

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales · Charity number 1190536

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-07-23

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

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, TO ADVANCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT IN BIRMINGHAM BY PLANTING, MAINTAINING, PRESERVING AND PROMOTING TREES TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT ALL ASPECTS OF TREES AND TREE CARE AND TO EDUCATE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO FULFIL THE ROLE OF VOLUNTEER TREE WARDENS.

Activities: Birmingham TreePeople aims to plant, establish and advocate for trees in Birmingham. We provide free training and organise community activities relating to trees. We are also a registered training centre for the Skills Education Group Level 2 in Arboriculture. We survey trees across the city and use this data in our decision making and advocacy work.

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN BIRMINGHAM
- Birmingham City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£229,162	£128,120	-	-
2024-03-31	£87,024	£86,805	-	-
2023-03-31	£39,786	£25,301	-	-
2022-03-31	£28,898	£36,419	-	-
2021-03-31	£37,556	£11,744	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Deanne Brettle		2021-09-21
James Tucker		2023-02-15
Julianne Mary Statham		2024-01-18
Lawrence Weston		2024-01-18
Nina Griffiths		2021-02-02
Samantha Dobbie		2024-11-21

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

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Accounts

Birmingham Tree People

Charity Number: 1190536

{Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

16th October 2025

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected at a Trustees meeting. Local people who regularly attend BTP urban forest volunteer training are considered.

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

Birmingham Tree People aims to plant, promote and protect trees in Birmingham. We provide free monthly training and organise tree planting activities. We are also a registered training centre for the Skills Education Group Level 2 in Arboriculture.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

What the charity does: Education/training Environment/conservation/heritage.

Who the charity helps: People in Birmingham.

How the charity helps: Provides Advocacy/advice/information.

Where the charity operates: Birmingham.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

Birmingham TreePeople has worked on several large projects this year and has successfully secured National Lottery core funding for the organisation.

The Urban Forest Accelerator project with Birmingham City Council and the National Trust the employment of an engagement worker and support from a communications contractor. This project finished in September 2024 after meeting its targets and delivering high quality engagement work in Alum Rock, Bromford and Nechells. Work was completed with local schools and relationships built with local organisations by the engagement worker, Katy Hawkins. A monthly newsletter was circulated to supporters and the website and social media channels were refreshed and updated frequently.

The Benjamin Zephaniah Legacy Forest at Burbury Park was the result of a member of Benjamin's family contacting BTP about possible tree planting. With support from the City Council, particularly Pat Whyte, local community groups, the Benjamin Zephaniah Family Legacy Group and Benjamin's widow, Qian, funding was raised through crowdfunding and sponsorship to plant 65 trees. Community events were organised and funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund through Birmingham City Council. A poetry competition was also organised by the Communications Worker, Charley McDermott, which attracted over 80 poems. Of these, 65 were selected to be attached to the trees. Events were run with poets and to celebrate the poetry and the trees.

Our Trustee, Ian McDermott, organised a joint conference with Trees for Cities to bring together tree volunteers from around the country to celebrate Tree Cities of the World. This will lead to greater national information sharing and joint working.

In July 2024, the charity's application to the National Lottery was successful which enabled the charity to appoint an Operations Manager and to continue to employ the engagement worker and contract with the communications worker. The new part time Operations Manager, Matt Cox, joined the charity in November 2024. This three-year funding enables the charity to consolidate its work and develop a plan for fundraising and projects.

In addition to the tree planting in the Benjamin Zephaniah Legacy Forest which included 12 orchard trees, there was planting in Newtown and Alum Rock funded by Trees for Cities. Some of these plantings took place in land owned by community groups and in empty street tree pits. There were fruit trees planted with community groups as part of our Orchard project,

co-ordinated by trustee Lawrence Weston, who is also working on an Orchard Strategy for the city. The Treemembrance project was co-ordinated by trustee Julianne Statham and planted 7 memorial trees in parks in the city.

The WMCA Community Environment Fund awarded the charity a grant for our street tree survey project. This enabled volunteers to be given £2 per tree to cover expenses and to increase the amount of training sessions delivered by trustee Nina Griffiths. In total, 3,000 street trees have now been surveyed and researchers have started to analyse the data.

The Level 2 Arboriculture course finished in December 2024, and it is anticipated that 5 students will complete in 2025.

Monthly training has been run during the year on Pests and Diseases with Ian McDermott, Bournville Trees through Time with Yanhui Shi, Role of urban tree volunteers with Ian McDermott, Tree Biology parts 1 and 2 with Tonia Clark, a Pest and Disease walk in Handsworth Park with Tonia Clark.

Work has also been started on the Tree Board by trustee Dee Brettle. This will co-ordinate tree work in the city.

In February 2025, 3 of the founding trustees stepped down due to personal changes in circumstances; new jobs and relocations. Ian MacDermott, Simon Needle and Steve Watson will be missed for their immense arboricultural knowledge, enthusiasm and commitment. Tonia Clark will step down once a new Treasurer has been appointed.

