

**THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**Company Registration No: 3694613**

**Charity Registration No: 1074914**

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

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**Legal and Administrative Details**

**TRUSTEES**

Dr Philip Barlow FLS\* - Chairman  
Stephen Keynes OBE FLS\*  
Revd Professor Michael J Reiss  
Professor J Stephen Jones  
Randal Keynes OBE FLS\* - Treasurer  
Karen Goldie-Morrison FLS  
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**REGISTERED COMPANY  
NUMBER**

3694613 (England and Wales)

**REGISTERED CHARITY  
NUMBER**

1074914

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Knox Cropper  
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**BANKERS**

Natwest plc

# **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2017. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015).

#### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES**

The Trust was established to develop the use of the heritage of Charles Darwin the scientist, his scientific work and his life with his family and friends as an inspiration for learning about science and the natural world.

The objects of the Charity when it was launched in 1999 were the advancement of education in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in relation to:

- the life and work of Charles Darwin
- the development and understanding of natural history and the life sciences with particular reference to Darwin's home at Down House and to any associated institutions in the village of Downe in Kent, and
- the advancement of education and such other purposes for the benefit of the community as shall be exclusively charitable

#### **AIMS OF THE TRUST**

The aims of the trust are :

- To use Darwin-Inspired Learning to promote excellence in science education
- To promote an understanding of the natural world to ensure the survival of biodiversity and life on earth
- To enhance the understanding of Darwin's historical and contemporary significance
- To improve and extend science literacy and the understanding of science.

The Trust has based its materials for teaching and its Continuing Professional Development (CPD) courses for teachers on research into Darwin's own writings and those of his contemporaries and collaborators and on current scholarship. Taking as its context Darwin's life, work and influence, the Trust has developed an approach to teaching and learning in science which it offers for use by educators as Darwin-Inspired Learning.

Darwin-Inspired Learning:

- Encourages a sense of place and direct engagement with the natural world, such as the environments of Downe and other locations where Darwin worked, or through employing local environments which are accessible to students and their teachers
- Places importance on:
  - active learning through experiences and questions, solving problems, and dialogue between teachers and pupils, and between pupils themselves,
  - teaching that engages critical and creative thinking about how scientists work,
- Encourages interdisciplinary studies, with Darwin as the context, between science and literature, writing and expression, history, religious studies, geography, horticulture, dance and drama, design and technology, numeracy, music and art.

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##### **OBJECTS AND ACTIVITIES (continued)**

This is achieved through:

- using Darwin's ways of working and investigating
- using Darwin's theories about how nature works
- understanding how science and scientists use Darwin's ideas in their work today
- using stories about Darwin, the places where he worked and the things that he studied
- working with expert groups in the arts and humanities.

This approach is aimed at developing:

- young people who are engaged with the natural world as critical, imaginative investigators, who find science exciting, who have the ability to communicate their findings to others and who want to continue their studies
- teachers inspired by Darwin-Inspired Learning to become more effective and reflective
- a new generation of teachers and young people who are proud of the heritage that Charles Darwin gave to the world and understand its significance.

The Trustees have sought to develop resources that meet the requirements of the UK national curriculum, GCSE and post-16 courses. Many examination specifications expect pupils to carry out independent studies for which they have to collect and analyse data. Studying the natural world out-of-doors over a prolonged period and in great breadth and depth, allows students the opportunity to investigate and bring together data just as Charles Darwin did. However, fieldwork has greatly declined in recent years and teacher expertise to scaffold these activities has waned.

