
	<b>57,692</b>	<b>54,635</b>

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For the year ended 31 December 2021

4. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation	Plant and Machinery	Motor Vehicles	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
At 01 January 2021	86,640	8,480	3,000	98,120
At 31 December 2021	86,640	8,480	3,000	98,120
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 01 January 2021	68,206	6,747	2,200	77,153
Charge for year	9,516	867	400	10,783
At 31 December 2021	77,722	7,614	2,600	87,936
<b>Net book values</b>				
At 31 December 2021	8,918	866	400	10,184
At 31 December 2020	18,434	1,733	800	20,967

5. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<i>General</i>			
General	10,184	397,525	407,709
	<b>10,184</b>	<b>397,525</b>	<b>407,709</b>
<b>Previous year</b>			
	Tangible fixed assets	Net current assets / (liabilities)	Net Assets
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
<i>General</i>			
General	20,967	343,199	364,166
	<b>20,967</b>	<b>343,199</b>	<b>364,166</b>