

**ACCOUNTANTS REPORT TO 31 MARCH 2010 ON THE UNAUDITED
FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST LTD**

In accordance with the engagement letter dated 4th January 2009 we have compiled the financial information of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust Ltd which comprises profit and loss, balance sheet, notes to the accounts and the statement of financial activities from the accounting records and information and explanations you have given to us.

These reports have been compiled on the accounting basis set out in note 1.1 to the profit and loss, balance sheet, notes to the accounts and the statement of financial activities.

The financial information is not intended to achieve full compliances with the provisions of UK Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

This report is made to you in accordance with the terms of our engagement. Our work has been undertaken so that we might compile the reports that we have been engaged to compile to you that we have done so and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Bumblebee Conservation Trust Ltd for our work or for this report.

We have carried out this engagement in accordance with technical guidance issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales and have complied with the ethical guidance laid down by the Institute.

You have approved the reports for the year ending 31st March 2010 and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the accounting basis and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not therefore express any opinion on the financial information.



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BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST			Charity No 1115634	CC17a
Annual accounts for the period				
Period start date	01/04/2009	To	Period end date 31/03/2010	

Section A Statement of financial activities

Recommended categories by activity	Details of own analysis	Note	Restricted			Total this year £	Total last year £	
			Unrestricted funds £	income funds £	Endowment funds £			
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05	
Incoming resources (Note 3)								
Incoming resources from generated funds								
Voluntary income		S01	125,155	100,000	-	225,155	61,172	
Activities for generating funds		S02	13,899	-	-	13,899	3,318	
Investment income		S03	514	-	-	514	1,697	
Incoming resources from charitable activities								
		S04	-	119,234	-	119,234	49,663	
Other incoming resources								
		S05	-	-	-	-	-	
Total incoming resources			S06	139,569	219,234	-	358,803	115,850
Resources expended (Notes 4-8)								
Costs of Generating Funds								
Costs of generating voluntary income		S07	8,918	-	-	8,918	5,026	
Fundraising trading costs		S08	3,181	-	-	3,181	5,286	
Investment management costs		S09	-	-	-	-	-	
Charitable activities								
		S10	95,408	97,424	-	192,833	121,284	
Governance costs								
		S11	7,640	295	-	7,935	7,596	
Other resources expended								
		S12	-	-	-	-	-	
Total resources expended			S13	115,147	97,720	-	212,867	139,192
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before transfers			S14	24,421	121,515	-	145,936	23,342
Gross transfers between funds								
		S15	-	-	-	-	-	
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before other recognised gains/(losses)			S16	24,421	121,515	-	145,936	23,342
Other recognised gains/(losses)								
Gains and losses on revaluation of fixed assets for the charity's own use		S17	-	-	-	-	-	
Gains and losses on investment assets		S18	-	-	-	-	-	
Net movement in funds			S19	24,421	121,515	-	145,936	23,342
Total funds brought forward			S20	24,161	40,100	-	64,261	87,602
Total funds carried forward			S21	48,583	161,614	-	210,197	64,260

Section B Balance sheet

		Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted income funds £	Endowment funds £	Total this year £	Total last year £
			F01	F02	F03	F04	F05
Fixed assets							
Tangible assets	(Note 9)	B01	-	553	-	553	738
		B02	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	(Note 10)	B03	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		B04	-	553	-	553	738
Current assets							
Stock and work in progress		B05	1,846		-	1,846	3,319
Debtors	(Note 11)	B06	13,205	40,540	-	53,745	13,893
(Short term) investments		B07			-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		B08	64,291	130,175	-	194,467	86,067
Total current assets		B09	79,342	170,715	-	250,058	103,278
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(Note 12)	B10	18,260	9,654	-	27,913	39,757
Net current assets/(liabilities)		B11	61,083	161,061	-	222,144	63,522
Total assets less current liabilities		B12	61,083	161,614	-	222,697	64,260
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	(Note 12)	B13	-	-	-	-	-
Provisions for liabilities and charges		B14	12,500	-	-	12,500	-
Net assets		B15	48,583	161,614	-	210,197	64,260
Funds of the Charity							
Unrestricted funds		B16	48,583			48,583	24,161
		B17	-			-	-
Restricted income funds (Note 13)		B18		161,614		161,614	40,100
Endowment funds (Note 13)		B19			-	-	-
Total funds		B20	48,583	161,614	-	210,197	64,260

(a) For the year ended 31 March 2010 the company was entitled to exemption under section 249A(1) of the Companies Act 1985
 (b) Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 249B(2) of the Companies Act 1985;
 (c) The directors acknowledge their responsibility for: i. ensuring the company keeps accounting records which comply with section 221; and ii. preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year, and of its profit or loss for the financial year, in accordance with the requirements of section 226, and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company. (d) The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions in Part VII of the Companies Act 1985 relating to small companies.