For a small charity, there has been substantial activity undertaken this year to plant, protect and promote trees in the city.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity aims to build up small reserves of 3 month's running costs to enable the payment of redundancy costs to our employees if these should be required. The reserves will also help to cover any funding gaps to enable the employees to be continuously employed.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

1. Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

2. Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

The trustees are considering returning the donation from the Arconic Foundation of £19351.15 due to the reputational risk that it poses to the charity.

3. Receipts & payments accounts

Receipts and payments accounts contain a summary of money received and money spent during the period and a list of assets and liabilities at the end of the period. Usually, cash received and cash spent will include transactions through bank accounts and cash in hand.

4. Grants & donations

	£
NGED	5,307.68
WMCA CEF grant	12,764.90
One Tree Planted	18,681.83
National Trust (UFA)	25,987.06
Birmingham City Council City of Nature	10,000.00
AMPA Foundation	500.00
Birmingham City Council UKSPF	11,461.00
Donations for BZ Forest	5,306.92
Trees for Cities	46,724.00
National Lottery	57,220.00
Birmingham City Council Brum Breathes (Daisy Farm Park)	2,100.00
Heart of England Foundation	1,121.49
Tree Council	1,271.16
Birmingham Inter. Community Fund	861.29
Arconic Foundation	19,351.15
Total	218,658.48

5. Creditors

Independent examination fee	£350.00
Birmingham City Council	£8,775.00

Return of Arconic grant	£19,351.15
Total	£28,476.15

6. Trustees' remuneration

The following trustees were paid for professional work:

Lawrence Weston: expenses £280 and professional fees £3,410.44
Nina Griffiths: professional fees £5,750
Deanne Brettle: expenses £1,786.45

7. Glossary of terms

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

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



A handwritten signature in black ink on a light pink background. The signature consists of a large, stylized initial 'D' followed by the name 'Brettle' in a cursive script.

Full Name(s): Deanne Brettle

Position(s): Trustee

Date: 16th October 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birmingham Tree People

1190536

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01 April 2024

To

31 March 2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Birmingham City Council UKSPF		5,000	-	5,000	
Spacehive - BZ forest		12,377	-	12,377	-
itree survey		-	-	-	40,500
Tree planting funding	50,145	-	-	50,145	12,810
Trees for Cities	39,920	-	-	39,920	6,804
Birmingham City of Nature	10,000	-	-	10,000	
National Lottery		57,220	-	57,220	
WMCA CEF		12,765	-	12,765	
Brum Breathes		2,100	-	2,100	
Conferences	5,200	-	-	5,200	
Treemembrance	3,000	-	-	3,000	750
donations to BTP	1,644	-	-	1,644	230
National Trust UFA		25,987	-	25,987	20,535
Arb2 course fees	550	-	-	550	2,395
TreePlotter	-	-	-	-	3,000
Orchard project	-	3,254	-	3,254	-
Sub total	110,459	118,703	-	229,162	87,024
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	110,459	118,703	-	229,162	87,024
A3 Payments					
staff payments			-	-	1,694
National Lottery		23,778		23,778	
itree survey					31,360
Tree planting project	41,557			41,557	21,104
WMCA CEF	651	12,765		13,416	
National Trust UFA		22,170		22,170	24,654
Skills Educ Group	780		-	780	1,405
Birmingham City Council UKSPF	1,465	5,000	-	6,465	
Brum Breathes website service		1,092		1,092	
Treeplotter software	8,250			8,250	4,200
Treemembrance	769			769	87
accountancy fee					943
Marketing					250
Insurance					348
Conferences	5,534			5,534	
Orchard project		3,254		3,254	
Administration	946			946	
Spacehive - BZ forest	-	109		109	
Sub total	59,952	68,168	-	128,120	86,805
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	59,952	68,168	-	128,120	86,805
Net of receipts/(payments)	50,507	50,535	-	101,042	219
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,284	7,711	-	32,995	32,776
Cash funds this year end	75,791	58,246	-	134,037	32,995

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank	75,791	58,246	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	75,791	58,246	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
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B2 Other monetary assets				-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Birmingham City Council tree planting costs	Unrestricted funds	8775	30 Jun 2025
	Arconic - return of grant	Restricted funds	19315	30 Jun 2025
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			-
	-	-	-

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

		-	
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



**Independent
examiner's report on
the accounts**



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Birmingham Tree People

On accounts for the period

From 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

Charity no (if any)

11905366

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Date:

07/08/2025

Name:

Andrew Hopkins

Address:

BVSC Accounting Services

Latham House, 33-34 Paradise Street

Birmingham B1 2AJ

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1190536

Accounts

Birmingham Tree People

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{Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

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2nd July 2024

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Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

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Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

This has been a pivotal year for BTP with the appointment of our first member of staff, thanks to funding from the Urban Forest Accelerator project in partnership with the National Trust and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund Trees Call for Action Fund. Katy Hawkins, our Engagement Worker, has worked with communities in

Nechells, Bromford and Firs and Hodge Hill to support them to plant trees in their neighbourhoods and then to maintain them. Thank you to Simon Needle who secured this funding for BTP's work.

