

Company no. 07369954
Charity no. 1149961

Report and Audited Financial Statements

31 March 2018



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women seeding change



Tree Sisters

Reference and administrative details

For the year ended 31 March 2018

Company number 07369954

Charity number 1149961

Registered office and operational address 5th Floor
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Trustees Trustees, who are also directors under company law, who served during the year and up to the date of this report were as follows:

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T Van Den Brand
W Stephenson

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Auditors Godfrey Wilson Limited
Chartered accountants and statutory auditors
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Report of the trustees

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Reference and administrative information set out on page 1 forms part of this report. The financial statements comply with current statutory requirements, the Memorandum and Articles of Association and the Statement of Recommended Practice - Accounting and Reporting by Charities (effective from January 2015).

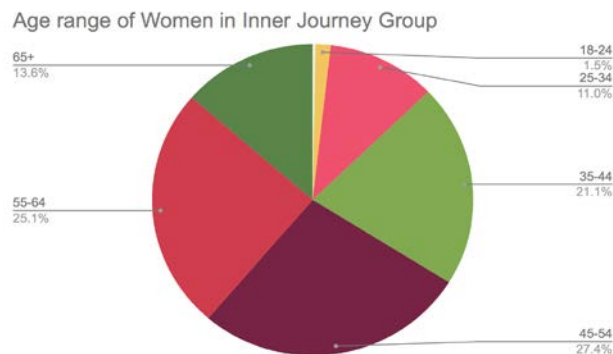
Chair's report

TreeSisters works at the intersection of women's empowerment, tropical reforestation and global consciousness shift. At our core we are a behavior-change organization, producing content, tools and experiences to **empower women's nature-based feminine leadership** & normalize personal ownership of environmental restoration. We are building a network and movement of empowered women who are able to make the changes that are needed in the world if we are to reforest the tropics.

In 2017 we began our journey to a billion trees. That journey began with a week long series of interviews titled ' Wild Hope for a New Humanity' and was a powerful transmission of possibility in reimagining a world where we have already planted a billion trees and where restoration of our environment is the new norm, we were joined for this series by Pat McCabe: Dine' Navajo Grandmother, Artist, Activist and Ceremonial Leader, Diana Beresford Kroeger: Author, Medical Biochemist, Botanist, One of World's Leading Experts on Trees, Sister Zeph: Teacher, Women's Activist, and Philanthropist, Elisabet Sahtouris: Internationally Known Evolution Biologist and Futurist, and Lynne Twist and Atossa Soltani: Author of The Soul Of Money and Co-Founder of The Pachamama Alliance, and Founder and Board President of Amazon Watch respectively.

The TreeSisters team then led women through a six week journey titled the The Inner Journey of Awakening, bringing together powerful woman ambassadors and consciousness shift content. We were joined by Barbara Marx Hubbard: Visionary, Social Innovator and Global Ambassador for Conscious Change, Chameli Ardagh: Founder of the Awakening Women Institute, Joanna Macy: Eco-philosopher, Activist and Scholar of Deep Ecology, Jensine Larsen: Founder of World Pulse MILCK: Musician behind Women's March Anthem "Quiet", Mona Polacca: Hopi / Tewa / Havasupai Elder and member of the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers. This series was attended by **14,047** people. Of this number 2,479 women joined our Inner Journey group and their participation was across 74 countries. Amongst the **74** countries participating in 5% came from countries other than Europe, UK, Canada, Australia, United States etc, and included women from Uganda, Pakistan, Zaire and Ghana amongst others.

The chart below shows the age range of the participants:



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This group continues after the event and currently 3,500 women are in the group taking part in ongoing mutually supportive community, dropping more deeply into the practices and using them to transform their lives and step into leadership. The Inner Journey (IJ) has now become an ongoing program that is welcoming new members weekly. Of these women **74%** contribute to change and take action by donating towards reforestation. We believe that this part of our charitable work in empowering and educating women will enable lasting change and will also inspire women to **build local grassroots networks** to restore and reforest in their own localities.

We are already seeing the impact of this work, with Gender Park in Uganda planting 50,000 trees in their nursery for re-planting in their local area. Led by a Ugandan treesister who is taking part in both our inner journey and **Groves programs**.

