**EAST KESWICK WILDLIFE TRUST : registered charity no 1182308**

**TRUSTEES REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021**

**Address:**

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**Council Members (and trustees)**

D Smith

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S Bottrell

A Turner

P Holmes

M Harrison

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C Dicker

T Meadley.

**Officers of the Trust.**

David Smith:……………………….. Chairman

Andy Turner:……………………….. Vice Chairman

Michael Harrison:.…………………..Treasurer

T Meadley & C Dicker..…………….Membership secretaries

P Holmes:…………………………….Publicity and Newsletters

Secretary :..………………………….D Lord.

**Structure and governance**

The trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). the date of registration is the 4th of March 2019.

The appointment of new Council members and trustees is by nomination to and approval of the Council and of the Annual General Meeting.

**Objectives and activities of the East Keswick Wildlife Trust:**

* To promote the conservation, maintenance and study of places and objects of botanical, zoological, geological, ecological or scientific interest in the Parish of East Keswick and elsewhere by: -
* Establishing, forming, owning and maintaining sanctuaries or reserves for the conservation of flora and fauna;
* Promoting the education of the public, particularly young people, in the understanding, enjoyment and conservation of natural flora and fauna;
* Promoting, organising and carrying out study and research in the principles and practice of nature conservation, and to publish useful results of such research;
* Co-operating with other bodies of allied interest where this may assist in attaining the aim of the Trust; and
* To liaise with voluntary and statutory bodies involved in local land use and development, and to advise on the management of the sites.

The trustees are pleased to report that in February we completed the process of transferring to our new charitable structure and on the 11th of February 2021 the funds held by EKWT (reg charity no 1013950) were transferred to EKWT (reg charity no 1182308) a charitable incorporated organisation (CIO) with the same charitable objectives and aims of the former EKWT.  EKWT (reg charity no 1013950) ceased to exist from 11th February 2021, and it was removed from the register held by the Charity Commission at that date.  The accounts prepared for the year ended 31st March 2021, which have a link on the website, reflect the activities of both these trusts combined for this year.

In summary, the activities for the year resulted in an excess of expenditure over income of £1,209.  On 31st March 2021 the net assets of EKWT amounted to £99,289, including cash funds of £8,973.  The trustees are satisfied that EKWT has adequate cash resources to enable it to continue in operation going forward".

On behalf of all our trustees I would like to sincerely thank all our volunteers who attend our weekly work parties and who enable so much conservation work to be completed every year, not only on trust reserves, but also on sites under trust management agreements. Without such support the trust would not be able to achieve many of the successes and continuing promotion of the objectives of our wildlife trust.

We also thank everyone who contributes to our goals, especially our membership whose support we will always need to stem the massive decline of our wildlife countrywide, and we hope we can continue to count on your support for the years ahead.

Many thanks to you all.

The East Keswick Wildlife Trustees