

Registration number 03578609

**Ancient Tree Forum
Company limited by guarantee**

**Trustees' report and unaudited financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2014**

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Company information

Directors	Edward Green Neville Fay Caroline Davis William Cathcart Keith Alexander Vikki Bengtsson John Smith David Clayden Robert Warnock Brian Muelaner
Secretary	Brian Paul (Secretaries) Limited
Company number	03578609
Charity number	1071012
Registered office	Chase Green House 42 Chase Side Enfield Middlesex EN2 6NF
Accountants	Brian Paul Limited Chase Green House 42 Chase Side Enfield Middlesex EN2 6NF

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Directors' report
for the year ended 31st March 2014

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The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act, submit their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2014. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice ('SORP') 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in March 2005 in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee, and is governed by its memorandum and articles of association. There are no restrictions on the operations of the charity contained in either the memorandum or the articles of association. The work of the charity is carried out by the Trustees, who meet regularly to consider the running of the charity. Trustees are appointed by invitation of the existing Trustees.

Principal activities

The 2013 summer event was held in south east England, the first day at Knepp Castle looking at their re-wilding project. This is a virtual non-intervention approach to managing the property using traditional breeds of cattle, ponies and deer to manage the vegetation recreating the conditions Europe's Wild Wood experienced. Although this has only been going for a relatively short period of time the habitat developmental structure is very close to what is now believed to be what our Wild Wood looked like. The second day's field trip was to Ashstead Common, a stunning old wood pasture that unfortunately experienced a serious fire about ten years ago. It was very sad to see many ancient trees that were destroyed in the fire but also heartening to see many survivors. Both days were very well attended with much stimulating discussions taking place.

The 2013 autumn event was held at St George's Park (formerly Byrkley Park), the training ground for the English national football team, although sadly the team was not there on the day. The facilities have been built within an ancient landscape containing some excellent ancient and veteran trees. Discussions focused on how best to protect the ancient trees from development and isolation. Again the event was well attended with some challenging questions arising. It allowed the ATF to share its extensive expertise with site managers of this complex site.

The 2014 spring event was held at Maesllych Castle, in Wales, a privately owned property which has been in the family's ownership for centuries. The ATF was allowed access to this normally private estate looking at trees in their extensive garden as well as across the breadth of the estate. Particular issues focused around the agricultural practices that were impacting on many trees showing signs of dieback due to stock damage, intensive grown arable crops grown up to the trees and compaction from heavy farm equipment. Our hosts were advised on how best to manage the land around their internationally important trees.

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In December 2013 the ATF were notified that our Esmee Fairbairn grant application had been successful, a monumental achievement for the ATF. This three year grant was awarded to enable the ATF to employ a Development Officer, which will allow us to achieve even more than has previously been the case. We went through a rigorous recruitment process to ensure we found the ideal candidate. We were fortunate in receiving many strong applications and eventually chose Hannah Solloway, our first regular member of staff. Starting at the end of April 2014, Hannah will be responsible for future fundraising to finance ATF projects and research, carry out the day to day administration of the organisation, manage our website, assist with organising events, and manning stalls at external events and supporting the Chair and Board.

The very successful Leonardo Da Vinci VETree project is now in its final six months of the two year project. Last year the ATF produced the Basic Level training course with our Swedish partners Pro Natura; we then jointly ran the course in Belgium, Sweden and Romania. This year we have recently finished the creation of the Level Two Train the Trainer course and have trialled it in Spain. The final trial course will be in the UK in September 2015.

The Ancient Tree Hunt has now recorded about 138,000 tree records to date. This project continues to be successful and of great value. The data it has collected is now being interrogated to help develop a better understanding of the really significant landscape scale area of internationally important ancient and notable trees.

