

**Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 5 April 2018  
for  
FUTURE TREES TRUST**

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# **FUTURE TREES TRUST**

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## **FUTURE TREES TRUST**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2018**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2018. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

##### **Objectives and aims**

To promote and commission improvements in hardwood forestry in the UK and Ireland and, in particular, research into growing and improvement of British and Irish broad leaved species through collections, trials and the distribution of tested seed and scion material for wider public benefit and the dissemination of the useful results of such work.

To advance the education of the public in the work of the Future Trees Trust and in sustainable forest and woodland management. Sustainable forest and woodland management is used in the context of development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

The British and Irish Hardwoods Improvement Programme (re-named Future Trees Trust in September 2011) began in 1992 as a cooperative linkage between scientists both from British and Irish universities, from the Forestry Commission and the Irish Forestry Services (Coford) and between British and Irish landowners and professionals in all sectors of the industry. Its aim is to carry out the long term scientific research, trials and testing as required to select and develop the best adaptive and productive genetic traits of the principal hardwood species common throughout the woods of Great Britain and Ireland. Aspects of vigour, form and disease resistance need to be considered, with seven hardwood species selected for the work. These are Oak, Ash, Wild Cherry, Sweet Chestnut, Birch, Sycamore and Walnut. Different scientific approaches were tested and the best ways were proven of selecting superior trees as breeding stock, creating databases of them, carrying out provenance trials and establishing seed orchards that will yield improved planting stock for future physical and socio-economic environments.

The timescale is 10 to 20 years of continuous monitoring and refining before better material can become widely available. Future Trees Trust has established the disciplines and the procedures to ensure that best possible outcomes in the shortest possible timescale. Ireland's scientific and development work is complementary and it was agreed that a twin country approach would achieve the most rapid development and avoid duplication of effort. This is now proving effective and most productive.

Future Trees Trust undertakes tree improvement and selection activities in the major temperate hardwood species grown in Great Britain and Ireland in stem volume, wood quality and disease resistance. In addition, this results in significant improvements in resilience of these trees to climate change and carbon sequestration, amongst others, with rapid dissemination of information and technologies.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Future Trees Trust enjoyed another successful and busy year, with our oak, birch and sweet chestnut species groups being particularly active. Our work as a partner in the Living Ash Project came to an end this year.

By far the most significant event in 2017/18 was the award of a £536,000 grant, for a four year period, from the Patsy Wood Trust to create two new full-time roles - a Head of Research and a Research Assistant - and to part-fund student placements and PhDs to ensure a succession of our work into the future. This transformative grant will enable us to employ Dr Jo Clark as our Head of Research. Jo is a long-time member of Future Trees Trust, who, for the last few years, has been working one day a week for us, funded by the Patsy Wood Trust (and previously by Tubex). Jo started in her new role in October 2018. As we received this grant in 2017/18 but will start using the funding provided in 2018/19, this significant income has skewed our income : expenditure ratio this year considerably. Additionally, several research projects planned for 2017/18 were effectively put on hold pending the appointment of Jo Clark as full-time Head of Research, This too has had an impact on our income : expenditure ratio.

Once again we have been commissioned by Woodland Trust to undertake a further desk study into securing sustainable sources of seed for another species identified as being of potential significance to future foresters - hornbeam. This piece of work has marked an important achievement in our development and demonstrates that other organisations recognise our expertise in this area. We are very proud and pleased to be working in partnership with the UK's most recognisable woodland charity.

## **FUTURE TREES TRUST**

### **Report of the Trustees for the year ended 5 April 2018**

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

We have committed extensive resources to the National Tree Improvement Strategy (NTIS), the sector-wide initiative to engage all stakeholders involved in both conifer and broadleaf tree improvement, in order to identify the research challenges, how to resolve them and how to secure the funding to do so. Our co-chairs Graham Taylor and Geraint Richards, also co-chair the NTIS Steering Group. Funding for the initiative has come from Forestry Commission and from a long-time and much valued supporter, Mr Henry Hoare. We produced a Strategy Document and accompanying Action Plan and are making excellent progress towards achieving the objectives outlined within them.

In late 2017, we commissioned an independent charity consultant to review our structure and to recommend improvements. After exhaustive consultation with all the key personnel, his recommendations were presented at our May Management Committee meeting and, after some discussion, were adopted by the Committee. In summary, we were advised to recruit a new Board of Trustees with a wider skill-set. The new Board of Trustees will need to take on greater responsibility for the charity, to line manage our CEO (Tim Rowland) and to help create a strategic direction for the charity. It was recommended that our activities in Ireland become more self-sufficient and autonomous, with their own Board of Trustees and membership. Our CEO duly recruited new trustees and the new Board are due to meet in February 2019. Further details will be included in next year's Annual Report.