The Trustees believe in particular that teachers need support in developing their:

- teaching approaches for outdoor learning
- biological subject knowledge
- enthusiasm for the study of nature.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **ACTIVITIES IN 2016**

'During 2016 the Trust continued its support for English Heritage projects at Down House with uses for education about Darwin's science, its discussions with the Linnean Society about educational uses of their Darwin and Wallace Collection, and its help for schools developing 'Darwin Gardens' on their premises using ideas set out in its book *Darwin-Inspired Learning* published in 2015. It also agreed with Dr George Beccaloni, Head of the Wallace Correspondence Project, to act as hosting organisation for a major grant application for completion of the project, again focusing on the project's educational potential with the close links between Wallace and Darwin as observers, experimenters and theorists for evolutionary science

##### **Public Benefit Statement**

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty set out under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 and have paid due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, 'Charities and Public Benefit', in developing the Trust's objectives for the year and in planning its activities.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Reserves policy**

The Trust maintains its reserves under two categories: (a) unrestricted (general) reserves, which are available for general use in pursuance of the charity's objectives, and (b) restricted reserves, which are for specifically earmarked purposes. Unrestricted reserves currently amount to £97,254.

The Trustees review the Charity's reserves policy on a regular basis and no less than annually. The reserves position is reported at every board meeting.

##### **Financial Performance**

The total incoming received in the year was £91. Expenditure for the year amounted to £4,504. Funds brought forward from the previous year amounted to £101,667 and funds carried forward into 2017 amounted to £97,254.

Overall the Trust has recorded a deficit for the year of £4,413 compared to a surplus in the preceding year of £81,473. As at 31 December 2016, this has resulted in unrestricted funds decreasing by £4,413 to £97,254.

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

##### **Governing document**

The Company was incorporated on 13<sup>th</sup> January 1999 in England and Wales as a company limited by guarantee under the Companies Acts (Registration No. 3694613).

The Company obtained charitable status and has been registered and is still registered with the Charity Commission (Registration No. 1074914). It is potentially exempt from Corporation Tax under Chapter 3 of Part 11 of the Corporation Taxes Act 2010. The Company is known as The Charles Darwin Trust and its Directors are its Trustees.

##### **Organisational structure**

The day to day management of the Trust is led by Randal Keys reporting to the Trustees.

Professor David Kohn is the Trust's Honorary Senior Research Fellow.

##### **Risk Management**

The Trustees have reviewed the key risks to which the Trust is exposed, and actions have been taken to mitigate those risks.

#### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees (who are also the directors of the Charles Darwin Trust for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements 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 financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. 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 Charity SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

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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 enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditors are unaware; and

the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

27/09

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on ~~[date]~~ 2017 and signed on its behalf by:



**Philip Barlow (Chairman)**

27/09

~~[Date]~~ 2017

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

	Notes	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2016 Total £	2015 Total £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Donations	2	10	-	10	84,612
Investment Income		3	-	3	1
Other Income		78	-	78	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>84,613</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Education Activities	3	4,504	-	4,504	3,140
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>4,504</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,504</b>	<b>3,140</b>
<b>NET (EXPENDITURE)/INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>		<b>(4,413)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(4,413)</b>	<b>81,473</b>
Revaluation of investment asset	7	-	-	-	-
<b>FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		<b>101,667</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>101,667</b>	<b>20,194</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>£97,254</b>	<b>£-</b>	<b>£97,254</b>	<b>£101,667</b>

None of the Company's activities were acquired or discontinued during the financial period.

# THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2016

	Notes	2016		2015	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		-		-
<b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	7		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	-	-	-	-
Bank Balances		99,367		102,843	
		<u>99,367</u>		<u>102,843</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	(2,113)		(1,176)	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			97,254		101,667
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>£ 97,254</u>		<u>£101,667</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Restricted Funds			-		-
Revaluation Reserve			-		-
Unrestricted General Fund			97,254		101,667
			<u>£97,254</u>		<u>£101,667</u>

The Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2016.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2016 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

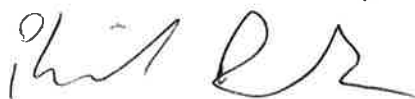
The Directors acknowledge their responsibilities for:

(a) ensuring that the Company keeps accounting records which comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and

(b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company as at the end of each financial year and of its profit or loss for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the Company.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Directors on [date] 27/09/2017



(Chairman)

( Philip Barlow)



(Treasurer)

( Randal Keynes)

# **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

### **1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

- a) The Accounts comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice ("the SORP") issued by the Charity Commissioners for England and Wales in 2015 (SORP: FRS 102), with the Companies Act 2006, and with applicable Accounting Standards.
- b) Depreciation is charged at 25% on cost with a full year's charge in the year of acquisition and none in the year of disposal.
- c) Donations, Legacies and Grants are accounted for in the year in which they are unconditionally receivable. Donations in Kind are accounted for at valuation.
- d) Administration expenses are shown inclusive of VAT, where applicable.
- e) Investment assets are valued at full open market value.

### **2. DONATIONS**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
Donation in kind (See note 7)	-	84,600
Other	10	12
	<u>£10</u>	<u>£84,612</u>

### **3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
<b>Education Activities</b>		
Education Research	2,705	-
Legal and Professional Fees	-	2,700
Write back of prior year creditors	-	(871)
Support Costs (Note 4)	1,799	1,311
	<u>£4,504</u>	<u>£3,140</u>

### **4. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>
	£	£
Accountancy Fees	588	327
Office Costs	1,137	872
Other Costs	74	112
	<u>£1,799</u>	<u>£1,311</u>

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT.)**  
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**5. SALARY COSTS**

	<b>2016</b> £	<b>2015</b> £
Gross Salary Costs	-	-
Social Security Costs	-	-
Employers Pension Costs	-	-
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

There were no paid employees. The directors do not receive any remuneration for their services.

**6. FIXED ASSETS**

**Cost**

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	8,746	8,746
Acquisitions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	<u>8,746</u>	<u>£8,746</u>

**Depreciation**

Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	8,746	8,746
Charge during year	-	-
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	<u>8,746</u>	<u>£8,746</u>

**Net Book Value**

At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT.)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

### **7. INVESTMENT ASSETS**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2016	-	36,190
Donation in kind received in 2015 (Note 2)	-	84,600
Disposals	-	(120,790)
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2016	-	£ -

### **8. DEBTORS**

Grants Receivable	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-
	-	-

### **9. CREDITORS**

#### **Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
	£	£
Loan from Directors	-	-
Other Creditors and Accruals	2,113	1,176
	£2,113	£1,176

### **10. DIRECTORS' EXPENSES**

No expenses were charged by the directors during the year, (2015 Nil).

### **11. HERITAGE ASSETS**

During 2003 the Trust received a legacy (the Quentin Keynes Bequest), which comprised rare manuscripts and books related to Charles Darwin's life and writings. A similar bequest from the estate of Richard Keynes was received in 2010. A bequest was also received from the estate of Milo Keynes in 2009. A donation of heritage assets amounting to £84,600 was also received in 2015

Following a review, part of the Quentin Keynes Bequest was reclassified as an investment asset and was sold during 2015 together with the assets donated in 2015. This transaction is set out in note 7 above. Most of the remaining heritage assets were then transferred to another charity, the Linnean Society of London, to hold, under trust, for educational purposes. A number of the remaining assets remain with the Trust, most of them now on loan to English Heritage for display at Darwin's home, Down House in Kent.

# **INDEPENDENT CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS' REVIEW REPORT**

## **TO THE DIRECTORS OF**

### **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

We have reviewed the financial statements of The Charles Darwin Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the 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), including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'.

The report is made solely to the company's directors, as a body, in accordance with our terms of engagement. Our review has been undertaken so that we might state to the directors those matters that we have agreed with them in our engagement letter and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's directors as a body for our work, for this report or the conclusions we have formed.

#### **Directors' responsibility for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out below, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

#### **Accountants' responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion based on our review of the financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2400 (Revised), 'Engagements to review historical financial statements' and ICAEW Technical Release TECH 09/13AAF 'Assurance review engagements on historical financial statements'. ISRE 2400 also requires us to comply with the ICAEW Code of Ethics.

#### **Scope of the assurance review**

A review of financial statements in accordance with ISRE 2400 (Revised) is a limited assurance engagement. We have performed additional procedures to those required under a compilation engagement. These primarily consist of making enquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained. The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

#### **Conclusion**

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements have not been prepared:

- So as to give a true and fair view of the state of the company's affairs as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016 and of its deficit for the year then ended;
- In accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'; and
- In accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

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