

# FAIR EARTH FOUNDATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1172989

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-05-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO DEVELOP THE CAPACITY AND SKILLS OF THE MEMBERS OF SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD IN SUCH A WAY THAT THEY ARE BETTER ABLE TO IDENTIFY, AND HELP MEET, THEIR NEEDS AND TO PARTICIPATE MORE FULLY IN SOCIETY

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Belgium
- Belize
- Bhutan
- Brunei
- Cape Verde
- France
- Germany
- Ghana
- Greece
- Guyana
- India
- Indonesia
- Ireland
- Italy
- Jamaica
- Kenya
- Laos
- Malaysia
- Mongolia
- Morocco
- Nepal
- Netherlands
- Northern Ireland
- Pakistan
- Peru
- Philippines
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Scotland
- Sierra Leone
- Spain

- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- The Gambia
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- Vietnam
- Throughout England

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£69,789	£71,607	-	-
2023-08-31	£76,394	£77,185	-	-
2022-08-31	£100,641	£103,203	-	-
2021-08-31	£215,590	£232,776	-	-
2020-08-31	£114,616	£94,584	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>EDWIN CHARLES BENTHAM</b>	Chair	2017-05-11
JOHN EDWARD WRIGHT		2017-05-11

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# Accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS		Notes
Income	<b><u>69,789</u></b>	1
Expenditure		
Administration:	1595	2
Bounce back loan repayments	2187	
Balancing Exchange rates	NIL	
Projects:		
Spain	36,923	3
Sri Lanka	850	4
Vietnam	22400	5
	<b><u>68,823</u></b>	

NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

Opening cash	0.56	
Closing cash	43.53	<b>42</b>

**REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

A. Another year of consolidation. As we attempt to restore income streams to support our ambitious programmes:

B. 1. We are working increasingly with FE Colleges to help disadvantaged students fundraise to support both their travel and projects, social and environmental, in the UK and around the world. This develops a sense of altruism and self-worth and support students with development of important social and life skills.

C. 2. We are building further our network of community projects (social and environmental) around the world. Currently communities we are working with are in Asia (Thailand, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, India), Africa (Zimbabwe, Kenya, Morocco, Egypt), South America (Granada, Colombia)

D. 3. We are developing fundraising initiatives for our students in colleges to support our Global Communities, with a view to them visiting these communities in the future.

E. 4. We have developed a new website to support the development of these programmes and are poised to expand the networks here in the UK and around the world.

F. We are facing huge problems and difficulties financially, operationally – but remain positive about the possibilities.

**NOTES:**

1. Income:

Volunteer income 69,789

The core of our income is contributed by volunteers who donate funds and in their fundraising efforts (£12,729 of the total income)

2. Administration: Kept to a minimum

3. Our main programme in Spain is supporting volunteers research guiding on the whale watching boats and at the animal rescue centres across Tenerife. 258 volunteers were involved in the programme.

4. Sri Lanka – A number of volunteers worked in Sri Lanka helping to build eco-tourism potential in the country and working with mainly women in developing the Global Village concept to help create sustainable incomes for local women.

5. Vietnam – Volunteers worked with the Hill Tribes in the north of the country rebuilding a school, Moug Da and working on again Global Village products with local women, and again with developing eco-tourism initiatives in the area.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ed Bentham', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Ed Bentham, Chairperson, 23rd June 2025

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# Accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS		Notes
Income	<b><u>76,394</u></b>	1
Expenditure		
Administration:	5733	2
Bounceback loan repayments	6191	
Balancing Exchange rates	NIL	
Projects:		
Volunteer costs	31,731	3
Art & Nature	1746	4
Enterprise Development	31,784	5
LEFF	NIL	6
	<b><u>77,185</u></b>	

NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS

Opening cash	771	
Closing cash	(20)	<b>791</b>

**REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

A. Although the year to which these accounts relate showed a further substantial decline in turnover it was a year that enabled us to consolidate on our strengths and plan forward. We are still unable to open up our International Programmes due to the risk attached. We were able to maintain our programmes in Tenerife, research guiding on the whale watching boats and were able to attract greater numbers from Germany, France, and Holland. Our Global Citizenship Programme, our Fundraising through 7 Peaks Challenge, Our Global Village and Anu Art Fund Programmes and our Educational Programmes overseas have all now been reestablished and will show significant income over the coming year.

