

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

Reference & Administration Details

Charity name: Birmingham Tree People
Charity number: 1190536
Charity's operating address: Kings Heath Park House
Kings Heath Park
Vicarage Road
Birmingham
B14 7TQ

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Appointed	Retired
1	Tonia Clark	Trustee	23 July 2020	22 October 2025
2	Stephen Watson	Trustee	23 July 2020	20 February 2025
3	Simon Needle	Trustee	23 July 2020	20 February 2025
4	Nina Griffiths	Trustee	02 Feb 2021	
5	Deanne Brettle	Trustee	21 Oct 2021	
6	James Tucker	Trustee	15 Feb 2023	
7	Ian McDermott	Trustee	27 April 2023	20 February 2025
8	Julianne Statham	Trustee	18 January 2024	
9	Lawrence Weston	Trustee	18 January 2024	
10	Samantha Dobbie	Trustee	21 November 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 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):



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	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	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
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
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 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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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf

		-	
Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



**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

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