Mission Statement

Trees for Cities is the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees in cities. We get stuck in with local communities to cultivate lasting change in their neighbourhoods – whether it’s reviving forgotten spaces, creating healthier environments or getting people excited about growing, foraging and eating healthy food.

Over the past year we have seen a striking upsurge in the appreciation of the value of our urban trees and green spaces. From an organisational viewpoint, the engagement at and demand for our volunteering events has been extraordinary – weekend after weekend turnouts have been record breaking, and requests for our corporate volunteer projects grow and grow. Seeing any army of volunteers stepping out on a drizzly November morning to plant thousands of young trees – equipped with spades and smiles – is always a humbling and deeply rewarding experience.

From a wider viewpoint, the Covid-19 pandemic has thrown up unprecedented challenges and uncertainties – as it will have done for all charities and organisations – yet it has also shone a very bright light on how vital access to the great outdoors is to our quality of life. The pandemic and the months of lockdown have demonstrated how our physical and mental health are inextricably linked to the natural health of our cities. For the 83% of people in the UK who now live in towns and cities, green spaces have been a vital refuge. Yet vast disparities exist within and across our urban regions: those with least access to quality green space are often those most in need. There is much work to do to redress this balance.

It is these areas of most need, where social and environmental deprivation overlap, that Trees for Cities aims to focus its efforts.

The communities we work with are our partners in achieving change. Environmentalism demands universal action and activism; it cannot be something that exists in the fringes or for some sections of society. We are hence proud that our volunteers are of all ages, backgrounds, ethnicities and beliefs, and that inclusivity is at the core of our values.

Over the coming years, one of the main aims of our ‘Generation Tree’ strategy is to provide the resources, know-how and inspiration for individuals and community groups up and down the country to be able to pick up the mantle for planting trees in their local spaces. In this way, our impact is not just achieved by what we can arrange, but by how we can equip others. Creating a ‘bottom up’ movement that taps into this surge of interest will be vital in achieving a step change for our urban environments.

An enormous “thank you”, as always, to our staff, trustees, volunteers, partners and supporters – your combined commitment has again allowed us to have such a successful and impactful year.

David Elliott, Chief Executive

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OUR HIGHLIGHTS

RECORD-BREAKING NATIONAL TREE WEEK

In just a week, we planted 29,000 trees with 1000 volunteers across the country! To kick-start National Tree Week, we planted close to 15,000 trees in Goodmayes Park in London, with hundreds of enthusiastic volunteers and local community groups. The week also included planting new urban woodlands in Bradford, Nottingham and Clacton-on-Sea with our partners.

HAVING DECLARED A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND SET AN AMBITIOUS TARGET OF BEING CARBON NEUTRAL BY 2030, ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP OUR ENVIRONMENT AND OFFSET OUR EMISSIONS HAS TO BE A GOOD THING. THIS NEW WOODLAND WILL HELP TO CREATE A GREEN LUNG FOR CLACTON, AS WELL AS AN OPEN SPACE FOR PEOPLE AND WILDLIFE TO ENJOY.

Councillor Alan Coley, Tendring City Council in Clacton-on-Sea

Our ‘grand finale’ event in Beckton District Park broke our volunteer record with nearly 500 people getting stuck in to make the capital greener! This work has all been made possible thanks to partnerships with local councils, funders, and the support from players of People’s Postcode Lottery.

WE PLANTED TREES IN 26 CITIES FROM NEWCASTLE TO NAIROBI.

16,456 SCHOOL KIDS LEARNT ABOUT TREES AND HEALTHY EATING.

7,280 VOLUNTEERS GOT STUCK IN.

1,117,899 TREES PLANTED TO DATE.

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IN THE NEWS

Trees for Cities was selected as one of four charities in The Guardian and Observer’s Christmas climate emergency appeal. Over 13,000 readers donated a total of £1m to the appeal that will be spent on initiatives promoting social and climate justice through natural climate solutions.

FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE IN TOWNS AND CITIES

As part of a new grant from the Forestry Commission, we have embarked on an ambitious mission of planting 10,000 urban trees in 11 cities across the country.

Through the Urban Tree Challenge Fund we’ve been awarded a grant to help lead the fight against climate change in towns and cities across England. The trees offer a range of benefits including temperature moderation, flood risk mitigation, increased biodiversity and improved well-being, particularly when close to large populations.

We’re excited to be working with partner organisations to deliver the tree planting in the following cities: Birmingham, Brighton, Great Yarmouth, London, Newcastle, Newquay, Nottingham, Rotherham, Stockton, and Sunderland.

Trees play an important role in our landscape so we’re really excited to be involved in this partnership. The new trees will bring a range of benefits including cleaner air and increase the biodiversity of our area. We’re looking forward to the planting programme getting underway so our residents can enjoy the results in years to come.

Councillor Mike Smith, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council’s Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

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BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER

Together with our partner Centre for Community Development (CFCD), we planted 4000 trees in Nairobi with local volunteers and school children this year, which will directly benefit more than 30,000 people. Since 2011, we have worked in partnership with CFCD with the aim of greening Nairobi through tree planting, providing training on tree establishment and maintenance, delivery of educational forums in schools and strengthening of school environmental clubs. Community work is an important aspect of the project, and forums were created at several primary schools in the region to discuss the importance of the tree planting drive in their area, especially considering the damaging effects of climate change. We’re very grateful to Garnier UK for funding the project.

“BY PLANTING THESE TREES I HOPE I WILL BE ALIVE FOR QUITE SOME TIME SO I CAN COME BACK HERE TO PLUCK SOME OF ITS FRUITS, AND I WILL CONTINUE PROTECTING IT. I FEEL GOOD FOR BEING PART OF THIS ACTIVITY FOR IT WILL NOT ONLY HELP ME BUT ALSO FUTURE PUPILS IN THIS SCHOOL.”