TreeSisters feminine empowerment approach to the delivery of funds for forest restoration continued to prove itself a powerful force for change. In this financial year **£356,415** was restricted for payment to our planting partners an increase of **61.39%** on the previous year and we funded the restoration and planting of **1,619,105 trees well exceeding** the targets of the 1 million tree campaign of October 2016. Our network has continued to grow and as at the end of March we had 3,319 treesister donors (2017: 2,300) who contribute regularly to our planting projects and our other charitable activities. We continue to partner with 4 project partners but have extended our project base to 8 distinct projects across **Brazil, Cameroon, India, Kenya, Madagascar and Nepal**. Our tropical tree partners' projects respect and maintain existing cultures, encourage leadership, increase well-being and strengthen interdependence between communities and their trees. We fund the growth, planting and protection of well over 100 topographically appropriate, indigenous tree species across a variety of ecosystems.

Our strategic focus is on four primary environmental goals:

- Protection and expansion of Intact Forest Landscapes
- Restoration and protection of watersheds
- Controlling soil erosion (as extreme weather and deforestation cause run off)
- Restoring topsoil and land fertility

We also have two primary socio-economic goals of improving community livelihoods and forest interdependence and fostering women's participation, empowerment and incomes.

"The money we receive from planting trees is promoting our families. We are not all that poor anymore and we have improved our living standard. Women never surrender. Even if there's money or not, the fact remains that we are here to plant trees for the benefit of all." Quote from Amastasia Mjoki Mjagi, Tree Planter, Mount Kenya.

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We are currently restoring:

- Mangrove forests in the river estuaries of north east Madagascar with **Eden projects**.
- Dry deciduous forest in Madagascar with Eden projects.
- Improving biodiversity through reforestation in Nepal with Eden projects.
- Forest corridors between the remaining fragments of the Atlantic Rainforests of Brazil with **WEForest**.
- Cloud forests in the Khasi Hills with WeForest.
- The green cover of Mt Kenya for watershed management of Kenya's largest 'water tower' with **International Tree Foundation**.
- Protecting endangered species through reforestation in Cameroon with International Tree Foundation.
- Agricultural lands of Tamil Nadu, Southern India through Agro-Forestry with Project GreenHands.

Connection is a major element of our offering to women, and this year saw the launch of the Tree Sisters **Groves project**. We currently have **99 groves in 23 countries**. This project connects women in their local areas and provides guidance and tools for creating women's empowerment circles. Tree Sisters' Groves facilitates women meeting face to face in their local community, this togetherness can be a gateway for women to be seen, encouraged, and called forth into their feminine nature-based leadership and the 'more' that we all are. This provides a catalyst for consciousness shift.

Tree Sisters utilises its '**Map of Five Choices**' to strengthen our system into readiness for change by nurturing all elements of itself back into balance. The logic embedded within this framework underpins everything we do, including how we run the organisation.

Our network's shared mission is to make it normal for every single person to start restoring our forests by giving funds to plant trees every month. If changing behaviour was straightforward, we wouldn't be facing environmental crisis, and TreeSisters' work on shifting consciousness is paramount to our success if we and our network are to fund the planting of a billion trees per year.

In closing, I would like to thank our board, team, volunteers, donors, water carriers, and all of the individuals who have supported Tree Sisters throughout the year. Without your support, we would not be able to make our work possible and as you read our report, remember that your contribution is helping to re-robe our world in green, improving the environment for future generations, and reinstating the feminine. To know more or to become a Tree Sister please visit our website www.TreeSisters.org.

Leslie Danziger, Chair

Purpose and principal activities

The charity's objects are:

- **Increasing Green Cover:** To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity through increased green cover; and
- **Education and Women's Leadership:** To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, in particular but not exclusively by the provision of training and support to encourage leadership and participation in the work of the charity and environmental protection in general, with a particular focus on women.

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The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. The trustees ensure that plans are in line with the charitable objects and aims.

Tree sisters has five strategic objectives which are employed to achieve the charity's aims and objectives. These are to:

- Build a global network of treesisters who catalyze a movement of ecological restoration
- Inspire and support feminine leadership towards shifting feminine consciousness
- Raise and channel funding into tropical reforestation and protection
- Develop partnerships to accelerate reforestation and deliver on our mission
- Become sector leaders in global reforestation and feminine leadership

Public benefit

Tree Sisters is a social impact initiative focusing specifically on the role that women can play in helping to accelerate global reforestation and the shift towards sustainable living for public benefit. It is a campaign exploring how to gather, inspire and empower women to step into their nature-based feminine leadership as the means by which we bring balance back to the planet and respond collectively to climate change.

The trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and the trustees have complied with their duty in section 4 of the Charities Act 2006. The trustees ensure that plans are in line with the charitable objects and aims.

