

HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1168716

Details

Other names	HACKNEY COMMUNITY TREE NURSERY, TREE MUSKETEERS
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2016-08-10
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: (1) FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY THE GROWING, CARE AND CONSERVATION OF TREES, MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY. (2) THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CONSERVATION, PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT, MAINLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HACKNEY, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY THE PROVISION OF WORKSHOPS ON WOODLAND MANAGEMENT AND TREE COPPICING AND FELLING.

Activities: Planting, watering, weeding and caring for trees in local parks. Managing and growing trees at the Hackney Community Tree Nursery.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hackney

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,620	£61,989	-	-
2024-03-31	£43,435	£42,326	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,923	£28,121	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,991	£10,368	-	-
2021-03-31	£27,615	£31,835	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Aoife Donnelly		2025-09-28
Francisco Marcelo Herrera White		2019-11-25
Natalie Anne Sutton		2023-09-02
Neil Richard Sinden		2024-09-28
Samuel James Douglas Parry		2025-09-28
Tessa Darbyshire		2025-09-28
Yuti Gada		2024-06-05

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Christine Kings, Chair	Francisco Marcelo White
Yuti Gada, Treasurer, from 05/06/2024	Neil Sinden, from 28/09/2024
Natalie Sutton	Peter Burke, from 28/09/2024
Emmanuel de Lange, from 28/09/2024	Annie Chipchase, until 28/09/2024
Sarah Lo, until 28/09/2024	Felicity Jones, until 28/09/2024

Independent examiner

John O'Brien, employee of Community Accounting Plus, Units 1 & 2 North West, 41 Talbot Street, Nottingham, NG1 5GL

Governance and management

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Within the year, HTP organised multiple community tree planting sessions on Hackney Downs, Stoke Newington Common, Well Street Common, Allens Gardens, Millfields park, Springfield park and Stonebridge gardens. HTP continues to maintain previously planted trees within the Hackney area.

In the autumn of last year, we set up an engagement project with a class from Clapton Park Children's Centre. The aims included connecting children with trees in their environment and providing knowledge and awareness of trees and their life cycle. A learning session on trees was followed up with whip planting on the Main Marsh.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

HTP continue to upgrade and improve the tree nursery. As a part of HTP's five-year strategy, a part-time paid administrator has been taken on to streamline the administration and improve the productivity.

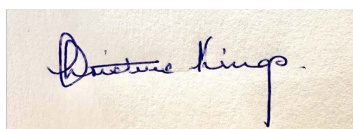
Financial review

The HTP have had a satisfactory year with plenty of activity. Installation of an automatic irrigation system saw the income and expenditure to be increased and net receipts under pressure.

The charity's policy on reserves

HTP has a reserves policy of 6 months of its operating costs. The reserves policy is reviewed as and when required.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Signed _____
Christine Kings, Trustee

Date 26/9/2025

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
Hackney Tree People
for the year ended 31 March 2025**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hackney Tree People (the charity) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

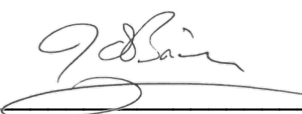
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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  Date 26/09/2025
John O'Brien MSc, FAIA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Hackney Tree People
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2025

2024			Unrestricted	Restricted	2025
Total		Note	Funds	Funds	Total
Funds			Funds	Funds	Funds
£			£	£	£
	Receipts				
19266	Grants & donations	2	10400	26923	37323
-	Events & activities		895	-	895
11800	Consultancy work		-	-	-
11250	School projects income		-	-	-
639	Tree sales		1800	-	1800
20	T shirt sales		28	-	28
53	Calendar sales		-	-	-
107	Bank interest		78	-	78
300	Miscellaneous		496	-	496
<u>43435</u>	Total receipts		<u>13697</u>	<u>26923</u>	<u>40620</u>
	Payments				
5090	Horticultural supplies		2995	-	2995
3466	Tree nursery site maintenance		1507	-	1507
-	Irrigation project		-	42743	42743
2379	Vehicle maintenance		1337	-	1337
1867	Equipment, repairs & renewals		342	-	342
870	Insurance (vehicle & site/activities)		860	-	860
363	Volunteer provisions		442	-	442
13314	Events & activities		1243	-	1243
222	Website & social media		187	-	187
927	Publications & membership		259	-	259
605	Administration		936	1750	2686
804	Training (first aid & other)		615	-	615
456	Professional fees		1568	2500	4068
10944	Consultancy		-	-	-
60	Bank charges		60	-	60
959	Sundry payments		2645	-	2645
<u>42326</u>	Total payments		<u>14996</u>	<u>46993</u>	<u>61989</u>
1109	Net receipts/(payments)		(1299)	(20070)	(21369)
52179	Cash funds at start of this period		53288	-	53288
-	Transfers between funds		(20070)	20070	-
<u>53288</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>31919</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31919</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities

at 31 March 2025

2024		2025
£		£
53284	Cash assets	
4	Bank accounts	31919
<u>53288</u>	Cash in hand	<u>-</u>
		<u>31919</u>
	Other monetary assets	
277	Prepayments - Insurance	100
-	Debtor - Grant from London Borough of Hackney	15000
<u>277</u>		<u>15100</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Liabilities	
(504)	Creditors - Independent examination	(522)
-	Creditors - Administration	(861)
<u>(504)</u>		<u>(1383)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed



Date 26/09/2025

Yuti Gada, Trustee

Hackney Tree People

Notes to the accounts

for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total
	£	£	£
London Borough of Hackney	-	4250	4250
Forestry Commission	-	22673	22673
The Lancashire Foundation	5000	-	5000
Southwark Cathedral	2400	-	2400
Sundry grants & donations	3000	-	3000
	10400	26923	37323

3. Funds analysis

	Opening balance	Receipts (Payments)		Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Restricted funds					
Irrigation project	-	22673	(42743)	20070	-
Attaching labels	-	4250	(4250)	-	-
	-	26923	(46993)	20070	-
Unrestricted funds					
General fund	53288	13697	(14996)	(20070)	31919
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The irrigation project was funded by the forestry commission, the expenditure exceeded the grant income and so the transfer represents the amount of unrestricted funds needed to cover the full costs.

