

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	24	June	2019		05	April	2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name The Little Environmental Action Foundation

Other names charity is known by The LEAF

Registered charity number (if any) 1184069

Charity's principal address Trelan, Wharf Road, Lelant, Cornwall

Postcode TR26 3DU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Harry Fonseca Williams	Chairman	24 June 2019 - now	
2	Nathan O'Nions	Treasurer	24 June 2019 - now	
3	Alice Farrelly	Secretary	24 June 2019 - now	
4	Freddie Harvey-Williams	Vice-Chairman	24 June 2019 - now	
5	Jacca Deeble		24 June 2019 - now	
6	Clare Thouless		24 June 2019 - now	
7	George Davis		24 June 2019 - now	
8	Mathew DeCouto		24 June 2019 - now	
9	Lindsay Biermann		24 June 2019 - now	
10	David Bartholomew		24 June 2019 - now	
11	Jamie Coleman		24 June 2019 - now	
12	Sophie Bennet		24 June 2019 - now	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Academic	Prof. Brendan Godley	University of Exeter, Penryn Campus, Cornwall
Strategy	Prof. Ben Cosh	University of Reading, Reading
Finance	Chris Pridmore	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The LEAF have the following policies in place: Bullying & Harassment; Conflict of Interest; Grievances; Pay; Privacy; Risk Management; Volunteer; Whistleblowing.
We also have a Trustee onboarding procedure in place for new trustees.

We have signed Memorandum of Understandings with Pwani University and Kijabe Forest Trust in order to further our Kenyan project.

The LEAF do not currently have any paid employees or trustees. As such, our risk is relatively low outside of project and operating expenses. We have a risk policy in place to mitigate and manage risk as the charity grows.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are:

- (a) To promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:
 - (i) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
 - (ii) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities.
- (b) To advance the education of the public in subjects relating to sustainable development and the protection, enhancement and rehabilitation of the environment and to promote study and research in such subjects provided that the useful results of such study are disseminated to the public at large.

Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The LEAF has created a large network of collaborators via trips to Kenya from the Chairman. The LEAF has signed MOUs with a Kenyan trust (Kijabe Forest Trust), through which the LEAF can legally employ Kenyans, and currently funds the employment of a tree nursery manager who oversees the planting of 20,000 trees annually for the Kijabe Forest Trust. As well as this, the LEAF has signed an MOU with a University on the Kenyan coast, where a large habitat restoration and education initiative is poised to commence. At Pwani University we plan to involve students and the public in planting over 10,000 trees and environmental education activities. As well as this we hope to initiate research that will enable native trees suitable for timber production to be identified, providing alternative sources of income to agricultural workers already suffering from the negative consequences of climate change. We have also been writing several grant proposals which will support this work.

In fostering a better relationship with nature we hope to improve the mental health of people surrounding our project areas. We hope to improve their living environments by creating habitats that improve air quality and provide a cooler climate. Our mission is to plant trees to combat the climate crisis and mass extinctions. This means we are actively working on projects sequestering carbon and reducing climate change and also protecting endangered species so that people can continue to see as many of the species alive today as possible. Our activities are all aimed at protecting the natural world and improving the relationship between people and nature which are wholly for the public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- Incorporation 24 June 2019
- Fostered close relationship with Kijabe Forest Trust and visited their main project area where local people are employed to propagate and plant a range of local tree species. Employed their nursery manager and signed MOU allowing us to operate in Kenya via their trust.
- Fostered close relationship with Pwani University, signed MOU with their Vice-Chancellor outlining the objectives for habitat restoration on the University grounds and wrote a grant proposal aimed at getting this project fully funded. Now awaiting response from funding bodies.
- Received match funding for the above project from another Trust.
- Have created an online presence, with over 5,000 followers on Instagram.
- Recruited 11 advisors, spanning a wide knowledge pool, including finance, science and marketing
- Prepared a proposal for the Linnean Society as well as the Ernest Cook Trust.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The LEAF currently has a Reserves policy:
We maintain reserves at least equivalent to three months operational expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Currently the charity relies on funding from a few major donors, though we anticipate to receiving funding from various trusts in the foreseeable future.

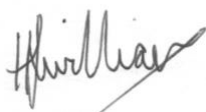
Our expenditure to date has predominantly supported two projects in Kenya. These projects are aligned with our objectives and will meet both objects (a) and (b) as outlined in the relevant section above. Our future and ongoing funding will be closely aligned with our objectives. Our funding has helped identify and propagate vulnerable native tree species, has provided jobs in the local community and will provide a point of education in the local community in conjunction with Pwani University.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Harry Fonseca Williams

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

23rd September 2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

The Little Environmental Action Foundation

1184069

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	24-Jun-19	To	05-Apr-20
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	10,116	-	-	10,116	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
AR)	10,116	-	-	10,116	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,116	-	-	10,116	-
A3 Payments					
Website	108	-	-	108	-
Donation	510	-	-	510	-
International transfer	15	-	-	15	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	633	-	-	633	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	633	-	-	633	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,483	-	-	9,483	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	9,483	-	-	9,483	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds

	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-

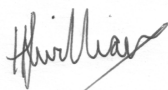
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two
trustees on behalf of all the

Signature



Print Name

HARRY FONSECA WILLIAMS

Date of approval

23/09/2020