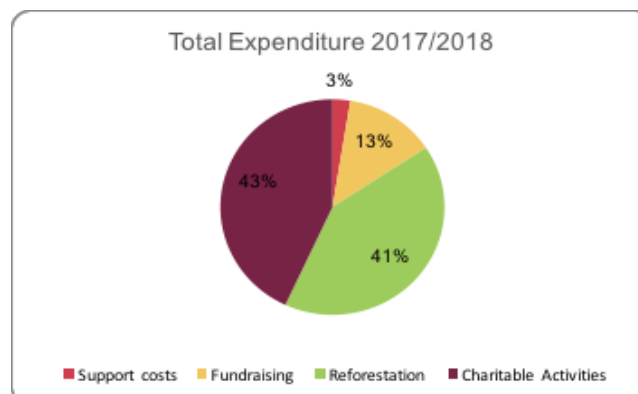
Achievements and Performance

The charity has increased overall expenditure on charitable activities in the year to £780,422 in 2018 (2017: £287,987). Donations were higher by £774,247 in 2018 at £1,124,378 when compared to the previous year (2017: £350,131). This increase was as a result of an increased focus towards individual philanthropy to grow the movement, and through the successful Billion Trees Campaign which also increased our membership to 3,319 members.

In the year we also ran one online course in collaboration with Red School, called 'Wild Power' and also offered an evergreen course for 'A Wild Soul Women' which built on the success of this previously run course £26,863 (2017: £20,743).

Charitable activities

Overall expenditure of £899,972 for the charity was lower than total income for the year leaving net income of £245,869 (2017: £35,996). Funds carried forward increases to £338,330 (2017: £92,461).



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Reforestation - Increasing Green Cover

We substantially increased funds to reforestation £356,415 (2017: £132,089), of which £124,871 representing the final quarter of 2018 was paid in April & May 2018.

Project GreenHands (PGH) - In 2014 we committed to support the Trees for Life Agroforestry Model within Project GreenHands as our first beneficiary project for the network funds. The planting cost of 100 Rupees/£1 per tree, includes all nursery and planting costs; including two monitoring and post-planting maintenance incentives offered to the farmers and the replanting of any trees that do not survive. This ensures a very high survival rate of our trees.

In the current financial year, we contributed £62,253 (2017: £32,150) to Project Green Hands and funded 53,655 fast growing, dry evergreen tropical trees.

The Eden Projects - TreeSisters currently has 3 projects with Eden. Two of the projects are in Madagascar. Eden plant dry deciduous forest to counteract the charcoal stripping of the Madagascan interior, and mangrove forests to restore the coastal estuaries. This financial year TreeSisters contributed £75,882 (2017: £35,639) which funded the planting of 900,368 trees (2017:447,365). They predict that it will take roughly 11 billion mangroves to do what's needed. Right now they are replenishing the enormous Malagasy mangrove forests at a rate of approx. 1.4 Million trees/month.

Mangroves grow in the saline coastal habitats of the tropics and subtropics. They are powerful carbon sequesters, soil stabilizers and tidal buffer zones as sea levels rise and storms intensify, causing yet more precious top soil to erode into the oceans. These 'sea trees' also provide nursery habitat for countless species of fish that provide income and food for the desperately poor communities that Eden serve.

In this financial year we also began funding Eden's project in Nepal £24,155 (2017: £0). The primary purpose of the Jhapa restoration project centers on caring for impoverished villagers by providing them with employment to grow, plant and guard trees, native to Southeast Nepal, to maturity. The term Jhapa meaning canopy, is speaking to the once vibrant and dense forest that existed in the area. The Jhapa Restoration Project aims to restore the natural environment of the area by providing the local villagers meaningful employment and impactful ecological gains.

WEForest – who are planting in the forest corridors between the remaining fragments of the Atlantic Rainforests of Brazil. This area is one of the most biodiverse in the world and yet only 7% of it remains. Planting here is vital to safeguarding biodiversity and restoring the forest corridor. In the current financial year, we have funded £61,386 (2017: £26,253), represent 92,066 trees (2017: 51,791).

We also began the funding of a WEForest project in the Khasi Hills in Northern India £31,503 (2017: £0), which is one of the most bio-diverse regions in Asia and influences regional climate, and because of this it's technically called the cloud forest due to its influence on rainfall. Funding the planting and restoration of 94,173 trees (2017: 0). This project is also helping a variety of endangered species similar to Brazil and the project is largely run by a group of extraordinary women. The project seeks to make the lives of women in this matrilineal community, easier by providing income generating activities.