Vincent, Lang’ata West Primary School in Nairobi, age 12

Q&A WITH A TREES FOR CITIES VOLUNTEER

Q. What impact do you think the planting event has had on the local community?
A. Firstly, I would say meeting new and wonderful people. Secondly the feeling of giving back to your community is amazing. Thirdly, showing my young children that we all have to do our bit and should volunteer where we can.

Q. What’s the best thing about volunteering for Trees for Cities?
A. Firstly, I would say meeting new and wonderful people. Secondly the feeling of giving back to your community is amazing. Thirdly, showing my young children that we all have to do our bit and should volunteer where we can.

Q. What was your favourite memory from the planting event at Barley Lane?
A. Just seeing all those smiles on the children’s faces whilst planting the trees. It was tough work planting the tree, and when we finished we took photos and my husband and I looked at each and said “we can’t wait until the children in 30 years’ time tell their children that they planted those trees and in turn encourage their children to do the same”. One of the neighbours who was helping on the day pointed to a huge tree and said “me and my children planted that tree 40 years ago” - it really made the children smile.

Q. What was your favourite memory from the planting event at Barley Lane?
A. It was an amazing community event bringing lots of families together. Trees for Cities was so knowledgeable and helped with the planting of the trees every step of the way. The feedback was so positive that families were asking for more events where we could all get together and do our bit. This also encouraged them to sign up for more community events.

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INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION

TREES FOR SCHOOLS

Over the four years of the Trees for Schools programme, we’ve helped 306 London primary schools plant over 35,000 trees to make their school surroundings greener and healthier!

Trees for Cities has been the London delivery partner for the Woodland Trust’s Trees for Schools programme, funded by Defra, since its inception in 2016. Over the four years of the programme, we have ensured that 306 London primary schools have been able to gain the extra support they’ve needed in their tree planting activities from site surveys, planting workshops and tree species selection advice.

The schools benefit from the trees in a number of ways, from the trees’ natural ability to absorb pollutant gases and filter airborne particulates, to producing havens for wildlife and shade for staying cool on hot days, an educational resource and the possibility to spark a child’s interest and curiosity in the natural world.

In the final year of the programme we have signed up 129 schools, including Bowes Primary in Enfield. Bowes Primary is close to the heavily polluted North Circular and one of their pupils Ana Haliday wrote to us at Trees for Cities to see if we could help her school go greener - we were happy to comply!

“I WOULD RECOMMEND FOR OTHER SCHOOLS TO PLANT TREES BECAUSE IT WILL HELP OUR PLANET AND MAKE THE CHILDREN, PARENTS AND TEACHERS MORE AWARE ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT. EVERYONE CAN SEE THE TREES GROW AND REMEMBER THAT THEY WILL BE THERE FOREVER.”

Ana Haliday, Bowes Primary pupil

HOW WE’RE PLANTING HEALTHY AIR IN SCHOOLS

Through our Planting Healthy Air programme, we’ve worked with three highly polluted schools in London: Christ Church Bentinck (Westminster), Tudor Primary School (Barnet) and Woolmore Primary School (Tower Hamlets). The schools were fitted with new green infrastructure, such as trees, ivy walls and newly planted areas, to help mitigate the pupils’ exposure to air pollution and provide outdoor learning spaces. Educational assemblies were also given to teach the pupils about the importance of urban tree planting. We’ve received great feedback from the schools, with one teacher saying:

“IT WAS FANTASTIC TO GET THE CHILDREN REALLY INVOLVED IN THE PLANTING OF THE TREES AND UNDERSTANDING SOME OF THE SCIENCE BEHIND HOW THEY HELP WITH TRAPPING POLLUTION. I THOUGHT THE WORKSHOPS WERE REALLY POWERFUL TOO.”

Craig Heeley, Head Teacher at Lemington Riverside Primary School in Newcastle

EDIBLE PLAYGROUNDS IN 11 CITIES!

We delivered 41 Edible Playgrounds this season, up from 26 last year. What started out as a London-based project, has now become a reality in Birmingham, Bracknell, Bradford, Cardiff, Dudley, Liverpool, London, Newcastle, Nottingham, Sunderland and West Bromwich!


Craig Heeley, Head Teacher at Lemington Riverside Primary School in Newcastle
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TRANSFORMING URBAN SPACES

COMBATING POLLUTION AT JOLLY’S GREEN

The 22 large trees we planted with volunteers across Jolly’s Green in London’s Tower Hamlets will create habitats for wildlife and add splashes of colour throughout the seasons. The park will benefit greatly from the trees planted, as it’s situated directly next to the heavily polluted A12/Blackwall Tunnel Northern Approach. Tree canopy in the ward is one of the lowest in the capital, with only 8.14% cover, far below the London average of 20% (London Data Store, 2018). Jolly’s Green also holds a special place in our hearts - we planted trees here 20 years ago and they’re still thriving!

Local councillor Kahar Chowdhury, who got stuck in at the planting event, said:

“IT’S FANTASTIC TO SEE EVERYONE WORKING HARD TOWARDS MAKING OUR ENVIRONMENT MORE GREEN, AND HOW SPACES LIKE JOLLY’S GREEN CAN BE UTILISED FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. IT’S ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT TO PLANT TREES HERE AS IT’S ADJACENT TO A12 AND CAN HELP WITH CARBON EMISSIONS. I’M REALLY PLEASED TO SEE SO MANY KIDS AND YOUNG PEOPLE HERE CONTRIBUTING AND UNDERSTANDING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF TREES AND HOW THEY WILL HELP FUTURE GENERATIONS.”

ESTABLISHING NEW WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

In partnership with the London Borough of Newham, we planted 9,000 trees in Beckton District Park South with our volunteers as part of the Mayor of London’s Mass Tree Planting Week. Urban woodlands provide vital food, shelter and breeding grounds for a huge range of wildlife within the urban landscape.

New woodlands like Beckton, provide wildlife corridors between fragmented habitats, increasing connectivity and helping plant and animal communities to move between areas. Urban woodlands also give people the opportunity to interact with wildlife in a natural setting, and participate in outdoor learning and environmental education.