The attaching labels project was funded by the London Borough of Hackney and was for the tagging of trees, this funding was all spent in the year.

4. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

5. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in this period.

Hackney Tree People

6. Glossary of terms

Creditors: These are amounts owed by the charity, but not paid during the accounting period.

Prepayments: These are services that the charity has paid for in advance, but not used during the accounting period.

Restricted funds: These are funds given to the charity, subject to specific restrictions set by the donor, but still within the general objects of the charity.

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Sarah Lo
Natalie Sutton, from 02/09/2023

Stephen Lee, Treasurer, until 31/5/24
Annie Chipchase
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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Within the year HTP organised multiple community tree planting sessions including the planting of six mini forests over two days in winter. HTP continues to maintain previously planted trees within the Hackney area and grow elm trees for the London Elms Project which aims to re-plant elms across the Capital by using disease resistant clones.

An ambitious propagation project was set up, grafting workshops produced new apple trees and a programme of winter orchard pruning was undertaken in parks with local volunteers.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

HTP continue to upgrade and improve the tree nursery. With the help of a grant, HTP installed a new automatic irrigation system which will free up volunteers to do other tasks, provide consistent watering and save water. HTP are progressing discussions with The London Borough of Hackney to develop new facilities at the nursery.

Financial review

As can be seen below, The HTP have had a good year with plenty of activity. A large school project saw the income and expenditure to be increased as did the start of the irrigation project.

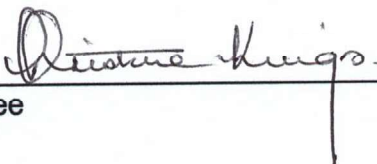
The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed

Christine Kings, Trustee



Date

1 July 2024

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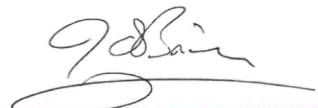
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Signed  Date 08/07/2024
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Hackney Tree People
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

2023 £		Note	2024 £
	Receipts		
22501	Grants & donations	2	19266
11800	Consultancy work		11800
-	School projects income		11250
2785	Tree sales		639
150	Trees sponsored		-
211	Plant & shrub sales		-
161	Beekeeping sales		-
270	T shirt sales		20
2584	Calendar sales		53
6	Bank interest		107
455	Miscellaneous		300
<u>40923</u>	Total receipts		<u>43435</u>
	Payments		
2078	Horticultural supplies		5090
-	Tree nursery site maintenance		3466
1737	Vehicle maintenance		2379
6583	Equipment, repairs & renewals		1867
927	Insurance (vehicle & site/activities)		870
226	Volunteer provisions		363
2125	Events, projects & activities		13314
637	Website & social media		222
1865	Publications & printing		927
70	Publicity materials		-
150	Administration		605
674	Training (first aid & other)		804
-	Professional fees		456
10957	Consultancy		10944
-	Bank charges		60
92	Sundry payments		959
<u>28121</u>	Total payments		<u>42326</u>
12802	Net receipts/(payments)		1109
<u>39377</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>52179</u>
<u>52179</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>53288</u>

**Hackney Tree People
Statement of assets and liabilities
at 31 March 2024**

2023		2024
£		£
52092	Cash assets	53284
87	Bank accounts	4
<u>52179</u>	Cash in hand	<u>53288</u>
	Other monetary assets	
298	Prepayments - Insurance	277
<u>298</u>		<u>277</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Goupi G3 Electrical vehicle, purchased 28/04/2020, cost £15,600	
	Liabilities	
(456)	Creditors - Independent examination	(504)
<u>(456)</u>		<u>(504)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed Christine Kings
Christine Kings, Trustee

Dated 1 July 2024

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2. Grants & donations

	£
London Borough of Hackney	15000
Sundry grants & donations	4266
	<u>19266</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

4. Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions during the period.

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit

Within the year HTP planted in excess of 1000 trees as well as continuing to maintain previously planted trees within the Hackney area.

HTP also undertook the production and sales of the bi-annual calendar with some fantastic photographs taken, this informs the public of their activities and some current projects.

Public benefit statement

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

Summary of the main achievements during the period

HTP continue to upgrade and improve the tree nursery, within the year a new composting toilet was constructed. HTP are progressing discussions with The London Borough of Hackney to develop new facilities within the nursery.

HTP also carried out an extensive tree survey within the London Borough of Hackney.

Financial review

As can be seen below, The HTP have had a good year with plenty of activity. Whilst there has been a higher level of receipts and payments compared to 2021 the overall net result was an increase to net receipts/payments of 10%.

The main reason for the increase in financial activity is the tree survey work we completed for LBH.

The charity's policy on reserves

The charity has no specific policy with regard to the level of reserves.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signed *C Kings*_____ Date 27th June 2023
Christine Kings, Trustee

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
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Signed  Date 28/06/2023
John O'Brien MSc, FCCA, FCIE
Employee of Community Accounting Plus

Hackney Tree People
Receipts & payments account
for the year ended 31 March 2023

2022			2023
£		Note	£
	Receipts		
20380	Grants & donations	2	22501
-	Consultancy work		11800
1037	Tree Sales		2785
350	Trees sponsored		150
149	Plant & shrub sales		211
30	Beekeeping sales		161
45	T shirt sales		270
-	Calendar sales		2584
-	Bank interest		6
-	Miscellaneous		455
<u>21991</u>	Total receipts		<u>40923</u>
	Payments		
2350	Horticultural supplies		2078
372	Tree nursery site maintenance		-
36	Vehicle maintenance		1737
-	Equipment, repairs & renewals		6583
1043	Insurance (vehicle & Site/activities)		927
262	Volunteer provisions		226
1867	Events, projects & activities		2125
142	Beekeeping		-
208	Website & social media		637
-	Publications printing		1865
-	Publicity materials		70
26	Administration		150
680	First aid training		674
430	Accounting		-
2880	Consultancy		10957
72	Sundry payments		92
<u>10368</u>	Total payments		<u>28121</u>
11623	Net receipts/(payments)		12802
<u>27754</u>	Cash funds at start of this period		<u>39377</u>
<u>39377</u>	Cash funds at end of this period		<u>52179</u>