The Founder President of the Ancient Tree Forum, Ted Green MBE, continues to enlist additional 'Ancient Tree Guardians' in support of core ATF interests, recruiting landowners who care about veteran trees to encourage participation in their conservation. He has fulfilled a key role, travelling throughout the UK and abroad acting as an ambassador for the ATF to inspire and influence owners, managers, academics and state bodies about the value and good stewardship of ancient and veteran trees. Through the medium of the blog 'Ted and Jill's Tremendous Adventures' he is also able to enthuse and inspire an even larger and more diverse audience.

The Ancient Tree Forum website continues to be very effective, although due to internal staff changes within the Woodland Trust, (WT) the website has not been effectively updated. For this reason and also to be slightly more independent of the WT, we have now acquired our own website domain and are in the process of taking over its management. With the dedicated attention of the new Development Officer we will be able to keep a more up to date presence on the website and start populating it with great tree stories and research material.

The last year has been a very important year for the ATF. It has been heavily involved in the VETree European grant scheme together with partners from four other European countries. It was successful in its grant application to a charitable foundation for a significant grant and now has a Development Officer. We launched the long awaited ancient tree management book Ancient and other Veteran Trees; further guidance on management. This is a great success selling almost 700 copies, which has brought in about £17,000 additional funds for the ATF to carry out some of its core work.

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The company was incorporated on 10th June 1998.

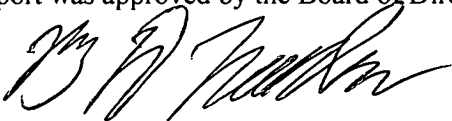
Directors and Trustees

The directors who served during the year are listed below:

Edward Green
Neville Fay
Caroline Davis
William Cathcart
Keith Alexander
Vikki Bengtsson
John Smith
David Clayden
Robert Warnock
Brian Muelaner
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This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

This report was approved by the Board of Directors on 28/4/14 and signed on its behalf.



Brian Muelaner
Chair

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**Report to the Board of Directors on the preparation
of unaudited financial statements of Ancient Tree Forum
for the year ended 31st March 2014**

In order to assist you to fulfil your duties under the Companies Act 2006, we have prepared for your approval the accounts of Ancient Tree Forum for the year ended 31st March 2014 which comprise of the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the Company's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given to us.

As a practising member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at www.icaew.com/membershandbook.

This report is made to the company's Board of Directors in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the accounts of Ancient Tree Forum and state those matters that we have agreed to state to the company's Board of Directors, as a body, in this report, in accordance with the requirements of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales as detailed at www.icaew.com/compilation. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's Board of Directors, as a body, for our work or for this report.

You have approved the statutory accounts for Ancient Tree Forum and have acknowledged your responsibility for them, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for their compilation.

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Brian Paul Limited
Chartered Accountants
Chase Green House
42 Chase Side
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28th November 2014

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st March 2014

		2014	2013	Relates to 2014 figures	
	Notes	£	£	Restricted	Unrestricted
				£	£
<u>Incoming resources:</u>					
Book sales	2	16,817	-	-	16,817
Grants received	3	23,401	36,499	23,401	-
Donations and contributions	4	2,310	1,540	-	2,310
Interest received	5	1,121	820	1,070	51
Total incoming resources		43,649	38,859	24,471	19,178
<u>Resources expended:</u>					
Cost of generating funds-					
Fundraising costs		-	-	-	-
Net incoming resources available for charitable expenditure		43,649	38,859	24,471	19,178
Charitable expenditure-					
Direct charitable expenditure	6	24,322	20,073	22,514	1,808
Management and administration of the charity	7	22,818	9,170	19,365	3,453
		47,140	29,243	41,879	5,261
<u>Net incoming/(outgoing) resources</u>		(3,491)	9,616	(17,408)	13,917
<u>Fund balance brought forward</u>		77,745	68,129	52,330	25,415
<u>Fund balance carried forward</u>		74,254	77,745	34,922	39,332

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet
as at 31st March 2014

		2014		2013	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	8		806		1,208
Current assets					
Debtors	9	860		-	
Cash at bank and in hand		73,488		79,107	
		<u>74,348</u>		<u>79,107</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(900)		(2,570)	
Net current assets			<u>73,448</u>		<u>76,537</u>
Total assets less current liabilities			<u>74,254</u>		<u>77,745</u>
Net assets			<u><u>74,254</u></u>		<u><u>77,745</u></u>
Reserves					
Profit and loss account			<u>74,254</u>		<u>77,745</u>
Members' funds			<u><u>74,254</u></u>		<u><u>77,745</u></u>

The directors' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3) are shown on the following page which forms part of this Balance Sheet.