Our fundraising income was up on the previous year. As our woodlands become subject to ever more tree diseases, there is no doubt that increased public interest in the future health of the nation's trees has helped our cause considerably. We now have a rolling programme of supporter reporting - feeding back to all our donors about the impact their support has made to us. A mark of the popularity of this process is the number of repeat donations received last year.

We continue to invest in tree-improvement research and are grateful for the ongoing support of Forest Research, the Banister Charitable Trust, Mr Henry Hoare, the Nineveh Trust, the Patsy Wood Trust, the Finnis Scott Foundation, the Martin Wills Wildlife Fund, the H.B. Allen Charitable Trust, the John Spedan Lewis Foundation, the Dulverton Trust, Tilhill Forestry, Trees Please, the Frognal Trust, the Hamamelis Charitable Trust, Woodland Trust, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Teagasc Agriculture & Food Development Authority, and our many other donors, without whose long-term and sustained support, many of our successes would not have been possible.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The governing document is a Declaration of Trust dated 23 October 2003, as amended by a supplemental Trust Deed dated 24 February 2004. Trustees are appointed by the Trustees. Clause 9 (vi) specifies that all Trustees shall "work in consultation with the Management Committee of the Future Trees Trust in all fund raising matters and particularly concerning the selection of suitable Trustees, the appropriate number of Trustees and having regard to available talent within the voting membership of the Future Trees Trust."

##### **Related parties**

Future Trees Trust also operates in the Republic of Ireland under the name 'British & Irish Hardwood Trust' or 'BIHT'. The process of changing the charity's name in the Republic of Ireland from BIHT to Future Trees Trust is currently ongoing. BIHT is registered with the Irish Revenue Commissioners and has the charitable exemption number CHY 16229. BIHT receives support from the Irish government body the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (previously COFORD) and subsequently funds much of the charity's work in the Republic of Ireland in euros. Separate accounts are produced for BIHT in accordance with Irish charity legislation and guidelines. BIHT's accounts should be read in conjunction with Future Trees Trust's accounts.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **Registered Charity number**

1103202

**FUTURE TREES TRUST**

**Report of the Trustees  
for the year ended 5 April 2018**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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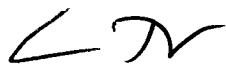
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on .....<sup>5th</sup> Dec 2018..... and signed on its behalf by:



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G Taylor - Trustee

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of  
Future Trees Trust**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Future Trees Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Future Trees Trust (the Trust) for the year ended 5 April 2018.

**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 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of which is one of the listed bodies

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date: 16 January 2019

# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 5 April 2018

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.18 Total funds £	5.4.17 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	103,149	235,813	338,962	202,252
Investment income	3	189	-	189	133
<b>Total</b>		103,338	235,813	339,151	202,385
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		41,868	-	41,868	32,300
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Scientific research and testing		14,783	98,131	112,914	110,831
Public education and lobbying to further charitable objectives		14,589	17,250	31,839	27,891
Other		7,288	-	7,288	8,582
<b>Total</b>		78,528	115,381	193,909	179,604
<b>NET INCOME</b>		24,810	120,432	145,242	22,781
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>		109,749	106,589	216,338	193,557
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		134,559	227,021	361,580	216,338

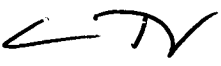
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# **FUTURE TREES TRUST**

## **Balance Sheet At 5 April 2018**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	5.4.18 Total funds £	5.4.17 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	8	-	1	1	1
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		139,486	229,803	369,289	224,584
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(4,927)	(2,783)	(7,710)	(8,247)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>134,559</u>	<u>227,020</u>	<u>361,579</u>	<u>216,337</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		<u>134,559</u>	<u>227,021</u>	<u>361,580</u>	<u>216,338</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u><u>134,559</u></u>	<u><u>227,021</u></u>	<u><u>361,580</u></u>	<u><u>216,338</u></u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	11				
Unrestricted funds				134,559	109,749
Restricted funds				<u>227,021</u>	<u>106,589</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u><u>361,580</u></u>	<u><u>216,338</u></u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

  
.....  
Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements



## **FUTURE TREES TRUST**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 5 April 2018**

#### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end date are noted as a commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Computer equipment	- 33% on cost
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##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