REDUCING FLOOD INCIDENTS IN BRADFORD

Over the last nine years we have successfully engaged more than 2,500 local volunteers to plant over 53,000 trees, which will help reduce the frequency and intensity of flood incidents in Keighley, Bradford. This planting season saw over 7,464 trees planted through the partnership with Bradford Environmental Action Trust (BEAT) and with funding from energy firm npower. By planting these trees in the hillside they will help with rain water retention and stormwater management, which in turn will alleviate flooding in the wider area. Alan Thornton, tree planting manager at BEAT said:

“THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY MEANS THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF TREES AND WOODLAND IN THE KEIGHLEY AREA.”
Driving change through volunteering

WITH BLOOMBERG

Bloomberg and Trees for Cities have been working in partnership since 2004, together making a positive difference to communities and the environment worldwide through planting urban trees and corporate volunteering days. This year, Bloomberg made an outstanding contribution to some of our community projects happening in London. 354 Bloomberg volunteers spent over a thousand hours working across 9 different projects, which included woodland creation, heathland restoration, allotment creation and park tree planting.

As part of Earth Month, another 61 Bloomberg employees have donated time to help the environment and give back to the community in 10 cities across Europe and Africa. They have helped plant trees in Madrid, Warsaw and Johannesburg and have pruned trees, cleaned up and planted community gardens all of which will increase biodiversity and improve air pollution and access to green space for local communities.

Cultivating better business

WITH CLEAR CHANNEL

Clear Channel, the out-of-home media company active nationwide, has been a steadfast partner of ours for over four years. Together, we have planted hundreds of street trees all across the UK during this time. This year, their support went even further as they helped to connect schoolchildren with nature by sponsoring five new Edible Playgrounds in Newcastle. This has enabled over 1,400 pupils to learn about food growing and healthy eating in an inspiring outdoor classroom environment.

Other partnerships

We’re always keen to hear from landowners, trusts and foundations who might be interested to partner on a project. Get in touch to find out more: info@treesforcities.org
**Our Financial Summary**

**Income £3,621,387**

- **£1,960,798 Corporate Partners**
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- **£481,518 Individuals**
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- **£463,287 Local Government, Landowners and Schools**
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- **£468,084 Grants**
  We have a strong track record in fundraising from trusts and foundations. This year included securing a 12-month grant from Defra/Natural England.

**Expenditure £3,311,520**

- **£1,118,782 Urban Forests**
  We worked on 34 projects across the UK, and significantly contributed to the Northern Forest with our tree planting.

- **£1,869,274 Edible Playgrounds**
  We delivered a record 41 Edible Playgrounds in 11 cities, engaging over 14,000 pupils.

- **£289,085 Raising Funds**
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SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

£15,000 AND ABOVE
Arcadia Charitable Trust
Bloomberg L.P.
Bulb Energy

£10,000 - 15,000
All Saints
Educational Trust
Allen and Overy Foundation

£500 - £9,999
4way
AAT
Accenture UK Ltd
Across The Pond
Adarant
Agria Pet Insurance
All Aboard Charity
Alliance Capital Partners GmbH
Alpha UK (Apha Financial Markets Consulting)
Amadeus IT Services UK Ltd
Andrew Currie
Arcus Infrastructure Services LLP
Artfinder
Authentic House
Aviva
B Lab UK
Beaconsfield
Primary School
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Authentic House
Aviva
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Beaconsfield
Primary School
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
Birch Hill Primary School
BMO Asset Management (Services) Ltd

Burton
Clear Channel UK Ltd
DocuSign International (U.K.) INC.
Department for Education

Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra)
Dorothy Perkins
Dulverton Trust
Ekornes Ltd
Forestry Commission

Greater London Authority
Heathrow Communities Fund
Investec Bank plc
London Borough of Barking & Dagenham
London Borough of Ealing

London Borough of Newham
London Borough of Redbridge
L oral (UK) Limited
Honest Organic
MOJU Ltd

Mothercare UK Ltd
National Lottery Community Fund
Natural England

PwC UK
Ruth Smart Foundation
RSM UK
Sustrans

Postcode Lottery - awarded funds from
Postcode Green Trust

The Kusuma Trust
The Prince of Wales’s Charitable Fund
The Woodland Trust
The Guardian
Tower Brook Foundation
UK Power Network

Supporters and Partners

The Schroeder Trusts Donation
Woodmansterne
Primary School
Woolmore Primary School

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TRUSTEES’ REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Charity Registration No. 1032154. Company Registration No. 02874642 (England and Wales). Trees for Cities (a company limited by guarantee)
The Trustees are pleased to present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 2 to the accounts and comply with the Trust’s Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Charities SORP (FRS102).

Our Mission

‘Planting trees and greening cities worldwide’

We are the only UK charity working at a national and international scale to improve lives by planting trees and green spaces everywhere and in particular in towns and cities.

Our Guiding Principles

In parallel with our mission, all of our work is grounded within the following guiding principles:

- People-led: Although our reach is global, we value the importance of a local focus. We always work through and within local communities to strengthen them and empower their members.
- Quality: Both the quantity and quality and location of the trees we plant are at the forefront of our planning so that we constantly strive to maximise the impact of our projects to the environment and society.
- Delivery: We are an organisation that gets things done. What we talk about, we do – effectively, efficiently and on-time.

Objectives and Activities (Including Achievements and Performance)

Trees for Cities works with local communities to deliver tree planting projects. Our aim is to create high quality green spaces in the more socially and environmentally deprived parts of cities and towns, enhance social cohesion, and beautify our cities through tree planting and community and education initiatives.

Our objects, as set out in our governing document are:

“The Charity is established to advance the education of the public in the appreciation of trees and nature, particularly with regard to their social and environmental value by the planting, protection and promotion of trees and green spaces everywhere and in particular in towns and cities.”

The public benefits that shape our annual activities continue to be environmental protection and improvement, education, and health.

In shaping our objectives for the year and planning our activities, the trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit, including the guidance ‘public benefit: running a charity (PB2)’.