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Balance sheet (continued)

Directors' statements required by Sections 475(2) and (3)
for the year ended 31st March 2014

For the year ended 31st March 2014 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

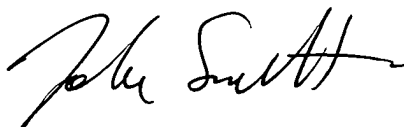
Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime .

These accounts were approved by the directors on 20 November 14, and are signed on their behalf by:

John Smith
Director



Registration number 03578609

The notes on pages 8 to 11 form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Notes to the financial statements
for the year ended 31st March 2014**

1.1. Accounting convention

The company has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small company.

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty. Income is deferred only when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be used in a future period.

Funds held by the charity are:

- (i) Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.
- (ii) Restricted funds - these are funds which can be only used for particular purposes with the objectives of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis and categorised as follows:

- (i) Fundraising expenditure includes costs directly attributable to raising income.
- (ii) Maintenance costs represent costs incurred in the furtherance of the charity
- (iii) Management and administration costs represent the costs attributable to the management of the charity's assets, organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful life, as follows:

Fixtures, fittings
and equipment - 25% Straight Line

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange prevailing at the accounting date. Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the date of the transactions. All differences are taken to the Profit and Loss account.

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2. Operating income	2014	2013
	£	£
Book sales	16,817	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Grants received	2014	2013
	£	£
European Union Leonardo Da Vinci for VETree project	23,401	21,499
PWGSCT for VETree project	-	10,000
National Trust for VETree project	-	5,000
	<u>23,401</u>	<u>36,499</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
4. Donations and contributions	2014	2013
	£	£
Contributions received	2,310	1,540
Donations	-	-
	<u>2,310</u>	<u>1,540</u>
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
5. Interest received	2014	2013
	£	£
Bank deposit interest	1,121	820
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
6. Direct charitable expenditure	2014	2013
	£	£
Direct costs in relation to Events	1,808	744
Direct costs in relation to VETree project	4,663	1,009
Book publication costs	17,851	18,320
	<u>24,322</u>	<u>20,073</u>
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7. Management and administration costs	2014 £	2013 £
Wages and salaries	17,733	5,734
Recruitment expenses	1,632	-
Accountancy fees	900	900
Consultancy fees	1,494	300
Insurance	292	380
Printing, postage and stationery	-	57
Telephone	-	14
Travel and subsistence	-	326
Tree Council	-	672
Bank charges	180	60
(Profit)/loss on exchange	173	246
General expenses	12	78
Depreciation of equipment	402	403
	<u>22,818</u>	<u>9,170</u>
8. Tangible fixed assets	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost		
At 1st April 2013	5,295	5,295
At 31st March 2014	<u>5,295</u>	<u>5,295</u>
Depreciation		
At 1st April 2013	4,087	4,087
Charge for the year	402	402
At 31st March 2014	<u>4,489</u>	<u>4,489</u>
Net book values		
At 31st March 2014	<u>806</u>	<u>806</u>
At 31st March 2013	<u>1,208</u>	<u>1,208</u>

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9. Debtors	2014 £	2013 £
Other debtors	<u>860</u>	<u>-</u>

10. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2014 £	2013 £
Other taxes and social security costs	-	1,670
Accruals and deferred income	<u>900</u>	<u>900</u>
	<u>900</u>	<u>2,570</u>

11. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total Funds £
Fixed assets	806	-	806
Current assets	40,283	34,065	74,348
Current liabilities	<u>(900)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(900)</u>
Net funds	<u>40,189</u>	<u>34,065</u>	<u>74,254</u>