

**THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**Company Registration No: 3694613**

**Charity Registration No: 1074914**

**THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

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## **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### **LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

##### **TRUSTEES**

Dr Philip Barlow FLS\* - Chairman (resigned 6 February 2019)  
Revd Professor Michael J Reiss  
Professor J Stephen Jones  
Randal Keynes OBE FLS\* - Treasurer  
Karen Goldie-Morrison FLS (appointed February 2017)  
Professor James Costa FLS  
Emma Newall (appointed February 2017)

\* Darwin family.

##### **REGISTERED OFFICE**

31 Baalbec Road,  
London,  
N5 1QN

##### **REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER**

3694613 (England and Wales)

##### **REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER**

1074914

##### **ACCOUNTANTS**

Knox Cropper LLP  
65 Leadenhall Street  
London  
EC3A 2AD

##### **BANKERS**

CAF Bank

## **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

The Trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their combined Directors' report and Trustees' annual report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2018. 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.

The aims of the Charity 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**

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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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 2018**

The Trust has 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 Alfred Russel Wallace Collections, and its help for schools developing 'Darwin Gardens' on their premises using ideas set out in its book *Darwin-Inspired Learning* published in 2015 and in Professor Costa's book *Darwin's Backyard* published in 2017. In 2018 Professor Costa has continued to lecture on Darwin, his life and his experimental methods to major universities both in the United States and internationally.

The Wallace Correspondence Project (WCP) Phase 2 (2017-2020) has continued successfully following the Trust's agreement with the John Templeton Foundation in November 2017. Dr George Beccaloni, Head of the Project, has recruited full-time and freelance research staff and over sixty volunteers. During 2018, volunteers transcribed 660 letters and researchers produced corrected transcripts with scholarly endnotes for 155 letters. 356 letters (964 scanned pages) and other manuscripts new to the project were discovered in libraries and auction sales. By the end of the grant (August 2020) all of the 5376 letters that the project has will have rough (Level 1) transcriptions, and c. 500 will have carefully corrected (Level 2) transcriptions with scholarly endnotes which are suitable for publication. For the Charles Darwin Trust, the project has considerable educational potential with the close links between Wallace and Darwin as observers, experimenters and theorists for evolutionary science.

The doctoral research that has been supported by the Trust is nearing completion with submission of the thesis anticipated in 2019. The research focuses on the fundamental reasons why many individuals, specifically trainee teachers, find aspects of evolution to be deeply unsettling. Ultimately, this work will inform how teacher training and professional development can better support teachers to develop their understanding of people's feelings towards evolution, nature and our relationship to it. This is with a view to creating more inclusive and dialogic approaches to teaching and learning of this fundamental subject in science. A continuing collaboration through Emma Newall (whose Doctoral research this encompasses) with UCL Institute of Education is planned.

#### **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 £92,599.

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.

## **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### **Financial performance**

The total income received in the year was £151,639 of which £151,516 was the first year's instalment of the funding for Phase 2 of the Wallace Correspondence Project (WCP). Expenditure for the year totalled £139,287 of which £136,438 was due to WCP project costs.

Funds brought forward from the previous year amounted to £95,325 and funds carried forward into 2018 amounted to £107,677, made up of £92,599 of unrestricted funds and £15,078 of surplus on WCP.

The Balance sheet shows that we received the second instalment of the grant - £151,514 – for the WCP within the 2018 financial year but it has been accrued out to year 2019.

Overall the Trust has recorded a surplus for the year of £12,352 compared to a deficit in 2017 of £1,929. As at 31 December 2018, this has resulted in unrestricted funds decreasing by £2,726 to £92,599.

#### **TRUST 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 has charitable status and is registered with the Charity Commission as Charity 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 Keynes 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.

## **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### **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.

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 information of which the charitable company's examiners' are unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant information and to establish that the examiners 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.

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

On 31st March 2019, Knox Cropper, the Charity's independent Examiner, transferred its business to Knox Cropper LLP, a limited liability partnership incorporated under the Limited Liability Partnerships Act 2000. The Trustees have consented to treating the appointment of Knox Cropper as extending to Knox Cropper LLP.