What We Achieved in 2019-20:

- Planted almost 90,000 trees in cities and towns across the UK.
- Delivered 41 Edible Playgrounds in London, Newcastle, Cardiff, Birmingham, Bradford, Nottingham and Sunderland, engaging 16,500 pupils.
- On the back of the first successful Planting Healthy Air project last year, delivered a further 3 projects in high impact schools.
- Planted circa 15,000 trees in cities outside of the UK.
- Engaged 5,564 community volunteers and 858 corporate volunteers in London, the UK and internationally through our tree planting and greening activities.
- Led on rolling out the Tree Cities of the World programme in the UK and supported the first cohort of UK applicants.
- Developed a new organisational Theory of Change model to support our ‘Generation Tree’ strategy.
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COVID-19 Pandemic

There will no doubt be a financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic due to the greater uncertainty in securing future income. As a response, Trees for Cities directors, trustees and auditors have worked closely to ensure that systems are in place to monitor the financial situation at all times and have a clear strategy for dealing with any shortfall in budgeted income, including potential use of free reserves:

Due to the lockdown in March, we were unable to complete some of our planned projects at the end of the tree planting season, however these have all been deferred to FY20/21. We were able to successfully introduce working from home measures across the organisation and have used the Government’s furlough scheme where appropriate. We are planning to complete as many projects as possible in the earlier part of the season that starts in autumn, as well as maintaining a flexible schedule, in order to reduce the risks and impacts of possible further periods of lockdown towards the end of the year.

Whilst there has been increased financial uncertainties this year, we have been able to secure three quarters of our planned income by the midyear point, and expect to secure the following quarter over the second six month period. We will continue to monitor our financial performance and future reserves position.

Accordingly, we consider that the Charity has adequate reserves to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and we believe that we continue to be a going concern.

There is a significant likelihood of a severe recession/ depression meaning that the funding environment for future years will be very challenging. Consequently we will be taking the following steps over the coming period:

1. Increase focus on multi-annual planning via the securing of more and larger multi-annual grants and partnerships.
2. Ensure a strategic approach is taken to key funder relationships.
3. Grow and develop services and programmes to provide more funding options.
4. Aim to reassess our reserves policy and grow unrestricted where possible.
5. We have committed to multi year planning in our strategy process and will commit to this in our operational plans.

The current fundraising environment is clearly challenging. Whilst some funding opportunities have dropped away this year, we are seeking alternative funding opportunities to offset losses in income. We have long running, stable relationships with our partners and believe we are in a reasonable position to raise funds in the longer term. The trustees review the financial forecast and current reserves position when they meet each quarter and are provided commentary on the latest forecast versus plan.

Since the lockdown restrictions have ease we have begun to open our offices on a limited basis and introduced measures to ensure any risks from the virus are mitigated. This has included restricting working hours for those using public transport; maintaining a limit on the number of people who visit our offices and ensuring all office surfaces are deep cleaned on a regular basis. We have undertaken a detailed review of all health and safety measures practiced at all project planting sites, ensuring all equipment is thoroughly cleaned and that social distancing measures are understood and acted on by all staff and volunteers. We will continue to monitor these measures over the coming months.

At the start of the new financial year we were unable to start work on our Edible Playgrounds projects due to the closure of schools. Since lockdown restrictions eased we have been able to work with schools to revise our plans and we are expecting to meet our target of delivering 28 Edible Playgrounds projects by the end of FY20/21.

Our Corporate Volunteering Programme has been particularly affected by the Covid pandemic, but we are expecting to restart activity in the second half of the financial year.

As the lockdown occurred in the last month of our financial year, the financial and operational effects of the virus and the control measures relating to the virus meant we had to defer some projects that we planned to deliver in March. This particularly impacted our income from corporate partners.

We have been able to introduce measures which should not impact our ability to deliver projects for the coming year. If there is a return to the lockdown measures implemented by the Government in March then this will have an adverse impact on our ability to deliver on our planned and future projects particularly if this occurs in our peak planting periods over autumn and winter.
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TRUSTEES’ REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

PLANS FOR FUTURE PERIODS
A selection of our plans for 2020–21 are:
• Plant 35,000 trees in London across 13 woodlands, estate and park projects.
• Plant 100,000 trees across projects in other UK cities and towns, with a particular focus on further developing our ‘forgotten places’ programme and completing the second year of the Defra Urban Tree Challenge Fund programme.
• Deliver 28 Edible Playgrounds and 3 Planting Healthy Air projects in primary schools across the UK, as well as the first year of the Guys and St. Thomas’ flagship Active Green Playground project.
• Create a new sub-strategy for our international programme.
• Roll out the second year of our ‘Generation Tree’ strategy, including the implementation of a new ‘community hub’, the launch of a new street tree funding platform, and a new communications campaign.

FINANCIAL REVIEW
The Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA), Balance Sheet and Cash Flow Statement have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 (2019).

Trees for Cities saw a decrease in our income by 6% to £3,621,388 (2019–19: £3,836,368). The driver for this decrease was the impact of the Covid-19 lockdown impacting our ability to deliver projects towards the end of the financial year and therefore our ability to recognise the income.
The charity spent £289,085 on raising the charity’s total income of £3,621,388. Therefore, for every £1 spent on fundraising, over £12 of revenues were generated.
The charity's strong track record in fundraising from trusts, foundations and landowners continued, increasing to £1,126,772 (2018–19: £925,913), mainly from Central Government contributions of £214,857 (2018–19: £750).

There was strong growth in general donations as a result of our investment over the last two years increasing to £1,844,936 (2018–19: £61,718). In addition, we received £251,102 from the Guardian’s charity appeal.

2019–20 saw income from corporate partners decrease by 32% to £1,960,798 (2018–19: £2,847,960) largely due to the Covid-19 lockdown impacting the delivery of projects to be completed towards the end of the financial year.

Total expenditure on urban tree planting across London and the UK decreased by £250,390 to £1,118,783 (2018–19: £1,378,173).