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Statement of assets and liabilities

at 31 March 2023

2022		2023
£		£
	Cash assets	
39243	Bank accounts	52092
134	Cash in hand	87
<u>39377</u>		<u>52179</u>
	Other monetary assets	
335	Prepayments - Insurance	298
<u>335</u>		<u>298</u>
	Assets retained for the charity's own use	
	General equipment.	
	Goupi G3 electric vehicle, purchased 28/04/2020, cost £15,600	
	Liabilities	
-	Creditors - Independent examination	(456)
<u>-</u>		<u>(456)</u>

These financial statements are accepted on behalf of the charity by:

Signed *SB Lee*
Stephen Lee, Trustee

Dated 23rd June 2023

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1. Receipts & payments accounts

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2. Grants & donations

	£
London Bourough of Hackney	15000
Sundry donations	<u>7501</u>
	<u>22501</u>

3. Trustees' remuneration

Trustees received no expenses, remuneration or benefits in this period.

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Accounts

AGM: Saturday 3 September 2022

Report of the Trustees

Despite ongoing Covid, a security breach at the tree nursery, and recent drought, it's been another good year for the Tree Musketeers. We've seen a gradual return of volunteer numbers at the tree nursery, we've restarted work sessions on the last Saturday of the month, we now have established watering teams operating in many of the parks, and our trustees are working well together. We recruited Stephen earlier this year and he has brought his much-needed professional financial expertise to the team and allowed Annie to relinquish the accounts. Our relations with the Council, and the trees and parks staff, are extremely positive and that all helps in getting plans agreed and in pulling together to keep trees healthy. It also helps with funding; we have just been promised £15k from the Council's Streetscene budget for the coming year.

We had some fantastic planting sessions over last winter working with Hackney Council tree officers, park user groups and local volunteers (and Mojitos Chai Wagon which provided free hot chai!). The weather was generally kind to us although planting sequoias on the marsh in Storm Eunice was quite challenging! We started using Eventbrite to advertise planting sessions but also to get a sense of how many people to plan for; this has been a real help in knowing which sites to push and how to get the logistics right.

Park trees planted over the winter of 2021/22 included 13 trees on Hackney Downs; 7 on Daubeney Fields; 8 on Haggerston; 16 on Mabley; 9 in St. John's Churchyard; and 12 on Stoke Newington Common.

Trees were planted on estates and other green spaces including: 10 in Yorkshire Close; 5 at Woolstone House; 2 on Trowbridge Estate; 2 at The Mount; 3 in St. Martin's Close; 1 in Follingham Court; 1 at Gadsden House; 1 in St. Thomas's Place; 1 in Standard Close (east bank); 1 in Osbaldeston Road, 1 on Mapledene Estate; 1 at Pitcairn House; 1 at Clayton House; 1 in Chatham Place; and 3 at Loddiges House.

In South Millfields six standards were planted in December (including two memorial trees). Then in February we planted hundreds of whips and small trees behind the electricity sub-station. Two planting days were organised to create a small woodland, with a mix of native and non-native trees, and a willow coppice area. Two classes from Rushmore school, one each in the morning and afternoon, the Mayor, Cllr Woodley and MUG volunteers joined in the planting on Thursday 10 February. Two days later, a community planting day with around 100 local volunteers completed the task. Over the two days 500 whips and 260 willow rods were planted.

In addition the TMs and Council staff planted 20 dawn redwoods, 20 coastal redwoods + 50 whips, and 30 giant redwoods to create sequoia groves across Hackney marshes. A further 21 trees were planted including more redwoods, and black and Lombardy poplars.

Altogether 1029 trees were planted. There were 91 varieties planted and 72 species. 24 green spaces were planted. This was a major achievement. However, we discovered that we had spread ourselves too thinly and although lots of volunteers did provide valuable help the pressure on a few key individuals was too much. Therefore, this coming winter we will not seek to do less planting but to plant more trees on fewer sites. This will reduce the organisational strain and give key volunteers more space.

Orchard work was also carried out in several parks including Springfield and Millfields with a mixture of pruning, weeding, guard replacement, and mulching being done by local volunteers with a TM leader. Unfortunately we don't have enough TM leaders to do more of this work.

Watering this summer has been a challenge because of the drought and intense heat but watering teams have been out in the parks on a regular basis and our trees, and some Council planted park and street trees, have been kept healthy for the most part - the exception has been whips planted in South Millfields and some of the sequoias on the Marshes which have struggled. Each park site has a WhatsApp group notifying volunteers about watering dates and times links can easily be forwarded to anyone wanting to get involved. Goupi, our electric vehicle, has also been utilised in parks and green spaces where a water supply isn't available or convenient.

All is well at the Tree Nursery. The propagation polytunnel has been very productive and it is full of young seedlings. General maintenance of the site continues although watering has taken up most of the time through the summer. Recently we have been watering up to five times a week with just one hose. This is a big job and we are now looking at applying for grants to install an irrigation system in the next year. The tree nursery is hosting our Open Day which on Sunday 18 September which is an opportunity to show off all of the excellent work we're doing. One of the highlights will be The Mayor opening our new, accessible, compost loo which is being built by Jim (apparently The Mayor likes opening new loos!).

A lot of work has been going on outside of tree planting including hosting different groups at the tree nursery, walks and talks at the tree nursery and in parks, speaking at external meetings, workshops and events. These include Flee's work with local schools, planting and watering in parks, making seed bombs at the tree nursery; Annie hosting Hackney Ark at the tree nursery; Annie, Eugene, and Marcelo leading tree walks on Hackney Downs, in Millfields and at the Springfield Park festival. Marcelo made a presentation at an event at the Garden Museum while Christine gave a talk to the Women's Institute and Eugene to U3A (University of the Third Age). Marcelo set up pruning workshops at the tree nursery. Jim and Flee are organising a Tools Repair Workshop in October which is currently being advertised. And lastly we maintained our Green Flag Award status and were recognised as a winner of the Community Green Flag.

Sadly our bee hive died in early Spring. The last of the honey is still being sold at the tree nursery. Tim will be mentoring Loic to restart a hive, with Loic eventually taking over beekeeping at the tree nursery. The forest garden continues as an experiment to understand what edible plants can be successfully grown under trees.