B. We've managed to extract ourselves with relations with other volunteer providers, GVI, RGV, Mighty Road, particular (the damage these programmes did to our programme was substantial and we are still rebuilding from that. 2024/25 should see our own volunteer programme getting back on course to pre-covid figures.

C. Our micro-financing initiatives were increased. Supporting mainly women in farming and art & craft production through our Global Village, Plant a Tree, Fund a Dream and Anu Art Programmes. These will form the hubs to develop our volunteer and eco-tourism programmes overseas.

**NOTES:**

1. Income:

Volunteer income 15,202

Income fell dramatically to £76,394. The main reason for this was due to the fall in volunteer income, down from £61,592 to £15,202. This was due to two main factors, firstly, the

discontinuing of relationships with GVI and RGV, these relationships did not work and caused us huge reputational damages. Secondly, due to the fact that Barclays bank randomly closed down the Euro Account without explanation, which meant we lost income from European Volunteers. Funding was shored up from;

AWdF	to support volunteer operations	17,350
Not For Profits		
TFT		1,840
TFET		40,407

We have been rebuilding our own volunteer programme following COVID and we are directing our European Volunteers through our Stirling Account moving forward. We are also rebuilding our fundraising capacity through Just Giving to levels pre-COVID. This is an on-going process and will be our main funding going forward.

2. Administration: Costs remain stable.

3. Volunteer Costs: These focus mainly on the Programme in Tenerife as this remained open. Supporting student accommodation, transport, and sustenance and supporting coordinator cover.

4. Art & Nature: We were able to re-start the Art and nature Programme in a limited way, supply schools with materials and tree saplings. This will be a major growth area going forward.

5. Enterprise Development: We were able to support micro enterprise initiatives in Sri Lanka (£8084), Vietnam (£13,00) and Spain (£10,700). We are currently working with these centres to establish hubs for our Global Citizenship Programme

6. LEFF: Nil cost This became a virtual event with no cost involved.



Ed Bentham, Chairperson, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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# Accounts

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2022

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

Income	<b><u>100,641</u></b>	1
Expenditure		
Administration:	8,984	2
Bounceback loan repayments	3,592	
Balancing Exchange rates	(188)	
Projects:		
Volunteer costs	59,351	3
Art & Nature	252	4
Enterprise Development	31,512	5
LEFF	NIL	6
	<b><u>103,203</u></b>	
NET MOVEMENT OF FUNDS	<b>2,562</b>	
Opening cash	3333	
Closing cash	<b>2,562</b>	

**REPORT TO TRUSTEES**

1. The year to which these accounts relate has been extremely challenging: International travel opened sporadically and at great expense; our partner colleges became extremely risk adverse and would not release students during term time and our operating costs rose exorbitantly; schools remained closed to our Art & Nature programme and fund-raising was all but impossible. We were able to partially deliver our Turing funded programme in Tenerife but were unable to affect placements further afield. Tenerife is our main operating base and as it is within the EU we were able to compensate for huge drop in UK volunteers with those from within the EU principally from Germany, France and Holland.

2. Because of the difficulty of international travel we were approached by several other volunteer organisations asking us to take some of their volunteers. We came to arrangements with GVI, RGV, and Mighty Roar. These arrangements helped us to stabilise our cash flow and support our overheads but damaged our group dynamic badly. We are still repairing the damage done.

3. We were further able to develop our tree planting programme supporting a cooperative of women farmers in Sri Lanka (we further supported them by helping facilitate import of herbs and spices they grow and funding materials for an elephant enclosure to protect them from wild elephants; replanting mangrove swamps in Nigeria, supporting tree planting with the Hill Tribes in Vietnam and communities in Tanzania; we also gave out 10,000 tree saplings to schools in the UK.