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Dr Ben Darvill	14/12/2010
		Prof. Dave Goulson	14/12/2010

Section C**Notes to the accounts****Note 1 Basis of preparation**

This section should be completed by all charities .

1.1 Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with:

- Accounting and Reporting by Charities – Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005);
- and with* Accounting Standards;
- or Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE);
- and with the Charities Act 1993.

Give details in this box if a different standard has been followed.

* -Tick as appropriate:

- if all relevant disclosures shown in the pack have been given then please tick "Accounting Standards";
- if disclosures completed in these accounts have been restricted to those required by the FRSSE, then please tick "Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Enterprises (FRSSE)".

** - If no departures from the chosen standards have been made then delete these words; otherwise give details of any changes in the boxes.

1.2 Change in basis of accounting

There has been no change to the accounting policies (valuation rules and methods of accounting) since last year.

Give details in this box of any material changes that have been made.

1.3 Changes to previous accounts

Note 2 Accounting policies

This standard list of accounting policies has been applied by the charity except for those deleted. Where a different or additional policy has been adopted then this is detailed in the box below.

INCOMING RESOURCES

Recognition of incoming resources	These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SoFA) when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the charity becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.
Incoming resources with related expenditure	Where incoming resources have related expenditure (as with fundraising or contract income) the incoming resources and related expenditure are reported gross in the SoFA.
Grants and donations	Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the charity has unconditional entitlement to the resources.
Tax reclaims on donations and gifts	Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the SoFA at the same time as the gift to which they relate.
Contractual income and performance related grants	This is only included in the SoFA once the related goods or services have been delivered.
Gifts in kind	Gifts in kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised. Gifts in kind for sale or distribution are included in the accounts as gifts only when sold or distributed by the charity. Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.
Donated services and facilities	These are only included in incoming resources (with an equivalent amount in resources expended) where the benefit to the charity is reasonably quantifiable, measurable and material. The value placed on these resources is the estimated value to the charity of the service or facility received.
Volunteer help	The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the trustees' annual report.
Investment income	This is included in the accounts when receivable.
Investment gains and losses	This includes any gain or loss on the sale of investments and any gain or loss resulting from revaluing investments to market value at the end of the year.

EXPENDITURE AND LIABILITIES

Liability recognition	Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.
Governance costs	Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of trustee meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.
Grants with performance conditions	Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SoFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.
Grants payable without performance conditions	These are only recognised in the accounts when a commitment has been made and there are no conditions to be met relating to the grant which remain in the control of the charity.
Support Costs	Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, eg allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

ASSETS

Tangible fixed assets for use by charity	These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt.
Investments	Investments quoted on a recognised stock exchange are valued at market value at the year end. Other investment assets are included at trustees' best estimate of market value.
Stocks and work in progress	These are valued at the lower of cost or market value.

**POLICIES ADOPTED
ADDITIONAL TO OR
DIFFERENT FROM THOSE
ABOVE**

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Note 3 Analysis of incoming resources

Incoming resources may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Voluntary income	Memberships	80,571	51,724
	General Donations	31,523	11,131
	Restricted Donations	100,000	1,295
	Tax Recoverable through Gift Aid	12,000	- 2,978
	Payments for services	1,062	
	Total	225,155	61,172
Activities for generating funds	Miscellaneous	8,651	3,318
	Christmas 'socks appeal'	5,248	
	Total	13,899	3,318
Investment income	Bank interest	514	1,697
	Total	514	1,697
Incoming resources from charitable activities	Esmee Fairbairn Grant	36,000	-
	Natural England SubT project		35,000
	SNH Conservation Officer Grants	18,804	9,663
	Mackintosh Foundation	12,500	-
	SNH Species Action Framework	3,255	
	SNH Seeds Grant	6,000	
	Other Grants	2,686	5,000
	Final HLF payment	4,990	
	Natural England SubT grant	35,000	-
	Total	119,234	49,663

Section C

Notes to the accounts

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Note 4 Analysis of resources expended

Resources expended may be further analysed if this would help the reader of the accounts.