##### **Hire purchase and leasing commitments**

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

## FUTURE TREES TRUST

### Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

##### DONATIONS RECEIVED

	2018 £
29th May 1961 Charitable Trust	2,000
Ancient Tree Forum	400
Balney Trust	1,000
Bannister Charitable Trust	5,000
Barbara Whatmore Charitable Trust	2,000
Cecil Pilkington Charitable Trust	6,000
Chapman Trust	1,000
Cobb Charity	1,000
DEFRA	33,800
DG Albright Charitable Trust	1,000
Dulverton Trust	25,000
Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust	1,000
Esmond Harris	9,000
Forest Research	25,953
Forestry Commission	250
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000
HB Allen Charitable Trust	15,000
Hoare Trustees	10,000
Joseph Strong Frazer	1,000
Linley Wightman Shaw	2,000
Lord Faringdon Charitable Trust	2,000
Mabel Cooper Charity	1,000
N Smith Charitable Settlement	500
Nineveh Trust	5,000
Patsy Wood Trust	152,200
Pauline Meredith Trust	2,000
Peter Samuel Charitable Trust	1,000
Shanly Foundation	1,000
Sir Jeremiah Colman Gift Trust	500
Thoresby Charitable Trust	500
Torry Hill Chestnut Fencing Ltd	2,000
Trees Please	1,000
Truemark Trust	2,000
Whitaker Charitable Trust	1,000
Woodland Trust	1,302
Sundry other donations	3,557
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# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	5.4.18	5.4.17
	£	£
Deposit account interest	189	133

### 4. GRANTS PAYABLE

	5.4.18	5.4.17
	£	£
Scientific research and testing	112,914	110,831

	2018	2017
	£	£
Seed Stand Project	2,186	11,376
Earth Trust - Research Co-ordination	15,600	19,800
Chestnut Group	14,706	6,967
Sycamore Group	6,490	9,056
Birch Group	840	11,215
Oak Group	24,325	30,851
Walnut Group	445	4,625
Living Ash Project	11,302	1,621
Ash Group	-	4,488
NTIS	7,590	3,545
Sorbus	-	1,500
Breeding Strategy	-	3,071
Short Rotation Forestry Trial	-	1,626
PWT Legacy Project	5,625	-
Other Research Projects	23,805	1,090
	<u>112,914</u>	<u>110,831</u>

### 5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 5 April 2018 nor for the year ended 5 April 2017.

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 5 April 2018 nor for the year ended 5 April 2017.

# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

### 6. STAFF COSTS

	5.4.18	5.4.17
	£	£
Wages and salaries	47,454	36,992
Social security costs	1,387	961
Other pension costs	2,482	1,841
	<u>51,323</u>	<u>39,794</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	5.4.18	5.4.17
Development Officer	1	1
Marketing Officer	1	-
	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	90,778	111,474	202,252
Investment income	<u>133</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>133</u>
<b>Total</b>	90,911	111,474	202,385
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	32,300	-	32,300
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Scientific research and testing	41,796	69,035	110,831
Public education and lobbying to further charitable objectives	14,245	13,646	27,891
Other	<u>8,582</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,582</u>
<b>Total</b>	96,923	82,681	179,604
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<u>(6,012)</u>	<u>28,793</u>	<u>22,781</u>

# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

### 7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted fund £	Total funds £
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
<b>Total funds brought forward</b>	115,761	77,796	193,557
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<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>109,749</u>	<u>106,589</u>	<u>216,338</u>

### 8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Computer equipment £
<b>COST</b>	
At 6 April 2017 and 5 April 2018	<u>620</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>	
At 6 April 2017 and 5 April 2018	<u>619</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>	
At 5 April 2018	<u>1</u>
At 5 April 2017	<u>1</u>

### 9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	5.4.18 £	5.4.17 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)	760	1,243
Trade creditors	3,654	3,655
Taxation and social security	3,090	3,143
Other creditors	206	206
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	<u>7,710</u>	<u>8,247</u>

### 10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	5.4.18 £	5.4.17 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdraft	760	1,243
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# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 6.4.17 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.18 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	109,749	24,810	134,559
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	106,589	120,432	227,021
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>216,338</u>	<u>145,242</u>	<u>361,580</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	103,338	(78,528)	24,810
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	235,813	(115,381)	120,432
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>339,151</u>	<u>(193,909)</u>	<u>145,242</u>

### Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 6.4.16 £	Net movement in funds £	At 5.4.17 £
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>			
General fund	115,761	(6,012)	109,749
<b>Restricted Funds</b>			
Restricted fund	77,796	28,793	106,589
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>193,557</u>	<u>22,781</u>	<u>216,338</u>

# FUTURE TREES TRUST

## Notes to the Financial Statements - continued for the year ended 5 April 2018

### 11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	90,911	(96,923)	(6,012)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Restricted fund	111,474	(82,681)	28,793
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>202,385</u>	<u>(179,604)</u>	<u>22,781</u>

### 12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 5 April 2018.