4. We were further able to support communities globally through funding production of arts and craft work to provide income for extremely impoverished village communities.

5. We developed planning for new initiatives including the Anu Art fund through which international artists donate works of art with 30% of proceeds going into a special fund to support creativity in

disadvantaged women and children and to include a micro financing support where possible to facilitate income generation. Also developing a Global Village concept through which we can support village communities through their craft production- particularly strong in Sri Lanka, India and Vietnam.

6. Another notable issue in the period was a ridiculously high turnover of staff which caused logistical issues throughout the period and involved continuous and time consuming retraining. Extremely frustrating.

#### NOTES:

##### 1. Income:

Volunteer income	61,592
Direct through website (mainly from within the EU)-	£16,250 (euro converted)+ £8780;
RGV A large German organisation we formed a collaboration with-	£28,442; GVI A large global
volunteer organisation we formed a collaboration with-	£ 8,120
AWdF to support volunteer operations	17,000
TFET Ditto	15, 619
Just Giving Fund raising all but impossible	632
Bounceback	901
Kick Start We adopted the scheme to take on three young people, with varying	
degrees of success	4,705
Misc	193

Income -£5106 internal transfer €- £. Deducted from gross income

2. Administration £5973 admin costs £2164 misc £847 kick start. Nominal as most work had to be done at home.

3. Volunteer Costs Chanelled through Ed Bentham (Trustee based in Tenerife) , Just under £12,000 direct in Tenerife- flights etc; balance through True Fair not for profits operating the volunteer programme. £59,351 focussed entirely with volunteer programmes in Tenerife. UK placements had to be outside term time which focussed them on the expensive summer months. This greatly increased the cost of delivery of these programmes. Expenditure was focussed through trustee Ed Bentham who was resident in Tenerife throughout, direct to Tenerife and through True Fair Eco Tourism- flights, insurances etc.

4. Art & Nature Schools were closed even for the delivery of (FREE) terracotta projects and sapling trees

5. Enterprise Development £31, 512 Whilst unable to send volunteers outside of Europe we were able to support the communities we work in particularly in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nigeria and Tanzania with resources to produce local craft goods and art work. For many of these communities this was the only support they were receiving during this period.

6. LEFF Nil cost This became a virtual event with no cost involved.



Edwin Bentham  
Trustee  
29/06/2023

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# Accounts

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**FAIR EARTH FOUNDATION**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

**SOMERBYS LIMITED**  
**CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
**30 NELSON STREET**  
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**LE1 7BA**

Chairman

Edwin Bentham

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John E Wright  
Catherine E Hipkin

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Independent Examiner

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Somerbys Limited  
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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021

**Administration Details**

Fair Earth Foundation is registered with the Charity Commission and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 11 May 2017.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is administered by the Trustees as listed on page 1. The Trustees are satisfied with the results for the year, the level of reserves and the ability of the Charity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

**Trustees**

Details of the Trustees can be found on page 1.

**Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which include the free reserves of the Fund, at a level which, in the event of a significant fall in income, would provide sufficient resources to meet the ongoing operating expenditure.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees continue to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

**Activities**

- The Fair Earth Foundation CIO was established at the behest of the Charities Commission to assume the more 'global' aspects of the AWdF. It started (financial) operation in October 2019 with the launch of the London Eco-Film Festival.
- The Foundation has a number of key remits:
  - To run the London Eco Film Festival. This is an all-year programme building to the main event. It engages with disadvantaged communities across the UK through its Art & Nature programme, as well as commanding a global audience. In 2019 over 3000 films were submitted.