The UFA funding also enabled us to take on a self-employed contractor, Charley McDermott, to provide communications services. She has delivered a monthly newsletter and has greatly increased our social media presence.

Our close working with the National Trust also led to a visioning session for the BTP trustees facilitated by Vic Hopkins from Conquering Chaos. The trustees are reviewing the BTP mission and vision and developing objectives linked to the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Our City of Nature funded contractor, Justine Marklew, finished her contract with us at the start of the year after some great work in Bordesley and Highgate to engage local people with trees in local parks. Justine also co-ordinated the tree planting that BTP committed to delivering for the Birmingham Trees for Life project. The remaining BTFL reserves were transferred from the Civic Trust to pay for this. We are incredibly grateful to the BTFL committee to trusting us to continue their legacy. A special thanks to Sue Griffith from BTFL who came along to BTP committee meetings to ensure that all the BTFL knowledge and wisdom was passed on.

Tree planting has been a large element of work this year. The BTFL plantings were finished and funding agreed from One Tree Planted and Trees for Cities to pay for 100 heavy standard trees in Nechells, Hodge Hill, Bromford and Firs, Newtown and Highters Heath to be planted in the winter of 2023/4. This was a huge amount of work and co-ordination was required between the BTP trustees, (a huge thank you to Ian McDermott who led on this), our staff and the City Council Tree Officers and tree contractors. There were several events with local people to plant the trees at which poems were read, songs sung, tree knowledge shared and trees decorated.

The trustees have been writing a tree planting strategy for the city which meets the objectives of the Urban Forest Master Plan and will help inform future tree planting both in terms of species selection and locations.

A new tree planting initiative has been launched this year by BTP. Called Treemembrance, it gives people the opportunity to pay for a memorial tree on City Council owned land. Trustee Julianne Statham co-ordinated this project and has so far

planted a tree for the Debt Justice campaign and is supporting several families with their memorial trees.

Tree surveying was also a busy area for BTP this year. There were two projects; the street tree survey continued and has been managed by trustee Nina Griffiths. She has trained more volunteers and in March, funding was secured from the West Midlands Combined Authority's Community Environment Fund to pay volunteer expenses and provide equipment and training. The second project was the itree project which was funded by the WMCA and in partnership with Treeconomics and Barton Hyatt. BTP's volunteers were trained and completed 450 plots within a couple of months.

The street tree survey has been supported by University of Birmingham students, Emily Bennett completed her student placement with the charity and Naya Desai has started her PhD on street trees. We are grateful to Deanne Brettle and Emma Ferranti for supporting these students in their work with BTP.

Trustee, Deanne Brettle, has also been leading on developing digital tree trails which are now on Treeplotter. These are being promoted to engage people across the city with trees in their local parks.

Monthly training has continued this year, led by Ian McDermott:

April - Biodiversity Net Gain online training session with Simon Needle

May - Biodiversity Net Gain practical session in Holders Lane Woods with Simon Needle

June - itree eco survey session

July - no session

August - Summer Social Sunday tree session at Winterbourne Gardens with presentation of certificates to the Level 2 Arboriculture students

September - street tree survey interim results - online session

October - trees in planning applications - online session with Simon Needle

November - Orchard pruning at Manor Farm Park

December - Highbury Park - conifer identification session

January - choosing a tree contractor - online session

February - Orchard pruning at Bromford and Firs with Open Door

March - Highbury Park - winter tree identification

Ian McDermott also co-ordinated the second Level 2 Arboriculture course which started in April 2023. Many thanks also to Steve Watson who delivered the Soils Module and Tonia Clark who led the Biology module. There are 8 students working their way this course which will finish in 2025. There is the possibility that we may be able to also run a Level 4 course and this is being developed.

There have been several promotional and other training activities undertaken during the year. Two sessions on trees have been run for the Eden Project Communities programme and talks given to the Calthorpe Residents Association and the Coventry Tree wardens group.

Projects for 2024-25 were also started during the year; the Tree Board, the Benjamin Zephaniah legacy forest and the Tree Cities of the World conference in June 2024 in Birmingham.

BTP is fortunate in having a group of dedicated, hard-working trustees and paid workers who have ambitious plans for the growth of the charity.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

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Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):

Full Name(s):

Tonia Clark

Nina Griffiths

Position(s):


Chair

Trustee

Date:

18th July 2024

18th July 2024

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Birmingham Tree People		1190536	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Saturday, April 01, 2023	To	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Birmingham City Council		-	-	-	10,400
Veolia		-	-	-	-
itree survey	40,500	-	-	40,500	
Tree planting funding		12,810	-	12,810	
Trees for Cities	6,804	-	-	6,804	
Birmingham City of Nature		-	-	-	400
Centre for Sustainable Environment		-	-	-	5,200
Civic Society		-	-	-	8,000
Severn Trent		-	-	-	7,800
Western Power Distribution		-	-	-	600
Treemembrance	750	-	-	750	
donations to BTP	230	-	-	230	921
National Trust UFA		20,535	-	20,535	
Arb2 course fees	2,395	-	-	2,395	3,465
TreePlotter	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	50,679	36,345	-	87,024	39,786
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,679	36,345	-	87,024	39,786
A3 Payments					
staff payments	1,694		-	1,694	3,608

Arb 2 fees				-	2,000
itree survey	31,360			31,360	
Tree products		21,104		21,104	5,325
Equipment purchase				-	4,009
Sponsorship MTOA				-	500
National Trust UFA		24,654		24,654	
Skills Educ Group	1,404		-	1,404	840
Tree Council			-	-	175
Premises hire				-	246
website service	760		-	760	
Treeplotter software		4,200	-	4,200	8,250
Treemembrance	87			87	
accountancy fee	943		-	943	
Marketing	250			250	
insurance	348		-	348	348
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	36,847	49,958	-	86,805	25,301
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	36,847	49,958	-	86,805	25,301
Net of receipts/(payments)	13,832	- 13,613	-	219	14,485
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	25,284	7,492	-	32,776	-
Cash funds this year end	39,116	- 6,121	-	32,995	14,485

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Bank	39,116	- 6,121	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	39,116	- 6,121	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Debtor Trees for Cities	Public tree planting	39,920	-
	Debtor National Trust - March salaries	UFA	4,119	-
	Debtor Woodland Trust - support for meeting	Donations	100	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
				-

Birmingham Tree People

Charity Number: 1190536

{Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

2nd July 2024

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Birmingham Tree People
Charity number: 1190536
Charity's operating address: 32 Somerset Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B20 2JD

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Appointed	Retired
1	Tonia Clark	Chair	23 July 2020	
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3	Simon Needle	Trustee	23 July 2020	
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5	Deanne Brettle	Trustee	21 Oct 2021	
6	James Tucker	Trustee	15 Feb 2023	
7	Ian McDermott	Trustee	27 April 2023	
8	Julianne Statham	Trustee	18 January 2024	
9	Lawrence Weston	Trustee	18 January 2024	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

Name ***Address & Postcode***

Bank: Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected at a Trustees meeting. Local people who regularly attend BTP urban forest volunteer training are considered.

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

Birmingham Tree People aims to plant, promote and protect trees in Birmingham. We provide free monthly training and organise activities. We are also a registered training centre for the Skills Education Group Level 2 in Arboriculture.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

What the charity does: Education/training Environment/conservation/heritage.

Who the charity helps: People in Birmingham.

How the charity helps: Provides Advocacy/advice/information.

Where the charity operates: Birmingham.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

This has been a pivotal year for BTP with the appointment of our first member of staff, thanks to funding from the Urban Forest Accelerator project in partnership with the National Trust and funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund Trees Call for Action Fund. Katy Hawkins, our Engagement Worker, has worked with communities in

Nechells, Bromford and Firs and Hodge Hill to support them to plant trees in their neighbourhoods and then to maintain them. Thank you to Simon Needle who secured this funding for BTP's work.

The UFA funding also enabled us to take on a self-employed contractor, Charley McDermott, to provide communications services. She has delivered a monthly newsletter and has greatly increased our social media presence.

Our close working with the National Trust also led to a visioning session for the BTP trustees facilitated by Vic Hopkins from Conquering Chaos. The trustees are reviewing the BTP mission and vision and developing objectives linked to the Urban Forest Master Plan.

Our City of Nature funded contractor, Justine Marklew, finished her contract with us at the start of the year after some great work in Bordesley and Highgate to engage local people with trees in local parks. Justine also co-ordinated the tree planting that BTP committed to delivering for the Birmingham Trees for Life project. The remaining BTFL reserves were transferred from the Civic Trust to pay for this. We are incredibly grateful to the BTFL committee to trusting us to continue their legacy. A special thanks to Sue Griffith from BTFL who came along to BTP committee meetings to ensure that all the BTFL knowledge and wisdom was passed on.

Tree planting has been a large element of work this year. The BTFL plantings were finished and funding agreed from One Tree Planted and Trees for Cities to pay for 100 heavy standard trees in Nechells, Hodge Hill, Bromford and Firs, Newtown and Highters Heath to be planted in the winter of 2023/4. This was a huge amount of work and co-ordination was required between the BTP trustees, (a huge thank you to Ian McDermott who led on this), our staff and the City Council Tree Officers and tree contractors. There were several events with local people to plant the trees at which poems were read, songs sung, tree knowledge shared and trees decorated.

The trustees have been writing a tree planting strategy for the city which meets the objectives of the Urban Forest Master Plan and will help inform future tree planting both in terms of species selection and locations.

A new tree planting initiative has been launched this year by BTP. Called Treemembrance, it gives people the opportunity to pay for a memorial tree on City Council owned land. Trustee Julianne Statham co-ordinated this project and has so far

planted a tree for the Debt Justice campaign and is supporting several families with their memorial trees.

Tree surveying was also a busy area for BTP this year. There were two projects; the street tree survey continued and has been managed by trustee Nina Griffiths. She has trained more volunteers and in March, funding was secured from the West Midlands Combined Authority's Community Environment Fund to pay volunteer expenses and provide equipment and training. The second project was the itree project which was funded by the WMCA and in partnership with Treeconomics and Barton Hyatt. BTP's volunteers were trained and completed 450 plots within a couple of months.

The street tree survey has been supported by University of Birmingham students, Emily Bennett completed her student placement with the charity and Naya Desai has started her PhD on street trees. We are grateful to Deanne Brettle and Emma Ferranti for supporting these students in their work with BTP.

Trustee, Deanne Brettle, has also been leading on developing digital tree trails which are now on Treeplotter. These are being promoted to engage people across the city with trees in their local parks.

Monthly training has continued this year, led by Ian McDermott:

April - Biodiversity Net Gain online training session with Simon Needle

May - Biodiversity Net Gain practical session in Holders Lane Woods with Simon Needle

June - itree eco survey session

July - no session

August - Summer Social Sunday tree session at Winterbourne Gardens with presentation of certificates to the Level 2 Arboriculture students

September - street tree survey interim results - online session

October - trees in planning applications - online session with Simon Needle

November - Orchard pruning at Manor Farm Park

December - Highbury Park - conifer identification session

January - choosing a tree contractor - online session

February - Orchard pruning at Bromford and Firs with Open Door

March - Highbury Park - winter tree identification

Ian McDermott also co-ordinated the second Level 2 Arboriculture course which started in April 2023. Many thanks also to Steve Watson who delivered the Soils Module and Tonia Clark who led the Biology module. There are 8 students working their way this course which will finish in 2025. There is the possibility that we may be able to also run a Level 4 course and this is being developed.

There have been several promotional and other training activities undertaken during the year. Two sessions on trees have been run for the Eden Project Communities programme and talks given to the Calthorpe Residents Association and the Coventry Tree wardens group.

Projects for 2024-25 were also started during the year; the Tree Board, the Benjamin Zephaniah legacy forest and the Tree Cities of the World conference in June 2024 in Birmingham.

BTP is fortunate in having a group of dedicated, hard-working trustees and paid workers who have ambitious plans for the growth of the charity.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity aims to build up small reserves of 3 month's running costs to enable the payment of redundancy costs to our employee if these should be required. The reserves will also help to cover any funding gaps to enable the employee to be continuously employed.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):

Full Name(s):

Tonia Clark

Nina Griffiths

Position(s):


Chair

Trustee

Date:

18th July 2024

18th July 2024

 CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Birmingham Tree People		1190536	CC16a
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	For the period from	Saturday, April 01, 2023	To	

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Birmingham City Council		-	-	-	10,400
Veolia		-	-	-	-
itree survey	40,500	-	-	40,500	
Tree planting funding		12,810	-	12,810	
Trees for Cities	6,804	-	-	6,804	
Birmingham City of Nature		-	-	-	400
Centre for Sustainable Environment		-	-	-	5,200
Civic Society		-	-	-	8,000
Severn Trent		-	-	-	7,800
Western Power Distribution		-	-	-	600
Treemembrance	750	-	-	750	
donations to BTP	230	-	-	230	921
National Trust UFA		20,535	-	20,535	
Arb2 course fees	2,395	-	-	2,395	3,465
TreePlotter	-	3,000	-	3,000	3,000
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	50,679	36,345	-	87,024	39,786
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	50,679	36,345	-	87,024	39,786
A3 Payments					
staff payments	1,694		-	1,694	3,608

Arb 2 fees				-	2,000
itree survey	31,360			31,360	
Tree products		21,104		21,104	5,325
Equipment purchase				-	4,009
Sponsorship MTOA				-	500
National Trust UFA		24,654		24,654	
Skills Educ Group	1,404		-	1,404	840
Tree Council			-	-	175
Premises hire				-	246
website service	760		-	760	
Treeplotter software		4,200	-	4,200	8,250
Treemembrance	87			87	
accountancy fee	943		-	943	
Marketing	250			250	
insurance	348		-	348	348
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	36,847	49,958	-	86,805	25,301
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities				
			-	



**Independent
examiner's report on
the accounts**



**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Birmingham Tree People

On accounts for the period

From 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024

Charity no (if any)

11905366

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 01/04/2023 to 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Signed:

Andy Hopkins

Date:

10/07/2024

Name:

Andrew Hopkins

Address:

BVSC Accounting Services

Latham House, 33-34 Paradise Street

Birmingham B1 2AJ

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1190536

Accounts

Birmingham Tree People

Charity Number: 1190536

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

4th August 2023

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Birmingham Tree People

Charity number: **1190536**

Charity's operating address: 32 Somerset Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B20 2JD

Previously: 46 Highfield Rd, Bromsgrove B61 7BD, UK

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1	Tonia Clark	Chair	23 July 2020	
2	Stephen Watson	Treasurer	23 July 2020	
3	Simon Needle	Trustee	23 July 2020	
4	Ian McDermott	Trustee	23 July 2020	2 Feb 2022
5	Brian Spratt	Trustee	23 July 2020	4 Nov 2021
6	Sarah Fulford	Trustee	23 July 2020	21 Nov 2021
7	Nina Griffiths	Trustee	02 Feb 2021	
8	Deanne Brettle	Trustee	21 Oct 2021	
9	James Tucker	Trustee	15 Feb 2023	
10	Ian McDermott	Trustee	27 April 2023	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT	

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

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How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

Birmingham Tree People aims to plant, promote and protect trees in Birmingham. We provide free monthly training and organise activities. We are also a registered training centre for the Skills Education Group Level 2 in Arboriculture.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects

What the charity does: Education/training Environment/conservation/heritage.

Who the charity helps: The General Public/mankind.

How the charity helps: Provides Advocacy/advice/information.

Where the charity operates: Birmingham City.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

Chair's Report BTP 2022-23

Since the first training session in Kings Heath Park House in 2016, Birmingham TreePeople has grown in volunteer numbers and activities and in 2020 we decided to become a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

The purpose of BTP is to promote, plant and protect trees and we do this in several ways:

by training volunteer treepeople to look after their local trees at free, monthly training sessions which are delivered in person and virtually. We have started to use the Horticultural Centre at Winterbourne Gardens which gives us access to the excellent arboretum there.

by surveying newly planted street trees we are building a comprehensive picture of the survival rates of young trees. This work has continued with over 750 trees entered onto Treeplotter. An analysis of the data was completed and presented at the Municipal Tree Officers Association conference in December 2022.

by working with Birmingham City Council to deliver the Birmingham Urban Forest Master Plan.

By delivering a Level 2 Arboriculture course which is an Ofqual-regulated qualification awarded by Skills and Education Group Awards. The first course ran successfully from April 2021 to March 23 and 7 students finished the course. The second course started in April 2023 with 12 students.

By taking part in events that promote trees. We attended events and volunteers gave a variety of talks at community events. We also worked with Kier to develop a 'Please water me tag' to go on every newly planted street tree to encourage local residents to water the tree during the summer.

By taking on the tree planting legacy from Birmingham Trees for Life. This was a project of the Civic Society and after 100,000 trees planted BTFL handed over their planting programme to BTP. We are honoured to take on this work and are looking to increase the number of larger trees planted in the city.

The last year saw an increase in our work as trees became more prominent in national and local government agendas as part of the climate crisis response. We have been well placed with a strong and skilled committee to make the most of these opportunities and we have shown that we are able to deliver services using volunteers.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):





Full Name(s):

Tonia Clark

Simon Needle

Position(s):

Chair

Trustee

Date:

14th December 2023

14th December 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01 April 2022

To

31 March 2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Birmingham City Council	10,400	-	-	10,400	-
Veolia	-	-	-	-	-
itree survey	-	-	-	-	14,500
Birmingham Trees for Life	-	-	-	-	3,000
donations to Patchwork Meadow	-	-	-	-	20
Birmingham City of Nature	400	-	-	400	-
Centre for Sustainable Environment	5,200	-	-	5,200	-
Civic Society	-	8,000	-	8,000	-
Severn Trent	7,800	-	-	7,800	-
Western Power Distribution	600	-	-	600	-
book sales	-	-	-	-	-
donations to BTP	921	-	-	921	600
Arb2 course fees	100	-	-	100	1,778
Arb2 course fees 2023-25	3,365	-	-	3,365	-
TreePlotter	-	3,000	-	3,000	9,000
Transfer of funds from predecessor organisation	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,786	11,000	-	39,786	28,898
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,786	11,000	-	39,786	28,898
A3 Payments					
staff payments	-	3,608	-	3,608	10,462
Arb 2 tutor fees	-	-	-	-	300
Arb 2 tutor fees	2,000	-	-	2,000	600
TreeEconomics	-	-	-	-	10,950
Tree products	5,325	-	-	5,325	-
Equipment purchase	4,009	-	-	4,009	-
Sponsorship MTOA	500	-	-	500	-
M&A Treecare itree	-	-	-	-	1,200
hi vis jackets (through Sylvanus)	-	-	-	-	567
Leaflets (through T Clark)	-	-	-	-	147
Meadow in my Garden	-	-	-	-	373
Skills Educ Group	840	-	-	840	578
Tree Council	175	-	-	175	175
Premises hire	246	-	-	246	108
website service	-	-	-	-	-
Treeplotter software	8,250	-	-	8,250	9,960
accountancy fee	-	-	-	-	420
insurance	348	-	-	348	348
Patchwork Meadow	-	-	-	-	231
Sub total	21,693	3,608	-	25,301	36,419
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	21,693	3,608	-	25,301	36,419
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,093	7,392	-	14,485	- 7,521
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	18,191	100	-	18,291	-
Cash funds this year end	25,284	7,492	-	32,776	- 7,521

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	Details			
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	



Birmingham Tree People	1190536
Receipts and payments accounts	
For the period from	Friday, April 01, 2022
To	###

Section A Receipts and payments

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donations to Patchwork Meadow	-	-	-	-	20
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Severn Trent	7,800	-	-	7,800	-
Western Power Distribution	600	-	-	600	-
book sales	-	-	-	-	-
donations to BTP	921	-	-	921	600
Arb2 course fees	100	-	-	100	1,778
Arb2 course fees 2023-25	3,365	-	-	3,365	-
TreePlotter	-	3,000	-	3,000	9,000
Transfer of funds from predecessor organisation	-	-	-	-	-
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	Total cash funds	25,284	7,492	-
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Birmingham Tree People

On accounts for the period

From 01/04/2022 to 31/03/2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

11905366

Set out on pages

Attached pages 1 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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Signed:

Andrew Hopkins

Date:

13/12/2023

Name:

Andrew Hopkins

Address:

BVSC Accounting Services

First Floor, Livery Place, 35 Livery Street

Birmingham B3 2PB

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1190536

Accounts

Birmingham Tree People

Charity Number: 1190536

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

19th October 2022

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Birmingham Tree People

Charity number: 1190536

Charity's operating address: 32 Somerset Road
Handsworth
Birmingham
B20 2JD

Previously: 46 Highfield Rd, Bromsgrove B61 7BD, UK

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity (Add extra rows as required)

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1	Tonia Clark	Chair	23 July 2020	
2	Stephen Watson	Treasurer	23 July 2020	
3	Simon Needle	Trustee	23 July 2020	
4	Ian McDermott	Trustee	23 July 2020	2 Feb 2022
5	Brian Spratt	Trustee	23 July 2020	4 Nov 2021
6	Sarah Fulford	Trustee	23 July 2020	21 Nov 2021
7	Nina Griffiths	Trustee	02 Feb 2021	
8	Deanne Brettle	Trustee	21 Oct 2021	

Names & Addresses of Advisors

<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
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Bank: Lloyds Bank, Box 1, BX1 1LT

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Trustee Selection Methods: Trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting. Local people who regularly attend BTP tree warden training are considered.

How New Trustees are Inducted and Trained: Prospective trustees are asked to attend a meeting before they commit. They meet with the Chair who explains the history and the role of the charity.

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document

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What the charity does: Education/training Environment/conservation/heritage.

Who the charity helps: The General Public/mankind.

How the charity helps: Provides Advocacy/advice/information.

Where the charity operates: Birmingham City.

Achievements & Performance

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity for the Year – Chair's Report

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This year has seen our work increase and change as we came out of the pandemic and as more interest has been taken in trees as a mitigation for the climate emergency.

Our core purpose is to promote, plant and protect trees and this year we have done this by:

Training tree wardens - our monthly sessions were mainly online but from April 2022 more face to face sessions have been organised. They have covered tree biology, tree equity and pests and diseases, amongst many other topics.

Surveying street trees - our progress on this project continues and we now have 20 surveyors and have completed 700 trees. There have been many training sessions and on site sessions and we are now planning to survey all the newly planted street trees in Nechells ward. Every time a surveyor inspects trees they check the health of the tree and report back to the Council any problems. This has resulted in unstable or dead trees being removed. The inspections are being logged on TreePlotterTM which allows for analysis using many factors.

Urban Forest Master Plan - The UFMP has been completed and launched to great acclaim with the Birmingham Cabinet Member invited to speak at the UN about the Plan. There was significant national publicity and awareness of our work was heightened among other tree professionals. The key performance indicators in the Plan will now be used to monitor the progress towards the goals outlined in the Plan.

Tree Planting - The tree committee of the Civic Trust, called Birmingham Trees for Life, has disbanded and their tree planting programme has moved over to Birmingham Tree People. We are in the planning stage for the November 22 to March 23 planting season. We are using the Treeplotter™ canopy tool to decide where to plant trees as it shows us the areas where there is tree inequity. The next stage is to 'ground truth' these areas to identify planting plots.

Level 2 Arboriculture - the first course is nearing completion and 8 students remain on the course. We are planning to start another course in April 2023 as it has been so successful.

City of Nature - we are a key partner in the City of Nature alliance which seeks to increase biodiversity and to help the city adapt to the climate emergency. We attend meetings and have run a training course for new tree wardens in Bordesley and Highgate. We are planning some family events for Autumn 2022.

Tree events - we have been part of numerous events during the year. We supported Ecofest at the Midlands Arts Centre in September, the Climate Protest in November and delivered a session at the West Midlands Combined Authority's Greener Together Forum.

We have been sad to lose tree trustees this year, two due to pressure of work and one because of concerns about our membership of the Tree Council. We have been pleased to welcome Deanne Brettle as a new trustee this year.

The trustees held a planning meeting in November to devise a strategy for the year and we are gradually working towards this. Our goal is to employ some staff to give us the capacity to deliver on our objectives. We achieve an enormous amount due to the drive and dedication of our volunteer trustees; however, we cannot take this for granted.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The charity does not intend to build up reserves as there are no employees and no capital assets to maintain.

Details of Any Funds Materially in Deficit

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Guarantee Given by the CIO

None

Particulars of Any Outstanding Debt

None

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): Tonia Clark

Stephen Watson

Position(s): Chair

Treasurer

Date: 30th Jan 2023

30th Jan 2023



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Thursday, April 01, 2021	To	Thursday, March 31, 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Birmingham City Council		-	-	-	22,000
Veolia		-	-	-	618
itree survey	14,500			14,500	-
Birmingham Trees for Life	3,000			3,000	2,000
donations to Patchwork Meadow	20			20	110
book sales					6
donations to BTP	600			600	-
Arb2 course fees	1,778			1,778	3,015
TreePlotter		9,000		9,000	-
Transfer of funds from predecessor organisation					9,807
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,898	9,000	-	28,898	37,556
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	19,898	9,000	-	28,898	37,556
A3 Payments					
staff payments	10,462			10,462	-
Peter Ashton leaflet design					50
Arb 2 tutor fees	300			300	
Arb 2 tutor fees	600			600	
TreeConomics		10,950		10,950	10,950
M&A Treecare itree	1,200			1,200	
hi vis jackets (through Sylvanus)	567			567	
Leaflets (through T Clark)	147			147	
Meadow in my Garden	373			373	144
Skills Educ Group	578			578	600
Tree Council	175			175	-
Premises hire (Spring Housing)	108			108	
website service					-
Treeplogger software	960	9,000		9,960	-
accountancy fee	420			420	-
insurance	348			348	-
Patchwork Meadow	231			231	-
Sub total	16,469	19,950	-	36,419	11,744
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	16,469	19,950	-	36,419	11,744
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,429	-10,950	-	-7,521	25,812
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,762	11,050	-	25,812	-
Cash funds this year end	18,191	100	-	18,291	25,812

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds bank	18,191	100	-

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	-	-	-
Total cash funds	18,191	100	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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Unrestricted funds to nearest £ **Restricted funds** to nearest £ **Endowment funds** to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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		-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
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		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Tonia Clark	30/01/23
	Steve Watson	30/01/23

**Independent
 examiner's
 report on
 the
 accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
 members of** Birmingham Tree People

On accounts for the period	From 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022	Charity no (if any)	11905366
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Signed:  **Date:** 30/01/2023

Name: Jasbir k Rai

**Relevant professional
 qualification(s) or body
 (if any):** ACMA

Address:	BVSC Accounting Services
	138 Digbeth
	Birmingham B5 6DR

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

BIRMINGHAM TREE PEOPLE

England & Wales - Charity number 1190536

Accounts

Birmingham Tree People

Charity Number: 190536

{For Charitable Incorporated Organisation}

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1 July 2020 to 31 March 2021

9th November 2021



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Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s): Tonia Clark

Full Name(s): Tonia Clark

Position(s): Chair

Date: 3.12.21

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Treasurer
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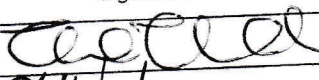

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			-	-
			-	-

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			-	

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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	TOMIA CLARK	3-12-21
	STEPHEN WATSON	5 12 21

Birmingham Tree People

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	STEPHEN WATSON	5 12 21



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**On accounts for the
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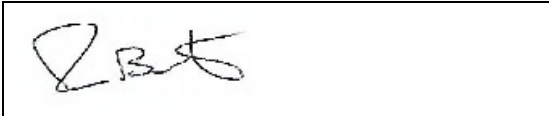
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Signed:  **Date:** 6 December 2021

Name: P Bowater

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):** ACA

Address: BVSC Accounting Services
138 Digbeth
Birmingham B5 6DR

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