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ITF – International Tree Foundation who are planting in Kenya, around Mt Kenya for watershed management of Kenya's largest 'water tower'. In the current financial year, we have funded £77,390 (2017: £26,453) representing 273,290 (2017: 125,337) trees.

In 2018 we also finalised a due diligence project with ITF for planting in Cameroon and funded them £15,499 (2017: £0) for the final quarter of 2017/18 representing nursery planting of 51,662 saplings for planting. The restoration of the Cameroon Highlands forest is about aiming to prevent further encroachment into the remaining natural forests of the Tofala Hills Wildlife Sanctuary and a nearby, vast "intact forest landscape". TreeSisters is contributing to the establishment of the Biodiversity Reserve of about 6,000 hectares in order to protect Mount Bamboutos's exceptional biodiversity.

Total Trees Funded - In the 2017/18 financial year we have funded a total of 1,619,105 (2017: 648,022) trees.

Women's leadership and education

Groves Network

TreeSisters launched its Groves network in July 2017 and received funding of £10,000 from the National Lottery Awards for its program to assist its UK Network. Groves are a global network of TreeSister women's circles that build relationships between women, in their local communities and build connections with a wider global network online. The circles are designed to foster feminine and nature based leadership, support health and wellbeing and strengthen community connection across age and gender. They encourage women to come together to connect with nature, plant trees, build community and connect with local reforestation projects. To date we have 99 TreeSister Groves pinned on our world-wide map within 23 countries and 600 women have signed up to be Grove Tenders either through our Grove Tender Facebook page or through our Grove Tender email list.

The Inner Journey

TreeSisters Inner Journey offers personal growth tools and programs designed to support women to step into their unique leadership through increased connection to self, other and nature through talks, global meditations, practices and events. 3,500 women are currently taking part in ongoing mutually supportive community, dropping deeply into the practices and using them to transform their lives and step into leadership. The Inner Journey (IJ) has now become an ongoing program that is welcoming new members weekly. TreeSisters offers an entry into the inner journey through its moon calls that are held at the full moon. The full journey runs bi-annually welcoming new women at any stage of the journey.

TreeSisters Paid Courses

We ran one paid course during the year, 'Wild Power' which was developed in partnership with Red School. We also built on the work of the 'A Wild Soul Woman' course we ran alongside Mary Reynolds Thompson and are now offering this as an evergreen course that women can experience throughout the year.

Expenditure on increasing our outreach and developing other empowerment materials was £25,952 in 2018 (2017: £21,194).

We believe that the engagement of women through our feminine leadership courses and offerings is a key part of fulfilling our strategic objective to "inspire and support feminine leadership through shifting feminine consciousness."

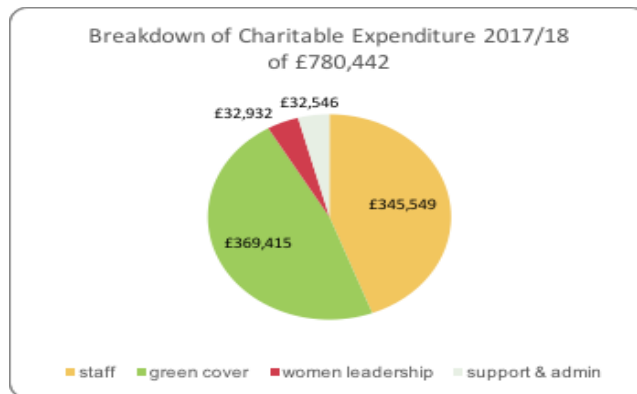
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Overall charity expenditure can be demonstrated in the following chart.

2017-2018 saw the organisation reach its target of 80/20 funding, (80% for tree planting, 20% toward women's empowerment and core costs) from its membership donations. This year was another threshold developmental year in terms of building the foundations for major public launch and expansion and delivery has grown significantly from 2017. In 2016/17 we set ourselves a target of moving towards a philanthropic funding model for our core costs. We successfully raised £671,908 that enabled us to cover our core costs in 2017/18 and which will ensure that for 2018/19, our core costs are covered, so that we can focus our fundraising towards movement building, and increasing the network of partners required to achieve our goal of 1 billion trees per annum.