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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- To build a Global volunteering programme conservation, nature & community at its heart. Programmes operate in Nigeria, Tanzania, Tenerife, Vietnam, Sri Lanka and Sierra Leone.
  - To develop micro-financing, enterprise development and fair trade initiatives globally, including in the UK. The Foundation gives particular reference to creative enterprises as these favour disadvantaged groups and individuals.
  - Income sources
    - AWdF: Transfer of responsibilities for global volunteering to Fair Earth Foundation. Contributing to the London Eco-Film Festival.
    - True Fair Trading CIC: Surpluses generated through fair trade activities to be invested via Fair Earth Foundation into the disadvantaged communities it works with.
    - True Fair Eco Tourism CIC: Income generated for communities around the world with which it works.
    - Volunteer incomes: Global volunteering to be affected through programmes in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and elsewhere.
    - Sponsorships;
    - Fundraising;
    - Grants.
  - The accounting period has been extremely challenging. The second lockdown January- May 2021 devastated plans for the year with international travel, and so volunteering, severely restricted for much of the year. Travel restrictions were loosened in May 2021 enabling us to deliver our volunteer programmes in Tenerife but concentrated in 3-4 months rather than spread throughout the year and with hugely inflated costs due to additional accommodation costs, having to rent private charter boats rather than operate on the whale watching boats, the implementation of extremely expensive Covid protocols involving 247 driving logistics, extortionate Covid 'testing' costs and very expensive flights.
  - Income projections were decimated. Volunteer incomes were above target and the exception as by keeping the programme up and running throughout the year (mainly with European (EU) volunteers in the Winter months) and with wider international travel all but impossible the demand for the Tenerife programme was very strong. This was through our own website and also through collaborations with GVI (Global Volunteering) and RGV (German Volunteering). French, Dutch, English, Spanish, Italian bookings were all strong particularly in the Summer months. There were no group bookings reflecting the especial difficulties faced by group organisers.
  - The Fair Earth Foundation CIO was unable to develop volunteer programmes other than in Tenerife. Plans were in place for Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Nepal, Nigeria, Tanzania etc but had to be cancelled because of Covid. The Foundation was able to help manage the AWdF funded programme in Tenerife.

**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT (CONTINUED)**  
**PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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- The London Eco Film Festival was not able to run (because of Covid) and so a virtual festival was produced. This was focussed on impacts of the pandemic and was warmly received. The next 'TheLEFF' is to be February 2022, fingers crossed.
  - The supporting Not for Profits were unable to contribute significantly to income as most trade shows were cancelled with limited opportunities to generate income. True Fair Trading CIC generated a Pnds 5,000 contribution.
  - The Foundation's Sponsorships and Fundraising efforts were lamentable, mainly due to impracticalities in harnessing bid writing efforts because of lockdown initially and then because of pressure on time once restriction were lifted. A grant writing agency has been recruited to assist in this process going forward. There are a number of obvious benefactors including Turing and we remain optimistic about the potential going forward. One bright note has been the Teide Challenge through which funds were raised in support of projects by volunteers.
  - The Foundation was able to support communities in Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam etc throughout the pandemic providing much needed income. Key programmes were in the areas of enterprise, education and latterly in the environment particularly with the advent of our community tree planting initiatives.
  - The pandemic gave the Foundation time to develop powerful new programmes: Art & Nature; Global Citizenship; Plant a Tree, Fund a Dream. We were able to collaborate with schools serving disadvantaged communities in the UK giving them, free of charge, several thousand fair trade terracotta pots to paint and sell to raise funds for projects- local or global- of their choice. We supported this with free paints, resources on global and local issues and workshop materials. The aim is to develop Creativity, Entrepreneurship and Altruism, building skill sets, empowering individuals, and showing a range of life opportunities.
  - Preparations are in hand to buy 100,000 UK tree saplings to give to young people in the Spring 2022 to sell with their pots. The proceeds to be shared between projects of their own choice and selected tree planting communities (schools in Tanzania, Nigeria, Sri Lanka and Vietnam). For every tree planted in the UK there will be 10 planted globally. Young people working together across the world for a better future- for society and for our shared environment.
  - The past year has been very difficult but the Foundation is in strong shape going forward.

