

The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust

Trustees' Report & Annual Accounts

For the year ended

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## **The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust**

### **Trustees Annual Report for the period**

**6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

### **Reference and administration details**

The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust is registered as charity number 297982 on the Charity Commission's register. It is also known as BRT.

Charity's principal address

The Old Rectory  
Waterstock  
Oxfordshire OX33 1JR

website: [www.thebrt.org](http://www.thebrt.org)

Trustees

Rodney Portman  
Nick Foster  
Louise Cooke  
Rosalind Portman

### **Structure, governance and management**

The charity was set up under a trust deed dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 1987.

The trustees are appointed by existing trustees.

Other than through the services of a part-time administrator, the charity is managed on a wholly voluntary basis by the trust

### **Objectives and activities**

The objects of the charity are set out in the epitome of the trust deed:

'The Trustees shall stand possessed of the Trust fund and the income thereof UPON TRUST to pay or apply or cause to be paid or applied at such time or times and in such manner as the Trustees shall in their discretion think fit the income and if and insofar as the Trustees shall think fit the capital of the Trust fund in or towards:

- i) The relief of poverty by promoting tree planting and effective tree management internationally as means of combating land erosion and degradation, rural poverty and ecological and environmental deterioration, and
- ii) The advancement of education in the importance of the role of forestry and in tree planting and tree management, and
- iii) The general purposes of such Charitable Bodies or for such other purposes as shall be exclusively charitable as the Trustees may from time to time decide.'

The charity is currently funded entirely through private sector support from individuals, charitable trusts and companies. Fund raising is carried out through an annual newsletter sent to supporters and periodic fund raising activities such as concerts.

Projects are undertaken in partnership with both NGOs (Non Governmental Organisations) and other entities both in the UK and abroad which become responsible for employing project staff. The Indian project involves community forestry and extensive reforestation and conservation work. In the UK, the focus is on outdoors educational work to give children interaction with the natural world and especially those living in cities and urban areas. The Trust promotes Forest School and supports individual primary and Special Needs schools to develop sites within their own school grounds. Another UK initiative is support by the Trust of an ongoing programme to revive Elm tree planting and research into Dutch Elm Disease alongside the search for immune tree stock from which to propagate saplings.

### **Achievement and performance**

£37,090 (2020: £8,630) was raised from donations including £16,100 (2020: £nil) donated as restricted funds for specific projects.

### **Financial review**

The charity held cash balances as at 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 of £51,005 (2020 £19,630). At that date, commitments to existing projects over future years amounted to £36,000 (2020 £28,000).

The trustees recognise that the nature of projects which BRT supports requires contributions to be made to beneficiaries over a number of years, typically three to five years. It is inappropriate to try to raise all the required funding prior to commencing the support and in consequence the trustees do not enter into any legally binding commitments with beneficiaries. The trustees endeavour to hold cash reserves equating to the funding commitments for the following six to twelve months.

### **Declaration**

**The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.**

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Rodney Portman  
(Chairman)

27 September 2021

**Independent examiner's report on the accounts  
to the trustees of The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust  
(Charity number 297982)**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 5<sup>th</sup> April 2021, which are set out on pages 4 to 5.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 43 of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statements below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:
  - proper accounting records are kept in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
  - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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W.S. Gregg (FCA)  
3rd Floor, One London Square, Cross Lanes, Guildford, GU1 1UN

27 September 2021

**The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust****Receipts and payments accounts****For the period from 6th April 2020 to 5th April 2021**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Donations	20,990	16,100	-	37,090	8,630
Bank interest	7	-	-	7	20
Tax reclaimed	224	-	-	224	186
	21,221	16,100	-	37,321	8,836
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	21,221	16,100	-	37,321	8,836
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Project expenditure	400	5,100	-	5,500	3,191
Newsletter	59	-	-	59	1,065
Administrative	236	-	-	236	488
Bank charges	116	-	-	116	97
Website design & maintenance	-	-	-	-	4,236
Subscriptions	35	-	-	35	-
IT maintenance & support	-	-	-	-	48
	846	5,100	-	5,946	9,125
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	846	5,100	-	5,946	9,125
Net receipts for the year	20,375	11,000	-	31,375	(289)
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	19,630	-	-	19,630	19,919
Cash funds this year end	40,005	11,000	-	51,005	19,630

**The Berkeley Reafforestation Trust**

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>					
Bank accounts	40,005	11,000	-	51,005	19,630
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	-	-	-	-	-