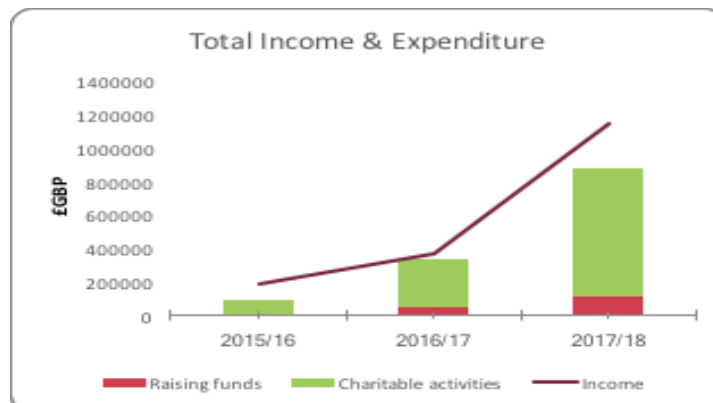


Volunteers

We have a committed volunteer team of approximately 31 women across 10 countries who form the core of our social media management and growth in outreach. These women have contributed over 700 volunteer hours this financial year. Our volunteers have assisted us through transcription services, research, enabling the growth of our social media presences, and providing our groups with moderators and cheerleaders. Our volunteers enable the organisation. Without them we would not be able to deliver to our members in the way that we do, and they are fundamental to our success. We extend our gratitude to them for their continued commitment and support for the organisation.

Financial review

Overall income for the year increased by £780,339 to £1,151,241 (2017: £370,902) and the organisation's net income increased to £245,869 (2017: £35,996). There was a 98/2% split between donations and charitable income respectively. In the year £10,000 was received from UK Lottery funding as part of its Grant making Awards for All Program. In the year corporate funding was also received of £2,000 from BEML (Baseline Env Ltd) and £2,847 from Alinker and £1,450 from Pukka Teas (Pukka Herbs Ltd). The income and expenditure history can be shown simply in the following graph:



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Reserves policy

The trustees have reviewed the financial statements and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund the activities of the organisation for the foreseeable future. Reserves were at £276,754 (2017: £32,043).

Plans for future periods

In the 2018-2019 financial year, we will continue our billion trees Campaign and focus on increasing our engagement of our existing members and adding new members to our community. We have now fully launched our 'Ecosystem of Philanthropy' and have targeted the raising of £500,000 annually to ensure that we can meet our core costs, capacity building and campaign production. We will also continue to build and grow our partnerships. In 2018-2019 our primary focus will be producing content and empowering our network to build and grow local networks. We are looking at the growth of natural eco-systems and incorporating this bio-mimicry into our own internal systems.

Structure, governance and management

The company was established under a Memorandum of Association which established the objectives and powers of the company and is governed under its Articles of Association. The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of the charity. Trustees are appointed by resolution of the existing trustees and there must be at least three trustees. Each trustee shall be appointed for a term of three years and then shall be re-appointed or retire. The management monthly to review strategy, operational and financial performance, to set operating plans and targets and measure performance against our annual budget. The management facilitate a financial review every month at the Board meeting.

Recruitment and induction of trustees

The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law. Subject to the approval of the members, the trustees may appoint a person who will be a trustee. Recruitment is based on the level of skills and experience in non-profit leadership as well as in at least one of the identified areas of expertise required to achieve our objectives (specifically reforestation, women's leadership, and climate change) and overall board make-up should reflect gender and international diversity. Recruitment of trustees is undertaken by the trustees and CEO.

The board implements the following process: Potential trustees meet with and are interviewed by the Chair, one other trustee, and the CEO prior to putting the proposal to the entire board.

Related parties and co-operation with other organisations

Wendy Stephenson, a trustee, is also a director of CW Renewable Energy Limited. Tree Sisters has a service level agreement for accounting services with CW Renewable Energy Limited from March 2016 which finished in January 2018.

The trustees have received the full description of trustees' responsibilities as defined by the Charities Act 2006 and are all experienced in either charitable work or in the key areas as defined by our objectives (see Recruitment). The trustees are unpaid.

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Statement of responsibilities of the trustees

The trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charitable company for the year. In preparing those financial statements 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;
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees confirm that to the best of their knowledge there is no information relevant to the audit of which the auditors are unaware. The trustees also confirm that they have taken all necessary steps to ensure that they themselves are aware of all relevant audit information and that this information has been communicated to the auditors.

Members of the charitable company guarantee to contribute an amount not exceeding £10 to the assets of the charitable company in the event of winding up. The trustees are members of the charitable company but this entitles them only to voting rights. The trustees have no beneficial interest in the charitable company.

Auditors

Godfrey Wilson Limited were appointed as auditors to the charitable company during the year.

