

Dream for Trees

Annual Report 2024–2025

Charity Registration Number: 1194456

Reporting Period: 1 March 2024 – 31 March 2025

1. Executive Summary

Organisational Summary

Dream for Trees is a UK environmental charity, founded in 2021 in response to the climate emergency, particularly urban air pollution, decreasing insect populations and rising temperatures. Our mission is to improve urban biodiversity and community wellbeing by creating dense, native mini-forests inspired by the Miyawaki method.

Mini forests can be planted on even small plots and are co-created with local schools, communities, and businesses to promote environmental education and citizenship. They enhance air quality, provide shade, improve flood resilience and create thriving habitats for wildlife.

Future Plans

By 2030, we aim to have planted at least 130,000 trees nationally and have an annual income exceeding £50,000. During this reporting period (1 March 2024 – 31 March 2025), our focus was on:

- Expanding our portfolio of mini-forest sites
- Continuing engagement with educational partners
- Strengthening financial sustainability and operations.

Financial Summary

- Total income for the year: £10,050
- Total expenditure for the year: £3,020.05
- Surplus for the year: £7,029.95



Our primary source of income was a generous £10,000 donation from Mishcon de Reya in February 2025, which enabled planting activity and operational continuity.

2. About the Organisation

History

Founded in 2021 by three North London parents, Dream for Trees was created to ensure that children in urban areas experience the benefits of micro-forests. Our inaugural planting season (2021–2022) saw c.10,000 trees planted across four sites, including Camden School for Girls, Parliament Hill School, The Grove (Thames Water) and Hitchin Green Belt.

Vision, Mission, Values

- **Vision:** Greener, healthier, happier urban areas with increased biodiversity and community engagement.
- **Mission:** Transform urban spaces into biodiverse mini-forests using native tree species.
- **Values:** Sustainability, innovation, action, collaboration.

Why We Plant Mini Forests

Urban temperatures are rising faster than rural areas, making dense urban planting crucial. The Miyawaki method maximises tree growth, carbon capture, and biodiversity through dense, multi-layered planting. Typical tree growth is 1 metre per year with a 90% survival rate.

Impact on Communities

- Reduces urban heat and improves air quality
- Supports biodiversity through habitat creation
- Enhances flood resilience
- Provides educational and wellbeing benefits
- Promotes environmental awareness and citizenship

Current Capacity

- Operated by four trustees, part-time staff, and volunteers
- Main challenges: site selection, volunteer coordination, funding, landowner negotiation

- Legal status: Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered in May 2021, Charity number 1194456

3. Operational Plan

March 2024–March 2025 Milestones

In the reporting period (March 2024 - March 2025), Dream for Trees set out to deliver the following outcomes:

Outcome	Milestone	Timescale
Expand portfolio of mini forest sites	Minimum 15 sites nationwide	March 2025
Increase annual income	Secure min. £75,000	March 2025

Resources

- Tree planting equipment owned
- Free saplings from Protect Earth
- Pro bono legal support from Mishcon de Reya
- IT and tree planting expertise accessed as needed

See **Section 5 Impact & Planting** for outcomes delivered.

See **Section 7 Risk Map & Forward Look** for projected outcomes for next reporting period.

4. People, Management, Governance

Trustees

- Ben Cooper KC (Chair)
- Jessica Simor KC

- Katrin McMillan
- Emily Faint
- Olivia Mould

Volunteers & Staff

- Volunteers provide skills in project management, planting, maintenance, and fundraising.
- Note: Recruitment processes for Charity Director were underway across this reporting period. A successful appointment was made following this reporting period in August 2025 Kate Shanahan, for operational leadership.

Key Advisors

- Dan Pearson OBE, landscape designer
- Tabi Jackson Gee, horticulturist & journalist
- Legal support: Mishcon de Reya
- Website development: Mishcon de Reya (as of January 2026)

5. Impact & Plantings (1 March 2024 – 31 March 2025)

Planting Breakdown

Site	Type	Partner	Number of Trees	Location	Completion
UWE Atlantic College	International School Sixth Form	UWC Atlantic College	2,000	Wales	March 2025

Financial Summary (Receipts & Payments)

Receipts (Income)

- Donations & gifts: £10,050
- Grants: £0
- Fundraising income: £0
- Other income: £0
- Bank interest: £0

- **Total Receipts:** £10,050

Payments (Expenditure)

- Website hosting & IT costs: £140
- Professional fees: £0
- Charitable activities: £2,880.05
- Other costs: £0
- **Total Payments:** £3,020.05

Surplus for the Year: £7,029.95

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

- Cash at bank: £33,917.09
- Other assets: £0
- Total assets: £33,917.09
- Liabilities: £0
- **Net Assets:** £33,917.09

Notes to the Accounts

- Accounting basis: Receipts and payments in accordance with Charities Act 2011
- £10,000 donation from Mishcon de Reya (28 Feb 2025)
- £563.83 spent on tree saplings by Trustee Jessica Simor (5 Mar 2025)

6. Cost & Income Structure

- Fixed costs: website hosting (£10.80 / month)
 - Variable costs: Planting costs, up to £8,000 per site
 - Income derived entirely from donations during this period
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7. Risk Map & Forward Look (Post-31 March 2025)

Future Plantings & Projects

Site	Partner	Trees	Location	Planned Completion
Thornton Grove School Series (1–6)	Primary School Academy Trust	6000	Hailsham, East Sussex	2027
UWE Atlantic College 3-6	Sixth Form Site	4000	Wales	2027
Royal Holloway	Campus Ecosystem Programmes	3,000	London	2027
UWE Thailand Mangrove Nursery	International Schools	1,000	Phuket	2026
Sussex University	Campus Ecosystem Programmes	3,000	South East England	2027
Roehampton College	Campus Ecosystem Programmes	3,000	London	2027
Pitfield flower barn	Flower farm	1,500	South East England	2026
Tras-O-Montes rewilding	Private land restoration	3,000	Portugal	2027

Risk Management

- Governance: Conflict of interest policy, trustee succession planning
- External: Maintaining unique proposition amid competitive funding landscape
- Regulatory: Compliance with Charity Commission requirements
- Financial: Diversifying funding streams
- Operational: Volunteer management and extreme weather mitigation

Prepared for the Charity Commission

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Receipts and Payments Account

For the year ended 31 March 2025

RECEIPTS (Income)

Donations and gifts	£10,050
Grants	£0
Fundraising income	£0
Other income	£0
Bank interest received	£0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	£10,050

PAYMENTS (Expenditure)

Website hosting and IT costs	£140
Professional fees	£0
Charitable activities costs	2880.05

Other costs	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	£3020.05

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR **£7029.95**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets	
Cash at bank	33917.09
Other assets	£0
Total Assets	£33917.09
Liabilities	
Creditors (unpaid bills)	£0
Other liabilities	£0
Total Liabilities	£0.00
NET ASSETS	£33917.09



Dream for Trees

Plant a small forest, heal our climate, grow a legacy

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

Accounting basis

These accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Additional notes

- £10,000 donation from Law Firm Mischon de Reya, 28/2/25
- £563.83 payment Trustee Jessica Simor purchased tree saplings 5/3/25

Approved by the trustees on: 24/01/2026

Signed: _____



Trustee name: _____ Jessica Simor _____

Signed: _____



Trustee name: _____ Olivia Mould _____