Edible Playgrounds expenditure was £1,869,273 (2018–19: £1,622,085). The number of Edible Playgrounds created in schools was 41 in 2019–2020, compared to 26 in 2018–19.

INVESTMENT POLICY
Trees for Cities may invest funds at the discretion of the board (as per the Memorandum and Articles of Association).

The trustees review the charity’s cash levels, and investment opportunities on an ongoing basis.

The investment objective for short-term investments (funds accessible within 12 months) is to allow funds to be readily available, and with the minimum risk.

In line with this objective, cash is held in bank accounts that allow instant access. During the year funds were held with The Co-operative Bank and CAF Bank. Cash was also held with Triodos Bank under a 33-day notice period.

The maximum level of unrestricted reserves that the organisation will hold will be the equivalent cost of six months of core operating expenditure (e.g. salaries, rent, contracts) plus the cost of winding up the organisation.

If the unrestricted reserves exceed the maximum level, the management team will put in place a plan to spend down the additional amount unless such an amount has been ring-fenced for future investment or expansion.

This investment is very low risk and the cash can be withdrawn with a few days notice.

RESERVES POLICY
Trees for Cities holds unrestricted reserves in order to:
• mitigate against unexpected reductions in income
• provide working capital
• allow for operational deficits when future planning
• assist with cash flow
• purchase capital items
• allow for possible future expansion.

Our reserves policy is hold no less than the cost of winding up the organisation in regards to meeting financial obligations such as redundancy, rent and contract payments.

The maximum level of unrestricted reserves that the organisation will hold will be the equivalent cost of six months of core operating expenditure (e.g. salaries, rent, contracts) plus the cost of winding up the organisation.

The planned level of unrestricted reserves that the organisation will hold will be the equivalent to the cost of three months of core operating expenditure (e.g. salaries, rent, contracts) plus the cost of winding up the organisation.

The charity’s unrestricted free reserves were £1,420,000. As at the end of 2019 – 20 unrestricted reserves held by the charity were £1,176,088.

A designated fund has been set aside by the Trustees for future food growing in schools. The £848,232 fund at 31st March 2020 has been funded by our corporate partner Bulb and is planned to be expended by the end of 2021/22.

Plastic and cashflow management strategies have been effective.

At the end of 2019 – 20 total funds held by the charity were £2,108,740 (2018–19: £1,811,775). This consisted of unrestricted funds of £1,176,088 (2018–19: £675,633), restricted funds of £84,420 (2018–19: £105,000) and designated funds of £848,232 (2018–19: £1,031,142).

The charity’s unrestricted free reserves were £1,654,830 (2018–19: £647,332). The difference between the unrestricted funds and the free reserves is due to the organisation holding £483,716 of bonds which for accounting purposes is treated as a fixed asset.

The Trustees are responsible for authorising the application of the charity’s reserves. At all times they will have regard to restrictions placed on the application of these reserves and are responsible for ensuring that they are applied in accordance with the stated restrictions.

SENIOR MANAGEMENT PAY POLICY
Trees for Cities is an equal opportunities employer and applies objective criteria to assess merit. The Board sets the terms and conditions for staff on an annual basis. A benchmarking process is undertaken periodically to assess each role in the external market, to ensure that the charity is paying all employees, including senior management, fairly and competitively for similar roles within the sector.
TRUSTEES’ REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity was constituted as a company limited by guarantee and is governed by Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The trustees are directors for the purpose of company law. In the event of the company being wound down members are required to contribute an amount not exceeding £1.

The charity’s trustees are:

J Capon (Chair)
S Chapleau (appointed on 4 March 2020)
S Gray
C Harper-Harris
B Miller
A Shah

D Woodbine (appointed on 14 March 2020)

The trustees and senior management team identify and agree the key risks facing the charity at the start of each financial year and these are entered onto a risk register. Each risk is assessed according to its likelihood and potential impact, and appropriate actions and procedures are agreed.

At each board meeting the trustees review the risk register and agree future actions. Should any additional key risks be identified, the trustees will agree how they should be managed and if appropriate will be added to the risk register.

At year end we conducted a detailed review of our operational risks with a particular focus on those amplified by the pandemic.

DATA PROTECTION - GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) became law in May 2018. The regulations set out the responsibilities of all organisations in relation to the personal data that they collect and hold, and are designed to enhance the rights of individuals in controlling their own data.

Trees for Cities places great importance on the security of supporter data and personal information. The charity is registered with the Information Commissioners Office and has introduced a programme that will enable demonstration of compliance with the spirit and intention of GDPR, with the required management structures in place to manage data risks and integrate governance of these risks into daily management.

For information on how the charity uses and protect personal data, please see our Privacy Policy: https://www.treesforcities.org/privacy-policy.

INFORMATION SECURITY

The confidentiality, integrity and availability of information, in all its forms, are critical to the charity’s work. In 2018 the information security policy was updated to bring it in line with GDPR legislation.

ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY

Strong internal and financial controls and robust financial management are essential to protect the charity against growing threats from external fraudulent activities and from any internal risk of funding misappropriation. Trees for Cities’ system of internal controls is based on an ongoing process designed to identify the principal risks, to evaluate the nature and extent of those risks, and to manage them effectively.

The charity’s anti-fraud, bribery and corruption policy specifies the controls and procedures required to prevent and detect fraud and dishonesty, investigate any allegations that arise, and take appropriate action where necessary. It also stipulates procedures for due diligence and verifying the end use of charitable funds to minimise exposure to risk when passing charitable funds to external partners.

STATEMENT OF DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

So far as the trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information (as defined by Section 418 of the Companies Act 2006) of which the charity’s auditors are unaware, and each trustee has taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity’s auditors are aware of that information.