**On behalf of the Trustees**

*Ed Bentham*

Ed Bentham (Feb 2, 2022 11:17 GMT)

**Edwin Bentham - Trustee**

Date - 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2021 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's report**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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.

*Alex West*

Alex West (Feb 7, 2022 14:20 GMT)

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Somerbys Limited  
30 Nelson Street  
Leicester  
LE1 7BA

Date – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	Notes	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Receipts and Payments:</b>					
Income	1		193,090		89,616
Bounce back loan	1		12,500		25,000
Covid-19 response grant			10,000		-
			<u>215,590</u>		<u>114,616</u>
<b>Expenditure:</b>					
- Administrative costs	2		(11,863)		(3,248)
- Expenses			-		(1,890)
- Miscellaneous	3		(8,383)		-
- Exchange rate gains/(losses)	1		(349)		-
<b>Project costs:</b>					
- LEFF	4		-	10,150	
- Volunteer costs	5	174,080		37,936	
- Fair trade/Enterprise	6	31,987		40,360	
- Art & nature	7	2,454		-	
- Global citizenship	8	3,660		-	
			<u>(212,181)</u>	<u></u>	<u>(88,446)</u>
Total expenditure:			<u>(232,776)</u>		<u>(93,584)</u>
<b>Net movement of funds:</b>			<u>(17,186)</u>		<u>21,032</u>
Opening cash position:		21,060		-	
Closing cash position:		<u>3,874</u>		<u>21,032</u>	
			<u>(17,186)</u>		<u>21,032</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

	£	2021 £	£	2020 £
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>				
Bank accounts:				
- Sterling	3,334		20,000	
- Euro	540		1,032	
	<u>          </u>	3,874	<u>          </u>	21,032
<b>Monetary liabilities:</b>				
- Somerbys	1,000		1,000	
- Bounce back loan	37,500		25,000	
	<u>          </u>	(38,500)	<u>          </u>	(26,000)
		<u>          </u>		<u>          </u>
		(34,626)		(4,968)

These statements were approved by the Trustees on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

*Ed Bentham*  
Ed Bentham (Feb 2, 2022 11:17 GMT)

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**Edwin Bentham - Trustee**

**NOTES**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

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- 1 Total income excludes transfers between Euro and Sterling accounts of £25,314 (£18,471 and £6,843 respectively).

Euros were converted at an average exchange rate prevailing over the accounting period of 1.169. Due to variations in the exchange rate over the period there is a discrepancy in the consolidated accounts of £349

Income was made up of:

Volunteer Incomes £98,735 includes contributions from GVI £21,750 and RGV £23,374. Volunteer demand was particularly strong from European countries in the summer months.

- AWdF £69,289 contribution to support AWdF volunteers including Erasmus funded volunteers
- Kick Start scheme £2,441 One person was taken on under the scheme.
- True Fair Trading CIC £5,000
- Bounce Back Loan £22,500. To be repaid over ten years.
- LEFF £185 films submitted
- Miscellaneous £6,969

- 2 Administration & Expenses include £1,823 Kickstart payments; Recruitment of bid righting consultancy £5,895 NPG (Non-Profit Growth); £630 Web Services- Adobe, Webservice etc; £558 Web Development; £182, bank charges.

- 3 Misc. Payments to support completion of a Creative Centre (film making and photography) in Tenerife.

- 4 LEFF 2021 was held as a virtual event with no cost.

- 5 Volunteer Costs: These were focussed very much on the Tenerife programme as travel elsewhere during the period was all but impossible. The programme was complete for 2021 in December of 2020, but the second lockdown imposed at the very end of 2020 meant that everything had to be cancelled- flights, accommodation, insurances, Covid-19 tests etc and this carried on through to mid-May when flights resumed. The overheads in Tenerife, with the project team in place throughout was expensive to maintain. The biggest problem, of many, was incredibly expensive Covid-19 tests; for a long period, £400 per volunteer which the Foundation had to cover for the 120 funded placements.