We now have a good team of drivers for Goupi which has meant that every planned outing has been covered. We also now have a number of trained first aiders sufficient to ensure that there should be someone present at all planting and tree nursery work sessions. The trustees have also spent some time this last year putting in place more policies and processes to improve governance; this was long overdue but also a condition of our grant from the Council.

At the moment discussions led by Meghan are going on to develop strategic plans post Covid for the future of TMs including issues such as recruitment of more volunteers, broadening diversity, how to respond to requests from corporate organisations, more sustainable accommodation at the tree nursery and such like. All volunteers are welcome to join these discussions. We have started this process by restarting Last Saturday of the Month sessions, and commissioning some work on the website to make it more accessible, more informative and more interactive.

As trustees we would like to end with congratulations to all of us who have helped make the last year so successful. There is so much behind-the-scenes work that goes on to keep the tree nursery turning over, to keep the trees healthy, to plan and organise planting sessions, to raise money and keep the finances in order, to prepare policies, to keep Goupi running, to sort out meetings, marketing, the website, training, events..... there is so much that needs doing and it's all done by us, all volunteers. We all deserve each others thanks and a big pat on the back!

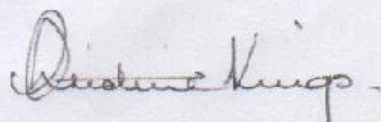
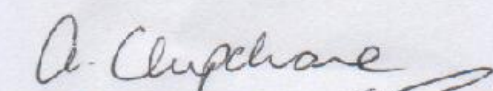
HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE CIO

Registered Charity Number (E & W) - 1168716

Statement of Assets & Liabilities as at 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Cash Assets		
Cash at bank	39,640	27,471
Cash in hand	134	283
Total cash assets	39,774	27,754
 Other Monetary Assets	 0	 73
 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Goupil G3 electric truck purchased 28/4/20 for £15,600, at 10% depreciation	14,040	15,600
 Liabilities		
Cheques to clear	397	
Independent examination fee		420

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 3 September 2022


Christine Kings, Chair
Annie Chipchase, Treasurer (2021-22)

HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE CIO

Registered Charity Number (E & W) - 1168716

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Net assets brought forward	27,754	31,974
Receipts		
Grants	15,500	15,000
Donations	4,880	9,749
Tree sales	1,037	1,338
Trees sponsored	350	300
Plant & shrub sales	112	152
Crop sales	37	
Beekeeping sales	30	291
Hire of equipment/site		400
T shirt sales	45	103
Calendar sales		50
Miscellaneous		232
Total receipts	21,991	27,615
Less total payments (next page)	10,368	31,835
Net Receipts (Payments) for year	11,623	(4,220)
Net assets at 1 April 2021	27,754	31,974
Net Assets at 31 March 2022	39,377	27,754

HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE CIO

Registered Charity Number (E & W) - 1168716

Receipts and Payments Accounts

	2022	2021
	£	£
Payments		
<i>Site & Equipment</i>		
Horticultural Supplies	2,350	562
Tree Nursery Site Maintenance	372	629
Vehicle maintenance	36	
Equipment maintenance		789
Equipment purchase		1,748
Hardware goods		608
Security & safety		1260
Vehicle purchase		15,600
Insurance – Vehicle	825	876
Insurance – site & activities	218	
<i>Activities</i>		
Volunteer provisions	262	153
Walks	750	
Event & walk leaders & tuition		8,550
Schools	438	
Tree Nursery Biodiversity	319	
Grow Wild project	283	
Beekeeping	142	115
Forest garden	77	
<i>Publicity</i>		
Website & social media	208	187
Publications printing		184
Publicity materials		15
<i>Support</i>		
Administration	26	19
Information resources	57	85
First aid training	680	
Accounting	430	420
Mediation	2,880	
Sundries	15	35
Total payments for year	10,368	31,835

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Tree Musketeers/ Hackney Community Tree Nursery¹

AGM 2021 Saturday 7th August

Tree Nursery: 13.30 for 14.15 start

Chair: Cllr Caroline Woodley

Agenda

1. Welcome & introductions

2. Apologies

Decision required: to note apologies

3. Minutes from previous AGM

Decision required: to agree the minutes

4. Matters Arising -

Matters arising from AGM/ Annual report AGM 2021 not otherwise covered on the agenda

5. Conflict of interest declaration

Decision required: to note any conflicts

6. Annual Reports

a. Trustees Report

b. Annual Accounts

c. Annual Report on Tree Planting and Tree Care

d. Mediator's Report (David Walker)

Followed by Q&A.

Decision required: to approve the reports

7. Composition of Trustees²

The Constitution requires that one-third of current Trustees, plus any co-options during the last year, must stand down.

Sarah Lo, Annie Chipchase, Jim Lowe and Eugene Clerkin are standing down this year. They may be re-elected.

The Constitution requires a board of at least five trustees. This means that the AGM must elect a minimum of four trustees.

Nominations for trustees closed on 20th July and have been received for the following:

Annie Chipchase; Jim Lowe; Olivia Kilmartin; Sarah Lo

Voting will be by secret (including mail-in) ballot. Tellers will be appointed prior to the meeting.

Decision required: to elect the Trustees for 2020/21³

8. AOB

¹ Registered charity: Hackney Tree People

² See policy on Recruitment of Trustees for further information

³ The new trustees will decide on roles and responsibilities at their first meeting.

AGM of the Tree Musketeers

Report of the Trustees

It has been a challenging year⁴ for the TMs and for the trustees of the charity.

Tree planting

Over the winter of 2020/21 the TMs planted a large number of trees across Hackney's parks including 93 grown in the tree nursery and 102 flowering Sakura trees as part of the Sakura Cherry Tree Project by the Japanese Embassy.

We planted across 10 parks and green spaces in Hackney including London Fields, where we have not planted in some years. This site now has 15 new trees and an enthusiastic team of local residents caring for them on Sunday mornings.

The Sakura Cherry Tree Project trees were planted on Daubeney Fields (58) and Springfield Park (44) with the help of Hackney Council staff and councillors. The agreement with London Borough of Hackney (LBH) is that these trees, like all of the others we plant, will receive two years of aftercare from the TMs.