On behalf of the board of trustees:


STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees who are also the directors of Trees for Cities for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees’ Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland’.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

• select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
• observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
• make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
• prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT
TO THE MEMBERS OF TREES FOR CITIES

We have audited the financial statements of Trees for
Cities for the year ended 31 March 2019. The financial
reporting framework that has been applied in their
preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom
Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting
Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard
applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United
Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

• give a true and fair view of the state of the
  charitable company’s affairs as at 31 March
  2020 and of its incoming resources and
  application of resources, including its income
  and expenditure, for the year then ended;
• have been properly prepared in accordance with United
  Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
• have been prepared in accordance with the
  requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

BASIS FOR OPINION

We conducted our audit in accordance with International
Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable
law. Our responsibilities under those standards are
further described in the Auditor’s responsibilities for
the audit of the financial statements section of our
report. We are independent of the charitable company
in accordance with the ethical requirements that are
relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the
UK, including the FRC’s Ethical Standard, and
we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in
accordance with these requirements. We believe that
the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and
appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

CONCLUSIONS RELATING TO GOING CONCERN

We have nothing to report in respect of the following
matters in relation to which the ISAs
(UK) require us to report to you where:

• the trustees’ use of the going concern basis of
  accounting in the preparation of the financial
  statements is not appropriate; or
• the trustees have not disclosed in the financial
  statements any identified material uncertainties
  that may cast significant doubt about the charitable
  company’s ability to continue to adopt the going
  concern basis of accounting for a period of at
  least twelve months from the date when the
  financial statements are authorised for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

The trustees are responsible for the other information.
The other information comprises the information
included in the trustees’ annual report, other than the
financial statements and our auditor’s report thereon.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following
matters in relation to which the ISAs
(UK) require us to report by exception:

• the directors’ report has been prepared in
  accordance with applicable legal requirements.

MATTERS ON WHICH WE ARE
REQUIRED TO REPORT BY EXCEPTION

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of
the charitable company and its environment obtained
in the course of the audit, we have not identified
material misstatements in the directors’ report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following
matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006
requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

• adequate accounting records have not been kept,
or returns adequate for our audit have not been
  received from branches not visited by us; or
• the financial statements are not in agreement
  with the accounting records and returns; or
• certain disclosures of directors’ remuneration
  specified by law are not made; or
• we have not received all the information
  and explanations we require for our audit.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES

As explained more fully in the trustees’ responsibilities
statement set out on page 25, the trustees (who are also
the directors of the charitable company for the purposes
of company law) are responsible for the preparation of
the financial statements and for being satisfied that they
give a true and fair view, and for such internal control
as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the
preparation of financial statements that are free from
material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees
are responsible for assessing the charitable company’s ability
to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable,
matters related to going concern and using the going
concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either
intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease
operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

AUDITOR’S RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE
A U D I T  O F  T H E  F I N A N C I A L  S T A T E M E N T S

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance
about whether the financial statements as a whole are
free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud
or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes

our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of
assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted
in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material
misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise
from fraud or error and are considered material if,
individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably
be expected to influence the economic decisions of
users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for
the audit of the financial statements is located on
the Financial Reporting Council’s website at:
https://www.frc.org.uk/Our-Work/Audit/Audit-and-
assurance/Standards-and-guidance/Standards-and-
guidance-for-auditors/Auditors-responsibilities-for-audit/
Description-of-auditors-responsibilities-for-audit.aspx.
This description forms part of our auditor’s report.

USE OF OUR REPORT

This report is made solely to the charitable company’s
members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of
Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work
has been undertaken so that we might state to
the charitable company’s members those matters we are
required to state to them in an auditor’s report and for
no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law,
we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone
other than the charitable company and the charitable
company’s members as a body, for our audit work,
for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Mark Cummins FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
for and on behalf of

TC Group

TC Group, The Courtyard,
Shoreham Road, Upper Beeding,
Steyning, West Sussex, BN44 3TN

Date: 1 Dec 2020

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

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### Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds

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<th>Net gains/(losses) on investments</th>
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The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006. All activities are classed as continuing. There are no recognised gains or losses other than those reported on the Statement of Financial Activities.
### BALANCE SHEET
**AT 31 MARCH 2020**

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<td>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</td>
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The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. The accounts were approved by the Board of Trustees on 30 Oct 2020.

D Woodbine, treasurer.
Company Registration No. 02874642

### CASH FLOW STATEMENT
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

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<td>Net cash flows from investing activities</td>
<td>(471,808)</td>
<td>(12,101)</td>
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<td>Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalent</td>
<td>(454,554)</td>
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<td>1,516,601</td>
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

1 STATUTORY INFORMATION
Trees for Cities is a charitable company, limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales. The charitable company’s registered number and registered office address can be found on the legal and administrative information page.

2 ACCOUNTING POLICIES
2.1 BASIS OF PREPARATION
The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – Charities SORP (FRS102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Trees for Cities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and Liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about Trees for Cities’ ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

2.2 GOING CONCERN
At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements. Their assessment includes taking into account any potential impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, which is further detailed in the Trustees’ Report.

2.3 INCOME
All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy, except as follows:

When donors specify that incoming resources given to the charity must be used in future accounting periods, the income is deferred to those periods.

When donors impose conditions which have to be fulfilled before the charity becomes entitled to use such income, the income is deferred and not included in incoming resources until the pre-conditions for use have been met.

When donors specify that incoming resources are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

2.4 EXPENDITURE
Costs are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis inclusive of irrecoverable VAT and are allocated between expenditure categories on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly, others are apportioned based on estimated usage as a proportion of directly attributable expenditure. Expenditure is provided for when a legal or constructive obligation exists. Expenditure is analysed as follows:

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support the activities of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds are those incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity. These costs are now included within support costs as required by the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2.5 TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS AND DEPRECIATION
Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

- Plant and machinery: 33% on cost
- Fixtures, fittings & equipment: 20% and 33% on cost
- Motor vehicles: 33% on cost

2.6 INVESTMENTS
Fixed asset investments are stated at fair value. Realised and unrealised gains and losses are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities. Gains and losses are calculated on a quarterly basis.

2.7 DEBTORS
Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due.

2.8 CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND
Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments. The Trustees seek to use short and medium term deposits where possible to maximise the return on monies held at the bank and to manage cash flow.