Summer 2020 was very busy as there were serious restrictions on international travel. Costs were further increased as the volunteer programme had expensive Covid-19 protocols in place covering the delivery of a 247 volunteer drive programme as bus and taxi transport could not be used, provision of masks, disinfectant gel and continuous testing, hiring of more vehicles to drive volunteers, renting of private boats for exclusive use of volunteers as they could not go on to the whale watching boats etc all ate into budgets.

In total, some 890 volunteer weeks were facilitated providing accommodation, transport, food and expensive Covid-19 protocols including testing in medical centres and all project support. Additionally, for funded students, (160 plus), flights and insurances had to be paid.

**NOTES (CONTINUED)**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021**

True Fair Eco Tourism CIC (TFET) £151,567 bore the brunt of organising volunteer arrangements in Tenerife and paid for the management and co-ordinator programme running the programme throughout the year. £15,000 of the funds transferred were on a soft loan basis in the hope that the funds may be repatriated at some point in the future.

Direct payments to Tenerife TFS £16,696 These included purchase of equipment £960 --Cameras; funding development of the new scientific dive programme £7,461 & £570; Refunds £1,577; some flights.

Asociation Whalefund £5,817 is a Spanish charitable association and facilitates the volunteer programme on Tenerife.

Fair Trade/ Enterprise. This includes payments to True Fair Trade CIC (TFT) to support projects in Vietnam £12,010 together with limited show support in the UK.

- 6 Fair Earth' direct expenditure £19,997 includes further support in Vietnam (£17,674) and in Thailand (£2,146).
- 7 Art & Nature. The Art & Nature programme delivers fair trade terracotta pots (made in Sri Lanka), painting materials and web-based inspirations for painting pots together with literature on Global Issues and workshop materials designed to link Global to Local and vice versa. During the pandemic we built up a strong network of schools across the UK with focus on disadvantaged and special education needs groups. Costs relate to getting materials, free of charge to schools. Aims: promoting- Creativity & Communication, Enterprise and Altruism
- 8 Global Citizenship. Volunteers in Tenerife take on the Teide Challenge (scaling the third highest volcano in the world) as a fund-raising exercise to support charities of their choice. These payments were to their chosen charities. The aim is to encourage lifelong altruistic behaviour.

Fair Earth Foundation  
43 High Street  
Market Harborough  
Leicestershire

14 January 2022

Somerbys Limited  
Chartered Accountants  
30, Nelson Street  
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Dear Sirs,

The following representations are made on the basis of enquiries of management and staff with relevant knowledge and experience such as we consider necessary in connection with your independent examination of the charity's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021. These enquiries have included inspection of supporting documentation where appropriate and are sufficient to satisfy ourselves that we can make each of the following representations. All representations are made to the best of our knowledge and belief.

**General**

- 1 We acknowledge that the work performed by you is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) and that you do not express an audit opinion.
- 2 We confirm that the charity was entitled to exemption under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 from the requirement to have its financial statements for the financial year ended 31 August 2021 audited.
- 3 We have fulfilled our responsibilities as trustees as set out in the terms of your engagement letter under the Charities Act 2011 for preparing financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view and for making accurate representations to you.
- 4 All the transactions undertaken by the charity have been properly reflected and recorded in the accounting records.
- 5 All the accounting records have been made available to you for the purpose of your independent examination. We have provided you with unrestricted access to all appropriate persons within the charity, and with all other records and related information requested, including minutes of all management and trustee meetings and correspondence with The Charity Commission.
- 6 The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.

**Assets and liabilities**

- 7 The charity has satisfactory title to all assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on the charity's assets, except for those that are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

- 8 All actual liabilities, contingent liabilities and guarantees given to third parties have been recorded or disclosed as appropriate.
- 9 We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value and where relevant the fair value measurements or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.

**Accounting estimates**

- 10 Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.

**Legal claims**

- 11 We have disclosed to you all claims in connection with litigation that have been, or are expected to be, received and such matters, as appropriate, have been properly accounted for, and disclosed in, the financial statements.