A huge thank you to Russell Miller for coordinating the mammoth tree planting this year. With the added strain of Covid-19 adding complications to operations, the sheer number of trees planted and people engaged was an impressive feat!

Covid-19 meant that risk assessments and briefings had to be revised, social distancing had to be observed, tools had to be disinfected, and contact details taken of all attendees. We had one reported case of infection (acquired before our planting event) which was relayed immediately to all volunteers who had attended that session. To our knowledge, no-one became infected from that or any other TMs session.

Given the added complications to our planting operations we can be proud of the number of trees planted and the number of volunteers who were safely engaged in activities.

Tree care and watering

Tree care in the past year took on a sense of urgency because of the summer was very dry and very hot and we had to deal with Covid restrictions. We responded by decentralising our watering teams and having one co-ordinator for each park who worked with small teams of volunteers who observed social distancing. Because we had more volunteers, as a result of people staying at home, we found that this meant we were more effective at watering in parks than in previous years!

Our watering practice is to prioritise trees that were planted the previous winter, then trees planted the winter before, and then other trees that may be struggling. We now have volunteers who know and recognise the trees that need to be prioritised for watering. This is a process where co-ordinators provide information about the park and the trees during watering sessions and help volunteers to develop a relationship with the green space and maybe even the tree.

In the spring we did orchard pruning sessions at the tree nursery and in Millfields Park. We also did some sessions weeding, and mulching around trees and replacing guards where necessary.

We continue to work closely with Council staff in the parks and together we all keep an eye on the health of the trees and identify which of them need attention.

Governance

⁴ The last AGM was in May 2020, "The last year" actually refers to the last fifteen months.

There have been some tensions among core TM volunteers in the last year. The previous Chair (Christine Kings) stepped down in September 2020 and further resignations, including the Secretary (John Godley) and Treasurer (Anne Sheedy), followed later that year. The board has since been in flux, with further resignations of Keone Wales, Shelagh Taylor and Esther Adelman in Spring 2021.

The issues have been complicated, made even worse by the pandemic, which has isolated people and strained relationships through having to have meetings and discussions on Zoom. In February 2021, the board enlisted the services of a mediator to help repair relationships. All affected volunteers were offered the opportunity to contact the mediator and many did. The mediator's report will be circulated as soon as it's ready.

The board was inquorate for just over a week until James (Jim) Lowe, Annie Chipchase and Felicity (Flee) Jones joined the board.

There have been some key elements of good governance that have been put in place over the past few months. These include:

- A Membership policy which sets out the basis for membership and the responsibilities of members
- A Code of Conduct which sets out the behaviours expected from trustees
- A Trustee Recruitment Policy to ensure fair and transparent elections
- A Finance Policy (draft)

Strategic Direction

Since the last AGM three interactive strategy sessions were set up in the spring and early summer of 2020 and, although they were done on Zoom, they were well attended and expertly managed using a combination of tools, including breakout “rooms” and “sticky notes”. At a time when most people were isolating at home, these sessions brought us together in a dynamic manner which produced numerous ideas and much excitement for our future development.

The results of our strategy sessions were pulled together into a draft strategy document in the summer of 2020. Unfortunately, because of subsequent internal problems and a second Covid lockdown this part of our project has not progressed.

General Meetings

We will resume regular General Meetings for the coordination of operations and keeping members and volunteers up to date on TM activities. We hope that this will give all Tree Musketeers an opportunity to contribute to the running of the organisation. Following the general meetings sub-committees can be formed to carry out certain operations in a focused manner.

Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who has given their time since the last AGM whether it has been on co-ordinating tree planting, tree watering and other park activities; running the tree nursery; welcoming and supporting new volunteers; managing the forest garden and bee hives; driving and maintaining Goupi (our electric vehicle); responding to potential volunteers and managing our contact lists; preparing and sending out the newsletter; managing, and reporting on, the finances; pulling together the calendar and setting up sales; developing the website; liaising with the council and partner organisations; conflict resolution initiatives; organising our strategy sessions; drafting policies and other documents; mending our wheelbarrows and building our shed; leading on our Covid response.

There is a huge amount of work involved in keeping the TMs functioning (much more could be listed...) and, if you've helped make it work, you have our thanks!

Annie, Eugene, Jim, Marcelo and Sarah
Trustees July 2021

AGM of the Tree Musketeers

Tree Nursery Report

The Tree Nursery was a busy place throughout the year, as usual, benefitting the hard work of numerous volunteers giving their time and expertise. Activities involved in raising and nurturing trees for planting out in Hackney's Parks and open spaces are numerous and varied, as are those of managing the site to ensure access and maintaining its value for wildlife. An added element of our work during the long hot weather of 2020, apart from almost non-stop watering, involved moving trees into shaded areas to protect them from the unrelenting heat of the sun.

During the year, we acquired a new shed, courtesy of the council, which was erected and fitted out with shelving by Jim and Flee. This is used for the storage of pots and equipment close to the potting-on area. Jim also undertook major, much-needed, construction work: a shelter providing shelves for timber storage and cover for our trolleys and wheelbarrows, reducing their exposure to the elements. The compost bays, which have seen years of service, were also rebuilt. A new compost bay in the potting-up area was thrown in for good measure. The installation of work benches in both polytunnels and a misting system in the propagation polytunnel now enables us to propagate trees from seed so that we can grow a greater diversity of species.

As if we didn't have enough to do, we took on management of the adjacent site ('next door' as we refer to it). A number of specimen trees grow there and it is a favoured spot for the foxes.

During the year, some income came from workshops held by Hackney Herbal and the Community Apothecary and it is hoped these will continue. Students with Hackney Ark continued to visit during half-term breaks, and again, put in a lot of hard work, which we very much appreciate.

The Tree Nursery was awarded the Green Flag Community Award. This award now has a greater emphasis on biodiversity and sustainability which is what we aim for. BBC Countryfile did some filming on the site, providing good publicity; trees are now high on the agenda as climate change becomes more evident. We sold fifteen trees to Made from Scratch, who were landscaping Shacklewel Primary School and a number of trees and fruit bushes to Clapton Commons to plant in the garden surrounding Liberty Hall.

With Covid restricting us to six volunteers in a session we quickly moved from sessions on Tuesdays, Fridays and the last Saturday of the month to opening every day of the week. This allowed us to have the same number of volunteers (or more!) across seven days. We implemented Covid-safe precautions and directed new volunteers to watering teams in the parks. Since the middle of May, with the lifting of some restrictions, we have opened the tree nursery on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, with a Moth Club on Friday mornings at 7.00.

At the end of the year all was looking good and a big thanks to all our volunteers and their help in keeping it that way.

Beekeeping

The increasing disability of our most experienced beekeeper, Tim, made things a little tricky, but was compensated for by the energy of co-beekeeper, Keone. He explored candlemaking and Keone's Krazy Kandles became something of an internet hit. His mead was another addition to our product repertoire. Alas, Keone left us in July 2021 and will be missed not only in beekeeping but for his genial and always gay presence at the tree nursery.

We continued to experiment with a modification of Warré hive design which invites the bees to control the size and number of hive entrances. The resulting behaviour is teaching us something about their needs.

Forest Garden

We've been making slow and steady progress with setting up the herbaceous layer. It has been

exciting and intriguing to see the herbaceous plantings establishing themselves between the trees and bushes, or in some cases failing to -- every success or failure tells us something. We're also lucky to have mushroom enthusiast Marcelo experimenting with winecups, oysters and shiitake.

Local project Overgrow East made a generous donation of plants which they had bought before they were forced to vacate their site. The Solomon's Seal is doing especially well in the shade of the walnut and we hope to have some shoots to eat next spring.

TREE PLANTING IN DETAIL DURING WINTER 2020/2021

The tables below summarise: 1) the species and number of trees planted; and 2) the number of trees planted at each site. See the green panel for information about the number of volunteers.

Trees planting details by species

Species	Number	Species	Number
Alder	1	Goat Willow	1
Apple, Crab	1	Hawthorn	1
Apple, orchard	9	Hornbeam	1
Aspen	6	Korean Thuja	1
Atlas Cedar	1	Maple, Field	2
Beech	1	Maple, Norway	1
Birch, Downy	5	Maple, Sycamore	1
Birch, Silver	16	Oak	13
Broad Leaved cockspur	2	Oak, Mirbeck's hybrid	1
Cherry (Colt?)	1	Oak, Turkey	1
Cherry, Beni Yutaka	30	Oak, Holm	1
Cherry, Bird	2	Ohio Buckeye	1
Cherry, Great White	35	Pear, orchard	3
Cherry, orchard	1	Poplar, native	2
Cherry, wild	5	Rowan	2
Cherry, Yoshino	36	Rowan, Japanese	1
Chestnut, Horse	1	Scot's Pine	5
Chestnut, Indian	2	Western Red Cedar	1
Coastal Redwood	1	Whitebeam	1

Trees planting details by site

Site	Trees Planted	Volunteers (approx)
Abney Park Cemetery LNR	2	Because of Covid-19, a statement of volunteer numbers would not be a true reflection of the many people willing and wanting to help with our activities. In order to comply with social distancing regulations, we were obliged to limit severely the number of people present at any one site. Attendance was controlled by compulsory pre-booking for each event.
London Fields	15	
Daubeney Fields	58	
Hackney Downs	19	
Hackney Marshes (Main Marsh)	5	
Mabley Green	12	
Millfields North	11	
Millfields South	5	
Springfield Park	44	
Well Street Common	24	
Total	195 trees	

AGM of the Tree Musketeers

Annual Report on Tree Planting and Tree Care

TREE CARE

Tree care can mean different work for different seasons. It is in early spring after bud burst and into late summer that we need to water the young trees, especially in the first two years following planting. As well as watering trees, we monitor the health of the tree throughout the year and look out broken branches, disease, or tree guards that may need adjustment or re-securing. Formative pruning (the process of shaping a tree when it is young) is also part of the tree care, as is orchard pruning. We carried out several big mulch days, involving GoodGym and a large number of volunteers, and several pruning sessions. The demands of all of this have increased because every year we keep planting more trees!

When new volunteers make contact we offer them choice as to the green spaces they'd like to work in and the tree care work they'd like to do.

TREE PLANTING

195 trees were planted in winter 2020/21. These were small standards, many grown in the Tree Nursery.

101 of these were flowering cherry trees (Sakura) planted on Daubeney Fields and in Springfield Park over 8 days. This was part of a programme initiated by the Japanese Embassy that supplied trees to a number of councils. We planted 36 Yoshino cherries, 35 Great White and 30 Beni Yutaka. Springfield Park and Daubeney Fields are going to be spring destinations for cherry blossom for the next 40 years!

There was planting in Millfields (North and South) over two days. Trees were also planted on Hackney Downs, Well Street Common and London Fields, each over a two-day period. This was our first planting visit to London Fields for some years.

Hackney Downs

Trees have been watered every 7-14 days involving fifteen volunteers, eight of whom are new. It is a large area and the new trees are well spread around the site. All trees have survived to date. In summer 2020, we had relatively few new trees (only 4 to water) so we had opportunity to focus on the previous year's planting. There were several trees that struggled. One foxglove tree was struggling and then 'adopted' by a volunteer. This tree is now showing really healthy leaves. It has been watered fortnightly during 2021. This is an example of a tree in trouble and then restored to health through some intensive tree care.

We have recently set up a WhatsApp group and there are a number of volunteers who joined in the past year who will soon be able to lead tree care sessions.

So far, all nineteen new trees planted in winter 2020, are thriving well. This includes 6 birch trees, 2 rowan, 1 scots pine, 1 hawthorn, 1 whitebeam, 1 field maple, 2 buckeye, 1 bird cherry and 1 wild cherry, and in the north boundary 1 large field maple and a hornbeam planted in the mature London plane avenue. Volunteer days included a session adjusting tree guards, and 2 tree trails where more experienced volunteers organised a walk looking at newly planted trees in our care.

Well Street Common

Trees have been watered regularly, usually fortnightly. Since the purchase of the electric transport the vehicle was used frequently to water trees here and this has greatly eased the amount of volunteer work involved in tree watering.

There has been a significant increase in the number of local volunteers partly helped by setting up a WhatsApp group. All new trees there are thriving with no failures to date.

Twenty-four trees have been planted in the last year including; 6 young birches planted between the group of scots pines with the idea of creating a Caledonian effect. A bird cherry planted in the SE area where two trees planted in the past have failed. A Turkey oak (a memorial tree) and an oak, both standard size, are doing well. Four fruit trees (two apple and two pears) planted in the orchard area are all doing well. An oak from the central area needed to be transferred as it was too close to another planted tree; it was moved to the NE area and this has been watered as a priority because of the amount of root exposed in the transplanting. To date it looks well.

At WSC, there has been improvement in the facilities for watering. Mary, very kindly, continues to allow us to use the trolley in her back garden and her water. We do now have better access to the 'manhole' facility to draw water, and thanks to Jim, for making a tool to making lifting the lid easier.

Millfields North and South

We planted sixteen new trees, including a memorial tree, over two days in the winter of 2020/21 in North and South Millfields. These included a poplar, crabapple, cherry, Mirbeck's oak, Indian chestnut, cedar, European alder, Japanese rowan, native black poplar, Korean thuja, scots pines, and Broadleaf cockspur. All new trees are doing well.

In spring we pruned the orchard trees over two days and organised another session to weed around the trees and replace the tree guards.

Watering sessions are happening regularly with two teams on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday mornings.

London Fields

Tree care has flourished in this space where a group of new volunteers has become active in getting the trees watered fortnightly, usually on Sunday mornings. We worked with the Council and now have a space for the trolley in their yard. All trees are doing well and there is good energy and enthusiasm in this team.

New tree planting included eight new fruit trees which were added to the orchard (planted several years before in the north part of the park), five cherry trees in an avenue close to the lido, and 2 oak trees planted in the east side, one a memorial tree.

Daubeney Fields

Fifty-eight Sakura flowering cherry trees were planted last winter across the fields. In a remarkable development there are now two teams managing the watering and tree care here. A number of different local groups came together and we were able to help set up a team to cover the 'red' patch on Tuesdays and the 'blue' patch on Thursdays with overlapping volunteers. This brought together "the Daubeney fields forever", the bumps club (skating group), and the staff at the Hackney Marshes adventure playgroup who kindly has agreed for us to store the trolley. Some teams prefer to cart the water in large bags in a barrow and we were able to facilitate the purchase of these. All with the aim of getting trees watered!

Mabley Green

An avenue of ten oak trees was planted last winter together with a sycamore and Norway maple.

Springfield Park

Avenues of flowering cherry Sakura trees were planted over the winter of 2020/21. In total forty-four trees were planted.

St John's Churchyard

Five trees (2 great white Cherries, 2 native black poplars and a horse chestnut) were planted in winter 2019 and these are watered at least monthly. All are thriving! Seven volunteers are involved in this tree care.

Clissold Park

A number of oak and poplar trees planted in winter 2019 are watered regularly and doing well.

Abney Park Cemetery

Two trees were planted in 2020/21 including a coastal redwood and Western red cedar.

Main Marsh

Five aspens were planted in 2020/21.



Hackney Tree People CIO
(working names Tree Musketeers and
Hackney Community Tree Nursery)

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**Annual Accounts for the
Year Ending 31st March 2021**



HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE CIO

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ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year Ending 31st March 2021

Objects

The objects of Hackney Tree People CIO are:

- 1) for the public benefit, to promote improvement of the physical and natural environment, and public health, in particular but not exclusively by the growing, care and conservation of trees, and other activities related to trees, mainly but not exclusively in the London Borough of Hackney;
- 2) to advance education of the public in these activities;
- 3) to advance social welfare by promoting recreational and leisure time involvement of the public in these activities.

Governance

Hackney Tree People CIO is governed by its Board of Trustees. There are currently six trustees which include the following officers: Chair; Deputy Chair; Secretary; Treasurer. Board Meetings take place approximately every 12 weeks.

In accordance with rule 13 (2) of its constitution stating that at the annual general meeting of the members of the CIO one third of the charity trustees shall retire from office, the three longest serving trustees did resign at the AGM in 2019. All indicated their willingness to continue with their duties and were re-elected.

Register of Trustees of Hackney Tree People t/a the Tree Musketeers 4.4.2020 to 22.7.2021

Date of becoming a trustee	Full name	Date ceased to be a Trustee
10.8.2016	William Eugene Clerkin	
25.11.2019	Francisco Marcelo Herrera White	
21.04.2020	Annie Chipchase	
21.04.2020	James Lowe	
27.9.2020	Sarah Lo	
7.8.2021	Olivia Kilmartin	
Trustees who resigned, 1.4.2020 to 22.7.2021		
10.8.2016	Marie Leahy	10.5.2020
10.8.2016	Michael John Trier	28.6.2020
6.9.2016	Christine Kings	3.9.2020
10.5.2020	John Godley	30.11.2020
10.5.2020	Anne Sheedy	12.12.2020
10.5.2020	Keone Wales	7.4.2021
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27.9.2020	Esther Adelman	13.4.2021

Membership

Membership of the CIO is open to anyone who is interested in furthering its purposes, and who, by applying for membership, has indicated their agreement to become a member and acceptance of the duty of members. Only individuals are eligible to be members of the charity.

We are duly General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) compliant. Our mailing list is hosted by Mailchimp. Volunteers can subscribe and unsubscribe at eepurl.com/cPBbUf (case-sensitive). The privacy policy of Mailchimp is at <https://mailchimp.com/legal/>

HACKNEY TREE PEOPLE CIO
Registered Charity Number (E & W) - 1168716

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year Ending 31st March 2021
Treasurer's Report

The Hackney Tree People's accounts are presented on a receipts and payments basis, as permitted by the Charity Commission.

At the end of the financial year on 31st March 2021, the Total Net Assets of the Group as detailed in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities had fallen to £27,754 (compared to £31,974 the previous year).

The Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year show that payments exceeded receipts by £4,220 (the previous year showed receipts exceeding payments by £14,069).