2.9 CREDITORS AND PROVISIONS
Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity’s obligation exists. Creditors and provisions are recognised on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are made to encourage voluntary redundancies. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if the charity has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probable that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably.

2.10 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS
The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 ‘Basic Financial Instruments’ and Section 12 ‘Other Financial Instruments’ of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the charity’s balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost.

2.11 LEASING AND HIRE PURCHASE 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.

2.12 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS
Termination benefits are recognised as an expense when the charity is demonstrably committed, without realistic possibility of withdrawal, to a formal detailed plan to either terminate employment before the normal retirement date, or to provide termination benefits as a result of an offer made to encourage voluntary redundancy. Termination benefits for voluntary redundancies are recognised as an expense if the charity has made an offer of voluntary redundancy, it is probable that the offer will be accepted, and the number of acceptances can be estimated reliably.

2.13 PENSIONS
The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable for the year are charged in the Statement of Financial Activities as they fall due.

2.14 ACCUMULATED FUNDS
Unrestricted funds are to be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

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

Designated funds comprise monies set aside out of unrestricted general funds for specific future purposes or projects.

2.15 CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES AND JUDGEMENTS
In the application of the charity’s accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised.

The trustees do not consider that there are any critical estimates or areas of judgement that need to be brought to the attention of the readers of the financial statements.
### 3 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

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<th>Total 2019 £</th>
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<td>408,556</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
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<td>27,000</td>
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<td>34,511</td>
<td>13,064</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>503,653</td>
<td>435,556</td>
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<td>939,209</td>
<td>259,667</td>
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### 4 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

|                  | 284,952              | 5,156              | -                 | 290,108      | 162,984      |
| Sponsorship of projects |              |                    |                   |              |              |
| **Total**         | 284,952              | 5,156              | -                 | 290,108      | 162,984      |

### 5 INVESTMENT INCOME

|                  | 9,801                | -                  | -                 | 9,801        | -            |
| Fixed interest securities |                    |                    |                   |              |              |
| Bank interest     | 8,429                | -                  | -                 | 8,429        | 1,497        |
| **Total**         | 18,229               | -                  | -                 | 18,229       | 1,497        |

### 6 OTHER INCOME

|                  | 34,187               | -                  | -                 | 34,187       | -            |
| Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets |                   |                    |                   |              |              |
| **Total**         | 34,187               | -                  | -                 | 34,187       | -            |

### 7 EXPENDITURE

#### RAISING FUNDS

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<td>251,359</td>
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<td><strong>Total raising funds</strong></td>
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<td>580</td>
<td>91,922</td>
<td>289,085</td>
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#### CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

**Urban forests – London**

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<th>Total 2019 £</th>
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<td>8,552</td>
<td>690,062</td>
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<td>80,243</td>
<td>90,194</td>
<td>90,194</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>7,915</td>
<td>780,256</td>
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**Urban forests – Other UK cities**

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<td>320,810</td>
<td>440,286</td>
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<td>Support costs</td>
<td>2,622</td>
<td>15,761</td>
<td>17,716</td>
<td>18,431</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>93,136</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>338,526</td>
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**Urban forests – International**

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<td>2,025</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
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<td>31</td>
<td>34,379</td>
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**Edible playgrounds**

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<td>16,028</td>
<td>1,700,241</td>
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<td>6,516</td>
<td>2,622</td>
<td>169,033</td>
<td>120,290</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>888,613</td>
<td>9,138</td>
<td>1,869,274</td>
<td>1,162,585</td>
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**Total charitable activities**

|                  | 1,466,553                      | 17,359        | 3,022,435    | 2,587,034    |

**Total expenditure**

|                  | 1,663,136                      | 17,939        | 3,311,520    | 2,874,553    |
## SUPPORT COSTS

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<td>Office supplies</td>
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<td>Rent</td>
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<td>316,362</td>
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Support costs which are not directly attributable to a specific charitable activity are allocated on a percentage basis based on staff time applied to each activity during the year.

## GOVERNANCE COSTS

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES COMPARATIVE FUNDS - YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

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<td>181,522</td>
<td>78,145</td>
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<td>Other trading activities</td>
<td>128,163</td>
<td>34,821</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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<td>Charitable activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Urban forests – London</td>
<td>242,648</td>
<td>540,885</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>– Other UK cities</td>
<td>628,143</td>
<td>211,211</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>– International</td>
<td>30,000</td>
<td>14,000</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Edible playgrounds</td>
<td>690,000</td>
<td>281,729</td>
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<td>Total charitable activities</td>
<td>1,590,791</td>
<td>1,047,825</td>
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<td>1,901,973</td>
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<td>1,796,262</td>
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<td>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</td>
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<td>82,750</td>
<td>773,604</td>
<td>961,815</td>
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<td>105,000</td>
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11 Employees

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<th>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</th>
<th>EMPLOYMENT COSTS</th>
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<td>2019 Number</td>
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Redundancy payments made or committed during the year amounted to £13,635 (2018: £nil).

The key management personnel of the charity comprise the Chief Executive, the Head of Finance, the Projects Director, the Corporate Fundraiser and the Development Director. The total employee benefits of key management personnel of the charity were £353,158 (2019: £356,216).

The number of employees whose annual emoluments were £60,000 or more were:

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12 Trustees

None of the Trustees (nor any persons connected with them) received any remuneration during the year (2019: none).

During the year travel related expenditure of £233 was reimbursed to 1 (2019: 1) trustees (2019: £174).