**Laws and regulations**

- 12 We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

**Related parties**

- 13 Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in the financial statements. We have disclosed to you all relevant information concerning such relationships and transactions and are not aware of any other matters which require disclosure in order to comply with legislative and accounting standards requirements.

**Subsequent events**

- 14 All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements which require adjustment or disclosure have been properly accounted for and disclosed.

**Going concern**

- 15 We believe that the charity's financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis on the grounds that current and future sources of funding or support will be more than adequate for the charity's needs. We have considered a period of twelve months from the date of approval of the financial statements. We believe that no further disclosures relating to the charity's ability to continue as a going concern need to be made in the financial statements.

Yours faithfully,

**On behalf of the Trustees**

*Ed Bentham*

Ed Bentham (Feb 2, 2022 11:17 GMT)

..... E. Bentham

**FAIR EARTH FOUNDATION**

England & Wales - Charity number 1172989

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# Accounts

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**FAIR EARTH FOUNDATION**

**PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**SOMERBYS LIMITED  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS  
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Edwin Bentham

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT  
PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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**Administration Details**

Fair Earth Foundation is registered with the Charity Commission and constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation dated 11 May 2017. It commenced operating in October 2019.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The Charity is administered by the Trustees as listed on page 1. The Trustees are satisfied with the results for the year, the level of reserves and the ability of the Charity to meet its liabilities when they fall due.

**Trustees**

Details of the Trustees can be found on page 1.

**Appointment of Trustees**

Trustees must be appointed by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the CIO.

**Public Benefit**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

**Reserves Policy**

It is the policy of the Trustees to maintain unrestricted funds, which include the free reserves of the Fund, at a level which, in the event of a significant fall in income, would provide sufficient resources to meet the ongoing operating expenditure.

**Risk Management**

The Trustees continue to assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to these risks.

**Update on Activities**

- The Fair Earth Foundation CIO was established at the behest of the Charities Commission to assume the more 'global' aspects of the AWdF. It started (financial) operation in October 2019 with the launch of the London Eco-Film Festival.
- The Foundation has number of key remits:
  - To run the London Eco Film Festival. This is an all year programme building to the main event. It engages with disadvantaged communities across the UK through its Art & Nature programme, as well as commanding a global audience. In 2019 over 3000 films were submitted.
  - To build a global volunteering programme with conservation, nature and community at its heart. Programmes in Tenerife, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone.....

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- To develop micro-financing, enterprise development and fair trade initiatives globally, including in the UK. The Foundation gives particular reference to creative enterprises as these favour disadvantaged groups and individuals.
- Income sources (Proposed)
  - AWdF: Transfer of responsibilities for global volunteering to Fair Earth Foundation. Contribution to London Eco-Film Festival. (2019 total cost £60,000+. In future the Fair Earth Foundation should bare the brunt of the cost, mainly through income generation and sponsorships).
  - True Fair Trading CIC: Surpluses (£70,000 projected) generated through fair trade activities to be invested via Fair Earth Foundation into the disadvantaged communities it works with.
  - True Fair Eco Tourism CIC: Income (£50,000 projected) generated for communities around the world with which it works.
  - Volunteer incomes: Global volunteering (£50,000 projected) to be affected through programmes in Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Sierra Leone, Sao Tome and elsewhere.
  - Sponsorships: £200,000 projected
  - Fundraising: £50,000 projected
  - Grants: £250,000 projected (Erasmus funding alone should generate this sum.)

Income projections are for £750,000 within the next two years with £200,000 projected for 2019/2020 and £500,000 for 2022/2021. The impact of Covid-19 and especially lockdown in March completely wiped out these projections, with income simply falling off a cliff.

The current situation is that there are significant funds available to help charities weather the storm and our efforts are directed towards securing these.