Total receipts were £27,615 including funding & grants (£15,000), donations & tree sponsorship (£10,049), hire of site (£400), sale of honey products (£291), sale of trees & plants (£1,490), sale of printed goods (£153), online sales (£208) and other income (£24). This compared with £27,709 in 2020 including funding & grants (£24,599), donations & sponsorship (£423), fees received for courses & hire of site (£575), sale of honey (£305), sale of trees & plants (£1,149), sale of printed goods (£263), and other income (£395).

Total expenditure was £31,835 (£13,640 in the previous year). Direct costs included fees paid to event and walk leaders and for tuition (£8,550), beekeeping (£115), hardware (£608), growing consumables (£562), printing (£184) and website hosting (£15). Overheads included all other general expenditure (£4,453) and purchase of equipment (£17,348).

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- b) observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- c) make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- d) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- e) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping sufficient accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit'.

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of
 Hackney Tree People CIO
 for the year ended 31 March 2021**

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Responsibilities and basis of report

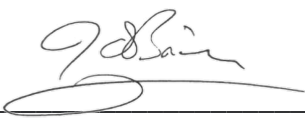
As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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 examiner's 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 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

Signed  Date 22/11/2021
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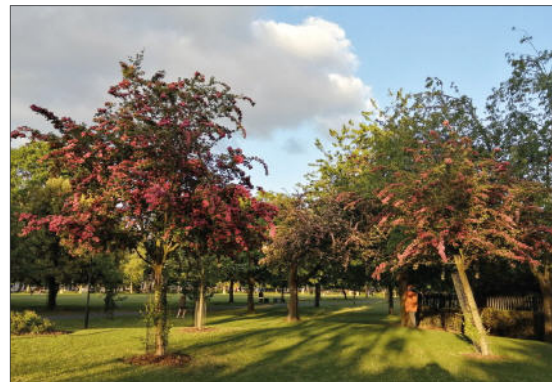
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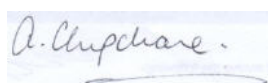
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31st March 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
CASH ASSETS		
Cash at Bank	27,471	31,717
Cash in Hand (see note 1)	283	257
Total Cash Assets	27,754	31,974
OTHER MONETARY ASSETS		
Debtors & Prepayments - Insurance	73	190
ASSETS RETAINED FOR THE CHARITY'S OWN USE		
Goupil G3 electric truck; purchased 28/04/2020	15,600	
LIABILITIES		
Creditors - Independent Examination Fee	-420	-420

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 7 August 2021



Cllr Caroline Woodley - AGM Chair



Annie Chipchase - Acting Treasurer

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Receipts and Payments Account: Receipts

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
Net Assets brought forward (see note 2)		31,974		17,905
RECEIPTS				
Funding and Grants		15,000		24,599
Receipts from Members and Supporters:				
Donations	9,749		363	
Tree Sponsorship	300		60	
		10,049		423
Fees Received:				
Planning and Running Courses	0		0	
Hire of Equipment and Site	400		575	
Arboricultural Services	0		0	
		400		575
Sales:				
Publications:				
Hackney Trees Calendar	50		0	
Abney Trees & Woodland (reprint)	0		22	
T-shirts	103		241	
		153		263
Tree Nursery Produce:				
Honey and Beeswax	291		305	
Fruit Bushes and Herbs	102		79	
Trees and Shrubs	1,338		1,070	
Plants	50		0	
		1,781		1,454
Other Income:				
Miscellaneous Sales & Receipts		232		395
Total Receipts		27,615		27,709
Less Total Payments (see next page)		31,835		13,640
Net (Payments) / Receipts for the Year		(4,220)		14,069
Net Assets at 1st April 2020		31,974		17,905
Net Assets at 31st March 2021 (see note 2)		27,754		31,974

Note 2: Net Assets include the Tree Nursery petty cash account balance.

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Receipts and Payments Account: Payments

	2021	2021	2020	2020
	£	£	£	£
PAYMENTS (see note 3)				
DIRECT COSTS:				
Fees Paid for Activities:				
Event & Walk Leaders and Tuition	8,550		7,525	
Catering Fees	0		810	
		8,550		8,335
Growing Consumables and Accessories:				
Trees and Shrubs	0		229	
Beekeeping Materials and Maintenance	115		213	
Hardware Goods	608		138	
Horticultural Supplies	562		1,429	
Protective Clothing (PPE)	0		143	
Growing sundries	0		503	
		1,285		2,655
Publication and Publicity Printing and Expenses:				
Publications Printing	184		45	
Photo Processing	0		0	
Publicity (including T-shirts)	15		1,003	
		199		1,048
Total Direct Costs		10,034		12,038
OVERHEADS:				
Office, Postage and Telephone	19		100	
Accounting	420		1	
Event Catering Consumables	0		100	
Volunteer Refreshments & Consumables	153		91	
Maintenance of Tools & Equipment	789		361	
Maintenance of Site	629		(incl)	
Independent Examiner's Fees	0		0	
Library and Affiliations	85		0	
Insurance	876		218	
Security and Safety	1,260		2	
Sundries	35		318	
Website (see note 3)	187		90	
Purchase of Equipment	17,348		321	
Total Overheads		21,801		1,602
Total Payments for the Year		31,835		13,640

Note 3: 2021 Website Hosting and Maintenance is payable in alternate years.



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**Annual Accounts for the
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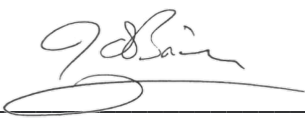
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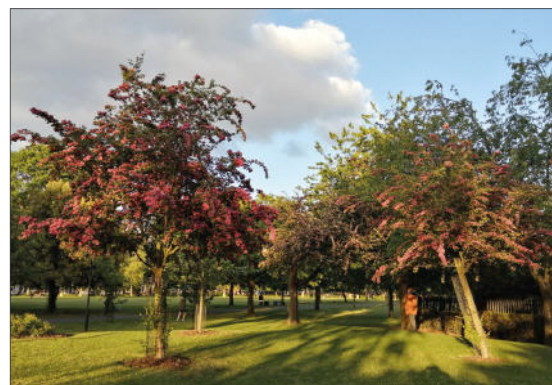
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