Approved by order of the Board of Trustees on

2019 and signed on its behalf by:

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**Randal Keynes (Chairman)**



**THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**(INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

	Notes	Un- restricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2018 Total £	2017 Total £
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>					
Grants and donations	2	12	151,516	151,528	12
Investment Income		111	-	111	-
Other Income		-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<u>123</u>	<u>151,516</u>	<u>151,639</u>	<u>12</u>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>					
<b>Charitable Activities</b>					
Education Activities	3	-	-	-	1,941
Wallace Correspondence Project		2,849	136,438	139,287	-
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<u>2,849</u>	<u>136,438</u>	<u>139,287</u>	<u>1,941</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR</b>		(2,726)	15,078	12,352	(1,929)
<b>FUND BALANCES BROUGHT FORWARD</b>		95,325	-	95,325	97,254
<b>FUND BALANCES CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>92,599</u>	<u>15,078</u>	<u>107,677</u>	<u>£95,325</u>

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 2018**

	Notes	2018		2017	
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	6		2,977		-
<b>INVESTMENT ASSETS</b>	7		-		-
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	-	-	-	-
Bank Balances		263,355		248,292	
		<u>263,355</u>		<u>248,292</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(158,655)</u>		<u>(152,967)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>			104,700		95,325
<b>NET ASSETS</b>			<u>107,677</u>		<u>£95,325</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>					
Restricted Funds			15,078		-
Revaluation Reserve			-		-
Unrestricted General Fund			<u>92,599</u>		<u>95,325</u>
			<u>107,677</u>		<u>£95,325</u>

The Company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 December 2018.

The members have not required the Company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2018 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 2019

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**Randal Keynes (Chairman)**

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**Karen Goldie-Morrison (Treasurer)**

Registered Company Number: 3694613

**THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

**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. The Trust is a public benefit entity under FRS102.

b) Depreciation is provided on all tangible fixed assets at rates calculated to write off the cost, less estimated residual value, of each asset evenly over its expected useful life.

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.

f) The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

**2. GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Grant: John Templeton Foundation	151,516	-
Donations	12	12
	<u>£151,528</u>	<u>£12</u>

**3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES**

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
<b>Wallace Correspondence Project</b>		
Staff costs	95,238	-
Freelance costs	12,552	-
Legal and Professional Fees	1,104	-
Office costs	24,424	-
Other costs	2,160	-
Support Costs (Note 4)	3,809	-
<b>Education Activities</b>	-	1,941
	<u>£139,287</u>	<u>£1,941</u>

**4. SUPPORT COSTS**

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Accountancy Fees	1,440	588
NR OH fees	1,300	-
Office Costs	822	1,293
Other Costs	247	60
	<u>£3,809</u>	<u>£1,941</u>

## **THE CHARLES DARWIN TRUST**

### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT.)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### **5. SALARY COSTS**

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Gross Salary Costs	89,075	-
Social Security Costs	4,808	-
Employers Pension Costs	1,355	-
	<u>£95,238</u>	<u>£-</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
Average number of employees	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>

There were no employees whose employee benefits exceeded £60,000.

The Key Management Personnel of the Charity are those persons having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Charity. Total employee benefits, including employer pension contribution and employer social security costs for key management personnel in the period amounted to £49,532 (2017: £NIL).

#### **6. FIXED ASSETS**

	<b>2018</b> £	<b>2017</b> £
<b>Cost</b>		
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	8,746	8,746
Acquisitions	4,911	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<u>£13,657</u>	<u>£8,746</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	8,746	8,746
Charge during year	1,934	-
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<u>£10,680</u>	<u>£8,746</u>
<b>Net Book Value</b>		
At 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<u>£2,977</u>	<u>£-</u>

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### **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT.)** **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2018**

#### **7. INVESTMENT ASSETS**

<b>Cost</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	£	£
Balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2018	-	-
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2018	<u>£-</u>	<u>£ -</u>

#### **8. DEBTORS**

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	£	£
Grants Receivable	-	-
Other Debtors	-	-
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

#### **9. CREDITORS**

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

	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	£	£
Deferred income	151,514	151,516
Accruals	3,330	1,451
Social security costs	2,992	-
Other creditors	819	-
	<u>£158,655</u>	<u>£152,967</u>

Deferred income represents the second instalment from John Templeton Foundation for The Wallace Correspondence Project.

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

No expenses were charged by the directors during the year, (2018: 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. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONT.)**  
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**12. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	<b>At 1 Jan 2018</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>At 31 Dec 2018</b>
	£	£	£	
Unrestricted funds	95,325	123	(2,849)	92,599
Restricted funds				
Wallace Project	-	151,516	(136,438)	15,078
Total	<u>95,325</u>	<u>151,639</u>	<u>139,287</u>	<u>107,677</u>

**13. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Restricted fund</b>	<b>Total 2018</b>	<b>Total 2017</b>
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	-	2,977	2,977	-
Current assets	251,254	12,101	263,355	248,292
Current liabilities	<u>(158,655)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(158,655)</u>	<u>(152,967)</u>
	<u>92,599</u>	<u>15,078</u>	<u>107,677</u>	<u>95,325</u>

**14. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2018 (2017: none).

### **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of The Charles Darwin Trust**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 December 2018.

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act'). You are satisfied that the accounts of the Company are not required by charity or company law to be audited and have chosen instead to have an independent examination.

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of the Company's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Kevin Lally FCA  
Knox Cropper LLP  
Chartered Accountants  
65 Leadenhall Street  
EC3A 2AD

Date: