

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
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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

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

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

BTP support our aims: by training volunteer tree wardens to look after their local trees at free, monthly training sessions which became virtual in 2020. We were initially funded by the City Council to deliver these sessions, but when their funding ended we were successful in an Awards for All Lottery bid. We are privileged to have Ian MacDermott and Simon Needle as our principal trainers.

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 TreeplotterTM 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 Brettelle 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.

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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):		
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Full Name(s):	Tonia Clark	Stephen Watson
Position(s):	Chair	Treasurer
Date:	30 th Jan 2023	30 th Jan 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birmingham Tree People	1190536

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

	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Total cash funds	18,191	100	-

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

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Unrestricted
funds

to nearest £

OK

Restricted
funds

to nearest £

OK

Endowment
funds

to nearest £

B2 Other monetary assets

Details

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	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-

B3 Investment assets

Details

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

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details



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

B5 Liabilities

Details

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Set out on pages

Attached pages 1 to 8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the period from 01/04/2021 to 31/03/2022.

**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.

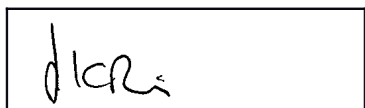
**Independent
examiner's
statement**

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:

- 1* accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 2* 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: 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
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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.