13 Tangible Fixed Assets

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Motor vehicles</th>
<th>Plant and machinery</th>
<th>Fixtures, fittings &amp; equipment</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>At 1 April 2019</td>
<td>68,612</td>
<td>14,722</td>
<td>53,616</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additions</td>
<td>50,003</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Reclassification</td>
<td>(69,616)</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>At 31 March 2020</td>
<td>48,999</td>
<td>14,722</td>
<td>53,616</td>
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Depreciation

| At 1 April 2019 | £5,218               | 9,815                           | 53,616 | 108,649 |
| Charge for year | 13,032               | 4,907                           | -      | 17,939 |
| Reclassification | (47,219)            | -                               | -     | (47,219) |
| At 31 March 2020 | 11,031              | 14,722                          | 53,616 | 79,369 |

Net Book Value

| At 31 March 2020 | £37,968               | -                               | -     | 37,968 |
| At 31 March 2019 | £23,394               | 4,907                           | -     | 28,301 |

14 Investments

Total fixed asset investments comprise:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>2020 £</th>
<th>2019 £</th>
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<tr>
<td>Listed investments</td>
<td>483,716</td>
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| Valuation at 1 April 2019 | £538,618 |
| Additions during the year | (42,000) |
| Disposal proceeds | (12,766) |
| Unrealised gain/(loss) | (136) |
| Realised gain/(loss) | 483,716 |

15 Debtors

<table>
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<tr>
<th>2020 £</th>
<th>2019 £</th>
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<tr>
<td>Trade debtors</td>
<td>959,423</td>
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<td>Prepayments and accrued income</td>
<td>409,665</td>
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<td>1,369,088</td>
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<thead>
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<th>2020</th>
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<tr>
<td>£233</td>
<td>£174</td>
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

16 CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

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<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
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<th>2019</th>
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<tr>
<td>Trade creditors</td>
<td>£111,712</td>
<td>£121,916</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes and social security costs</td>
<td>£110,927</td>
<td>£252,761</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred income</td>
<td>£827,920</td>
<td>£347,448</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accruals</td>
<td>£236,761</td>
<td>£158,360</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other creditors</td>
<td>£11,313</td>
<td>£19,204</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>£1,298,633</strong></td>
<td><strong>£899,689</strong></td>
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Deferred income outstanding at the balance sheet date comprises of various income streams whereby the income recognition criteria outlined in the Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS 102) have not been met.

17 PENSION AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT COMMITMENTS

**Defined contribution**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the company to the fund as detailed below. Contributions of £10,922 (2019: £6,426) were outstanding at 31 March 2020. Contributions payable by the charity for the year £65,736 £54,447

18 SHARE CAPITAL & CONTROL

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and is under the control of the board of Trustees.

19 DESIGNATED FUNDS

The income funds of Trees for Cities include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the Trustees for specific purposes:

| Movement in funds |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Edible playgrounds | Balance at 1 Apr 19 £1,031,142 | Income -£182,910 | Expenditure £848,232 |
|                   | Balance at 31 Mar 2020 £1,031,142 |                         |                      |

A designated fund has been set aside by the Trustees for future food growing in schools. The £848,232 fund at 31st March 2020 has been funded by our corporate partner Bulb and will be expended in future years.

20 RESTRICTED FUNDS

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

| Movement in funds |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                   | Balance at 1 April 2019 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Balance at 31 March 2020 £ |
| Urban Forests - London | - £430,089 | (430,089) |  |
| Urban Forests - UK Cities | £105,000 | 211,796 | (246,796) | 70,000 |
| Urban Forests - International | - £26,500 | (26,500) |  |
| Edible Playgrounds | - £507,052 | (507,052) |  |
| Other trading activities | - £5,156 | (5,156) |  |
| Donations and legacies | - £435,556 | (421,136) | 14,420 |
| **Total** | £105,000 | 1,616,149 | (1,636,729) | 84,420 |

Trees for Cities’ charitable projects are funded by both restricted and unrestricted income.

The following list of organisations contributed significant funds (in excess of £15,000) which have been used by the charity for charitable activities:

| Arcadia Charitable Trust | Dorothy Perkins | London Borough of Redbridge |
| Bloomberg L.P. | Ekornes Ltd | L’Oreal (UK) Limited |
| Bulb Energy | Forestry Commission | Honest Organic |
| Burton | Greater London Authority | MOJL Ltd |
| Clear Channel UK Ltd | Heathrow | Mothercare UK Ltd |
| Cote Restaurants | Communities Fund | National Lottery |
| DocuSign International (U.K), Inc. | Investec Bank plc | Community Fund |
| Department for Education | London Borough of Barking & Dagenham | Natural England |
| Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs (Defra) | London Borough of Ealing | npower Ltd |
|                     |                | Oliver Wyman Ltd |
|                     |                | Players of People’s |
|                     |                | Postcode Lottery – awarded funds from |
|                     |                | Postcode Green Trust |

PwC UK
Ruth Smart
Foundation
RSM UK
Sustrans
The Kisuma Trust
The Prince of Wales’s Charitable Fund
The Woodland Trust
The Guardian
Tower Brook
Foundation
UK Power Networks
21 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

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<th>Unrestricted funds</th>
<th>Restricted funds</th>
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<td></td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed assets</td>
<td>521,684</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>521,684</td>
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<tr>
<td>Current assets</td>
<td>1,953,037</td>
<td>84,420</td>
<td>848,232</td>
<td>2,885,689</td>
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<tr>
<td>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</td>
<td>(1,298,633)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>(1,298,633)</td>
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<td>1,176,088</td>
<td>84,420</td>
<td>848,232</td>
<td>2,108,740</td>
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FUND BALANCES AT 31 MARCH 2020 ARE REPRESENTED BY:

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22 COMMITMENTS UNDER OPERATING LEASES

At 31 March 2020 the company had total commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

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<td></td>
<td>£</td>
<td>£</td>
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<tr>
<td>Within one year</td>
<td>45,750</td>
<td>15,500</td>
<td>15,323</td>
<td>15,969</td>
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<tr>
<td>Between two and five years</td>
<td>64,667</td>
<td>10,000</td>
<td>20,723</td>
<td>36,046</td>
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<td>110,417</td>
<td>25,500</td>
<td>36,046</td>
<td>52,015</td>
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Lease payments recognised as expenditure during the year totalled £48,319 (2019: £33,075).

23 RELATED PARTIES

Other than the trustee expenditure reimbursements detailed in note 12, there were no related party transactions in the year to 31 March 2020 (2019: none).
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