

THE TREE REGISTER OF THE BRITISH ISLES (Registered charity no 801565)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The Tree Register of The British Isles (TROBI) is a registered charity number 801565. Its trustees are Colin Hall (Chairman), The Earl of Rosse, Lady Arabella Lennox Boyd, Maurice Foster, Jim Gardiner, Rupert Eley, Tony Kirkham MBE, Jill Butler, Roy Lancaster CBE and Thomas Pakenham. Trustees are recruited through personal recommendations.

The director of the Charity is David Alderman, the Registrar is Dr Owen Johnson MBE and the Secretary is Pamela Stevenson. Its address is 77a Hall End Road, Wootton, Bedfordshire, MK43 9HL. Its website is www.treeregister.org. The Charity is managed by the Director, Registrar and Secretary.

The objective of the Charity is to maintain a database or register of information on notable trees growing in Britain and Ireland, thereby promoting and informing an interest in the natural world to the public benefit. Its aim is to include every tree which is exceptional for its size, age, historical associations or rarity. Data on over 250,000 trees are recorded on the register. The Charity maintains the definitive list of where to find the largest and tallest “champion” trees, with over 72,000 trees accessible on line.

Fortunately the covid pandemic and lockdowns have not adversely affected the Charity although there was less volunteer activity. In 2020, new data or updated data was recorded on 140 champion trees by Owen Johnson and other volunteers. Data on many other trees was recorded or updated. The Charity during 2020 continued to work with its partners, the Ancient Yew Group, The Woodland Trust and the European Champion Tree Forum. The Blue Label project continued to be promoted to landowners and managers for the labelling of Champion trees promoting the Tree Register.

In 2020, the trustees launched an appeal to raise funds for a Bursary in memory of Vicky Schilling who died in late 2019. Vicky Schilling was one of the joint founders of the Charity and the central figure in the formative years of the Tree Register. The appeal raised over £12,000. The objective of the Bursary is to provide grants towards travel and subsistence expenses for projects that support the work of the Charity.

The Charity’s unrestricted income derives mainly from members’ subscriptions and donations from supporters, the latter of which can fluctuate from year to year. In 2020, unrestricted income exceeded expenditure by £1177. The Charity’s general reserves constitute approximately two years expenditure, which the trustees consider prudent.

October 2021

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AUDITORS REPORT AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2020

I have audited the Statement of Accounts which are in accordance with the records maintained, prepared and produced by the Society as required under the provisions of Charity Commission of Great Britain.

In my opinion the attached Statement of Accounts give a true and fair view of the operation of the society as at 31st December, 2020 as well as the movement of funds during the year.

The COIF Investment showed better result and Trustees are correct in keeping their faith in the investment.



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31st March, 2021

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR 12 months ended 31st December 2020

12 MONTHS Dec' 19			12 MONTHS Dec' 20
	INCOME		
10785	DONATIONS		3504
10052	SUBSCRIPTION		13843
3905	FUND RAISING		5410
360	BLUE LABEL SCHEME		370
201	INTEREST INCOME		185
976	DIVIDEND		995
	TOTAL INCOME		
26279		24307	
	EXPENDITURE		
884	MEASURING EXPENSES		447
107	PC CONSUMABLES		452
7295	INTERNET / DATABASE DEVELOPMENT		7678
500	E MEMBERSHIP		500
1648	NEWSLETTER		1654
535	PRINTING & STATIONERY		631
1047	POSTAGE		1204
688	TELEPHONE & BROADBAND		725
400	AUDIT FEE		400
0	TROBI MEETINGS		415
1100	SECRETARIAL		1100
1080	REGISTRAR		1080
5600	DIRECTOR		5600
1016	EURO FORUM / ECTF		0
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1452	BLUE LABEL SCHEME		653
0	PUBLIC RELATIONS (5 YEAR PLANS)		0
317	SUNDRY EXPENSES(Incl. Insurance)		591
0	P C HARDWARE		0
	TOTAL EXPENSES		
23669		23130	
2610	NET SURPLUS / - DEFICIT FOR THE PERIOD		1177
	Vicky Schilling Bursary receipts		12408
108	Book Sales Profit/ (Loss)		99
5078	Gain (Loss) on Investment(at market value)		2255
42144	SURPLUS BROUGHT FORWARD		49940
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		REPRESENTED BY :-	
20490		COMPUTER -- COST	20490
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	0	COMPUTER -- NET BOOK VALUE	0
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		VICKY SCHILLING BURSARY	12408
37561		INVESTMENT	39813
6826	44386		
	5554	BANK BALANCE (Includes Petty cash of 487.12)	13658
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