- Leff 2019 great success but plans 2020 greatly damaged by Covid-19. All income sources dried up and budgets have had to be slashed; the main event has been postponed to March 2021.
- Covid-19 impacts. Volunteer income, fundraising effort, True Fair Trading CIC (all trade shows cancelled including RHS Chelsea Flower Show), True Fair EcoTourism - ALL income collapsed, off cliff edge in March! This collapse of income has continued from Spring/ Summer to Autumn/ Winter. The situation remains tough. The main source of income available now is Covid-19 support grants.
- Our response to the pandemic crisis has been robust:
  - Grants: We have applications in with Erasmus (EU), Arts Council, Lottery etc. We are extremely optimistic.
  - Volunteer recruitment focused on German and Dutch markets. We have signed a contract with the largest German volunteer organisation in the country which is already yielding results and should generate a substantial income flow. Our contacts in the Dutch education system are very strong.

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- On-line trading platforms (True Fair Trading CIC) will be ready for Christmas.
- Lockdown has given us the opportunity to rethink our programmes and develop appropriate responses to the new situation in which we find ourselves. Of particular interest in our new Art & Nature Programme which has already attracted Lottery funding (pilot programme in Leicestershire) and we anticipate will attract substantial more funding in January as we roll the programme out across the country and the appointment of an Enterprise Director who is charged with building our funding base.
- The last six months have been very difficult and the next six months will probably be equally so. The challenge is to overcome these difficulties and to forge ahead.

**On behalf of the Trustees**



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**Edwin Bentham - Trustee**

Date 25/09/2020 .....

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES  
PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the period ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 6 to 9.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

**Independent examiner's report**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material 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.

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Somerbys Limited  
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Date .....

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	Notes	£	2020 £
<b>Receipts and Payments:</b>			
Income	1		89,616
Bounce back loan			<u>25,000</u>
			114,616
<b>Expenditure:</b>			
- Administrative costs	2		(3,248)
- Expenses	3		(1,890)
<b>Project costs:</b>			
- LEFF	4	10,150	
- Volunteer costs	5	37,936	
- Fair trade/Enterprise	6	<u>40,360</u>	
			(88,446)
<b>Total expenditure:</b>			<u>(94,584)</u>
<b>Net movement of funds:</b>			<u>21,032</u>
Opening cash position:		-	
Closing cash position:		<u>21,032</u>	<u>21,032</u>

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

	£	2020 £
<b>Monetary Assets:</b>		
Bank accounts:		
- Sterling	20,000	
- Euro	<u>1,032</u>	
		<u>21,032</u>
<b>Monetary liabilities:</b>		
- Somerbys	1,000	
- Bounce back loan	<u>25,000</u>	
		<u>(26,000)</u>
		<u><u>(4,968)</u></u>

These statements were approved by the Trustees on ..... and signed on their behalf by:

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**Edwin Bentham - Trustee**

## NOTES

## PERIOD ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

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- 1 Income for the year was £89,616. Main sources: AWdF- (£10,000 + €53,000); True Fair Eco Tourism CIC (€5,020); True Fair Trading CIC (£20,000); Volunteer Payments (£2,826 + €8,864); London Eco Film Festival (£501)
  - 2 Administration costs: £3,248 Postal costs; stationary; bank fees; internet, phone, software charges; vehicle use and an Independent examination fee of £1,000.
  - 3 Expenses: £1,890 petrol, travel, accommodation etc
  - 4 London Eco Film Festival: £10,150 speakers (from USA, Holland, Denmark, Slovenia etc); Volunteer logistics - accommodation, transport and sustenance; Promotion and marketing; Event logistics.....
  - 5 Volunteer Costs: £37,936 include: ECS conference, Sao Tome Humpback Whale Project visit; Research Equipment costs; volunteer logistics and payments including transfers to True Fair Eco Tourism CIC £14,988
  - 6 Fair Trade/ Enterprise: £40,360 Supporting fair trade projects in Portugal €10,023, Vietnam €7,794, Italy £1,056, logistics support- transport £4,250, Trade shows £7,500; and enterprise projects in Tenerife €2,500 (Film centre), enterprise awards £10,000