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

**Trustees Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 and proposals for election of Trustees and council at AGM, Wednesday 11 May 2022.**

**Council Members (and Trustees)**

D Smith

S Pinkney (retiring May 2022)

M Smith

S Bottrell

A Turner

P Holmes

M Harrison

C Dicker

T Meadley

S Lifford

**Officers of the Trust**

D Smith Chairman

S Bottrell Vice Chairman (Co-opted until 2022 AGM)

M Harrison Treasurer

T Meadley & C Dicker Membership Secretaries

P Holmes Publicity and Newsletters

D Lord Secretary

**Formal election of Vice Chair: Professor Simon Bottrell**

**New Trustees for election:**

Emma Wren

Philip Delaney

**Structure and governance**

The Trust is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), the date of registration was 4 March 2019.

The appointment of new Council members and Trustees is by nomination and approval at the Annual General Meetings.

**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 the Trust has continued to flourish and has been active throughout the past 12 months. While Covid restrictions have curtailed educational visits by local schools to our nature reserves all other activities have been unaffected. The accounts prepared for the year ended 31 March 2022, reflect the activities of the Trust for this year and show we are in a financially sound position. In summary, the past year resulted in an excess of income over expenditure due to overdue grants being paid by Rural payments. The Trustees are satisfied that EKWT has adequate cash resources to enable it to continue its activities going forward.

On behalf of all our Trustees I would like to thank most sincerely all our Friday volunteers who form the work force that enables the Trust to achieve so much conservation work 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 its continuing promotion of the objectives of our wildlife trust.

We also thank everyone who contributes to these goals, especially our membership whose membership fees enable so much more conservation work 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