Approved by the trustees on 30 July 2018 and signed on their behalf by



Leslie Danziger - trustee

Independent auditors' report

To the members of

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We have audited the financial statements of Tree Sisters for the year ended 31 March 2018 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charity'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 charity'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 charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and auditors

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, 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.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the financial statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the charitable company's circumstances, and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed, the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the trustees, and the overall presentation of the financial statements. In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

Opinion on financial statements

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 2018 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.

Opinion on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

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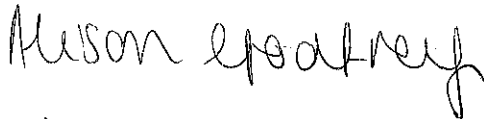
Other matter

The financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2017 were not audited because the charitable company was below the audit threshold.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where 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;
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.



Date: 14 AUGUST 2018

Alison Godfrey FCA
(Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of:

GODFREY WILSON LIMITED

Chartered accountants and statutory auditors

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Statement of financial activities *(incorporating an income and expenditure account)*

For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Note	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Income from:					
Donations	3	363,047	761,331	1,124,378	350,131
Charitable activities	4	-	26,863	26,863	20,743
Investments		-	-	-	28
Total income		<u>363,047</u>	<u>788,194</u>	<u>1,151,241</u>	<u>370,902</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		-	124,930	124,930	46,919
Charitable activities		<u>356,415</u>	<u>424,027</u>	<u>780,442</u>	<u>287,987</u>
Total expenditure	5	<u>356,415</u>	<u>548,957</u>	<u>905,372</u>	<u>334,906</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		6,632	239,237	245,869	35,996
Transfers between funds		<u>(7,239)</u>	<u>7,239</u>	-	-
Net movement in funds	6	(607)	246,476	245,869	35,996
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>7,239</u>	<u>85,222</u>	<u>92,461</u>	<u>56,465</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>6,632</u>	<u>331,698</u>	<u>338,330</u>	<u>92,461</u>

All of the above results are derived from continuing activities. There were no other recognised gains or losses other than those stated above. Movements in funds are disclosed in Note 13 to the accounts.

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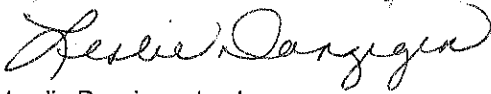
Balance sheet

As at 31 March 2018

	Note	£	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets				
Tangible assets	9		39,966	45,028
Current assets				
Debtors	10	16,961		11,241
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>427,092</u>		<u>103,244</u>
		444,053		114,485
Liabilities				
Creditors: amounts falling due within 1 year	11	<u>(145,689)</u>		<u>(67,052)</u>
Net current assets			<u>298,364</u>	<u>47,433</u>
Net assets	12		<u>338,330</u>	<u>92,461</u>
Funds	13			
Restricted funds			6,632	7,239
Unrestricted funds				
<i>Designated funds</i>			55,899	53,179
<i>General funds</i>			<u>275,799</u>	<u>32,043</u>
Total charity funds			<u>338,330</u>	<u>92,461</u>

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

Approved by the trustees on 30 July 2018 and signed on their behalf by



Leslie Danziger - trustee

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Statement of cash flows

For the year ended 31 March 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Cash used in operating activities:			
Net movement in funds		245,869	35,996
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation charges		13,829	4,236
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	(28)
Decrease / (increase) in debtors		(5,720)	(11,241)
Increase / (decrease) in creditors		78,637	47,996
Net cash provided by operating activities		332,615	76,959
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		-	28
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(8,767)	(48,660)
Net cash (used in) investing activities		(8,767)	(48,632)
Increase / (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year		323,848	28,327
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		103,244	74,917
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		427,092	103,244

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1. Accounting policies

a) Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities in preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Tree Sisters meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

b) Going concern basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared on the assumption that the charitable company is able to continue as a going concern, which the trustees consider appropriate having regard to the level of unrestricted reserves. There are no material uncertainties about the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern.

c) Income

Income is recognised when the charitable company has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the items of income have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Income from the government and other grants, whether 'capital' grants or 'revenue' grants, is recognised when the charity has entitlement to the funds, any performance conditions attached to the grants have been met, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably and is not deferred.

For legacies, entitlement is taken as the earlier of the date on which either: the charity is aware that probate has been granted, the estate has been finalised and notification has been made by the executor(s) to the Trust that a distribution will be made, or when a distribution is received from the estate. Receipt of a legacy, in whole or in part, is only considered probably when the amount can be measured reliably and the charity has been notified of the executor's intention to make a distribution. Where legacies have been notified to the charity, or the charity is aware of the granting of probate, and the criteria for income recognition have been met, then the legacy is treated as a contingent asset and disclosed if material.

80% of the income received from membership donations is restricted and must be spent directly on reforestation work. The remaining 20% is unrestricted.

d) Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charitable company; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

e) Funds accounting

Unrestricted funds are available to spend on activities that further any of the purposes of the charitable company. Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charitable company's work or for specific projects being undertaken by the charitable company.

f) Expenditure and irrecoverable VAT

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Grants payable are recognised when the charity has raised the income that is to be passed on to partners.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

g) Allocation of support costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charitable company but do not directly undertake charitable activities. These costs have been allocated between cost of raising funds and expenditure on charitable activities on the following basis:

Raising funds	30%
Charitable activities	70%

h) Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write down the cost of each asset to its estimated residual value over its expected useful life. The depreciation rates in use are as follows:

Computer equipment	4 years straight line
Website development	4 years straight line

Items of equipment are capitalised where the purchase price exceeds £500.

i) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and cash in hand includes cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

j) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charitable company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

k) Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently recognised at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

l) Foreign exchange rate policy (including cryptocurrencies)

Transactions in foreign currencies are reported at the exchange rates prevailing on the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currency are translated at rates of exchange on the balance sheet date. Exchange differences arising on foreign currency transactions are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

m) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2. Prior period comparatives

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2017 Total £
Income from:			
Donations	131,238	218,893	350,131
Charitable activities	-	20,743	20,743
Investments	-	28	28
Total income	131,238	239,664	370,902
Expenditure on:			
Raising funds	-	46,919	46,919
Charitable activities	137,607	150,380	287,987
Total expenditure	137,607	197,299	334,906
Net income / (expenditure)	(6,369)	42,365	35,996

3. Donations

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Voluntary donations	<u>363,047</u>	<u>761,331</u>	<u>1,124,378</u>	<u>350,131</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Restricted £	Unrestricted £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Workshops	-	26,863	26,863	20,743

5. Total expenditure

	Raising funds £	Charitable activities £	Support costs £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
Fundraising costs	31,962	-	-	31,962	24,389
Staff costs (note 7)	24,392	186,987	-	211,379	28,800
Reforestation costs	-	369,415	-	369,415	137,607
Website and IT costs	-	9,190	-	9,190	9,590
Audit and accountancy fees	-	-	3,374	3,374	1,380
Consultancy	20,657	158,562	-	179,219	57,894
Travel and subsistence	-	10,935	-	10,935	9,088
Telephone	-	-	791	791	72
Administration, postage & stationery	-	16,472	-	16,472	6,804
Training materials	-	9,290	-	9,290	7,131
Bookkeeping fees	-	-	4,500	4,500	6,225
Charges and subscriptions	15,221	-	-	15,221	16,163
Marketing	-	3,517	-	3,517	23,120
Trustee expenses	-	-	469	469	572
Depreciation	-	-	13,829	13,829	4,236
Foreign exchange gain/loss	25,809	-	-	25,809	-
Sundry expenses	-	-	-	-	1,835
Sub total	118,041	764,368	22,963	905,372	334,906
Reallocation of support costs	6,889	16,074	(22,963)	-	-
Total expenditure	124,930	780,442	-	905,372	334,906

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6. Net movement in funds

This is stated after charging:

	2018 £	2017 £
Depreciation	13,829	4,236
Trustees remuneration	-	-
Trustees' reimbursed expenses	35	572
Trustees' donations	292	496
Auditors/ Independent examiners remuneration:		
▪ Auditor/ Independent examination (incl. VAT)	3,840	1,200
▪ Other services	174	180
	<u>174</u>	<u>180</u>

The total aggregate donations from trustees during the year were £292 towards general costs of running Tree Sisters (2017: £496).

Trustees received £35 (2017: £572) for reimbursed travel expenses.

7. Staff costs and numbers

Staff costs were as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Salaries and wages	193,920	28,800
Social security costs	13,521	-
Pension costs	3,938	-
	<u>211,379</u>	<u>28,800</u>

No employee earned more than £60,000 during the year.

	2018 No.	2017 No.
Average head count (full-time equivalent)	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>

The key management personnel comprise the trustees and the chief executive officer. Total remuneration paid to the key management personnel during the year was £111,471 (2017: £28,800).

8. Taxation

The charitable company is exempt from corporation tax as all its income is charitable and is applied for charitable purposes.

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9. Tangible fixed assets	Computer equipment £	Website development £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2017	725	48,660	49,385
Additions in year	<u>1,234</u>	<u>7,533</u>	<u>8,767</u>
At 31 March 2018	<u>1,959</u>	<u>56,193</u>	<u>58,152</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2017	302	4,055	4,357
Charge for the year	<u>220</u>	<u>13,609</u>	<u>13,829</u>
At 31 March 2018	<u>522</u>	<u>17,664</u>	<u>18,186</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2018	<u><u>1,437</u></u>	<u><u>38,529</u></u>	<u><u>39,966</u></u>
At 31 March 2017	<u><u>423</u></u>	<u><u>44,605</u></u>	<u><u>45,028</u></u>
10. Debtors			
		2018	2017
		£	£
Prepayments		6,335	6,335
Accrued income		3,997	4,906
Other debtors		<u>6,629</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u><u>16,961</u></u>	<u><u>11,241</u></u>
11. Creditors: amounts due within 1 year			
		2018	2017
		£	£
Trade creditors		6,658	1,353
Accruals		134,191	65,195
Other taxation and social security		<u>4,840</u>	<u>504</u>
		<u><u>145,689</u></u>	<u><u>67,052</u></u>

Accruals includes £124,871 of grants payable to partners in respect of reforestation work.

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12. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Tangible fixed assets	-	39,966	39,966
Current assets	131,503	312,550	444,053
Current liabilities	(124,871)	(20,818)	(145,689)
Net assets at 31 March 2018	<u>6,632</u>	<u>331,698</u>	<u>338,330</u>

	Restricted funds £	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £
Prior period comparative			
Tangible fixed assets	-	45,028	45,028
Current assets	70,463	44,022	114,485
Current liabilities	(63,224)	(3,828)	(67,052)
Net assets at 31 March 2017	<u>7,239</u>	<u>85,222</u>	<u>92,461</u>

13. Movements in funds

	At 1 April 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2018 £
Restricted funds					
Trees	-	363,047	(356,415)	-	6,632
Website development	<u>7,239</u>	-	-	(7,239)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>7,239</u>	<u>363,047</u>	<u>(356,415)</u>	<u>(7,239)</u>	<u>6,632</u>
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Launch expenditure	4,519	-	-	(4,519)	-
Capital funds	<u>48,660</u>	-	-	7,239	55,899
<i>Total designated funds</i>	53,179	-	-	2,720	55,899
General funds	<u>32,043</u>	<u>788,194</u>	<u>(548,957)</u>	4,519	275,799
Total unrestricted funds	<u>85,222</u>	<u>788,194</u>	<u>(548,957)</u>	<u>7,239</u>	331,698
Total funds	<u>92,461</u>	<u>1,151,241</u>	<u>(905,372)</u>	-	<u>338,330</u>

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Prior period comparative

	At 1 April 2016 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	At 31 March 2017 £
Restricted funds					
Trees	-	131,238	(137,607)	6,369	-
Website development	55,899	-	-	(48,660)	7,239
Total restricted funds	55,899	131,238	(137,607)	(42,291)	7,239
Unrestricted funds					
<i>Designated funds</i>					
Launch expenditure	-	20,000	(15,481)	-	4,519
Capital funds	-	-	-	48,660	48,660
<i>Total designated funds</i>	-	20,000	(15,481)	48,660	53,179
General funds	566	219,664	(181,818)	(6,369)	32,043
Total unrestricted funds	566	239,664	(197,299)	42,291	85,222
Total funds	56,465	370,902	(334,906)	-	92,461

Purposes of restricted funds

Trees

The Trees fund is funding raised towards increasing green cover via tree planting.

Website development

The website development fund was raised by crowdfunding for the development of the website to enable wider support for the tree campaigns and support increased volume of members, donors and course participants. The funds have been fully spent and the restriction has been fully discharged so the funds have been transferred to general funds.

Purposes of designated funds

Launch expenditure

Funds set aside for use to activate and market the million trees campaign in September 2016. The unspent balance has been transferred back to general funds.

Capital funds

The capital funds represent the portion of the net book value of the website that was originally funded by restricted funds.

14. Related party transactions

Wendy Stephenson, a trustee, is also a director of CW Renewable Energy Limited. Tree Sisters had a service level agreement for accounting services with CW Renewable Energy Limited from March 2016 to January 2018, for which there is an accrual of £0 in these accounts (2017: £480).