	Analysis	This year £	Last year £
Costs of generating voluntary income	Fundraising appeals costs	368	-
	Membership leaflet production and distribution	1,310	
	Publicity	802	1,672
	PayPal commission charges	2,001	970
	Associated salary costs	4,438	2,383
	Total	8,918	5,026
Fundraising trading costs	Cost of goods for sale	1,559	3,917
	Miscellaneous		
	Associated salary costs	1,622	1,369
	Total	3,181	5,286
Investment management costs		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total	-	-
Charitable activities	Conservation	103,594	58,208
	Information and education	38,127	23,443
	Land management	10,609	9,220
	Membership services	37,683	28,395
	Research	2,820	2,018
	Total	192,833	121,284
Governance costs	General governance costs	1,041	915
	Legal & professional services	50	-
	Associated salary	6,845	6,681
	Total	7,935	7,596

Note 5 Support Costs

Please complete this note if the charity has analysed its expenses using activity categories and has support costs.

Support cost type	Fundraising activity £	Charitable Activity £	Governance Activity £	Total Cost £
Staff costs	548	4,389	865	5,801
(staff time basis)	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total	548	4,389	865	5,801

Note 6 Details of certain items of expenditure**6.1 Trustee expenses**

Please provide details of the amount of any payment or reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses made to trustees or to third parties for expenses incurred by trustees. If no expenses were paid, please enter 'None' in the appropriate box(es).

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Refunds of expenses incurred whilst carrying out charitable activities

Total employment costs of Dr Ben Darvill, BBCT employee (Ecologist and Development Manager) and Trustee. Appointed in July 2008 with the consent of the Charities Commission.

Total amount paid

This year	Last year
2	1
2785.14	£1,010
£40,551	£29,007
£43,336	£30,017

6.2 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Please provide details of the amount paid for any statutory external scrutiny of accounts and other services provided by your independent examiner or auditor. If nothing was paid please enter NONE in the appropriate box(es).

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

Other fees (for example: advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

This year £	Last year £
NONE	NONE
NONE	NONE

Section C**Notes to the accounts****(cont)****Note 7****Paid employees***Please complete this note if the charity has any employees.***7.1 Staff Costs**

	This year £	Last year £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind [†]	115,336	104987.86
Employer's National Insurance costs [†]	8,359	611
Pension costs [†]	14,765	-
Total staff costs	138,460	105,599

[†] Note that these figures include employment costs for staff employed through the University of Stirling.**7.2 Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year**

	This year Number	Last year Number	
The parts of the charity in which the employees work	Fundraising	0.25	0.12
	Charitable Activities	4.76	3.77
	Governance	0.20	0.11
	Other	0.00	0.00
	Total	5.21	4.00

7.3 Defined contribution pension scheme*Please complete if a defined contribution pension scheme is operated.*

Brief details of the scheme

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	This year £	Last year £
The costs of the scheme to the charity for the year		
The amount of any contributions outstanding at the year end		
The amount of any contributions prepaid at the year end		

Note 9 Tangible fixed assets - Seed harvester purchased on 27/03/08*Please complete this note if the charity has any tangible fixed assets***9.1 Cost or valuation**

	Freehold land & buildings	Other land & buildings	Plant, machinery and motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	-	923	-	-	923
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers *	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	923	-	-	923

9.2 Accumulated depreciation and impairment provisions

**Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate			5 years*		

Balance brought forward	-	-	185	-	-	185
Depreciation charge for year	-	-	185	-	-	185
Impairment provisions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers*	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-	370	-	-	370

*Seed harvester purchased on 27/03/08 - depreciation will commence in financial year 2008-2009

9.3 Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	738	-	-	738
Carried forward	-	-	553	-	-	553

9.4 Revaluation*If any fixed assets have been revalued please give details of the valuer and method of valuation*

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* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Please indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also please indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, what is the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, what is the percentage annual deduction.

Note 10 Investment assets

Please complete this note if the charity has any investment assets.

10.1 Fixed assets investments

	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	-
Add: additions to investments at cost	-
Less: disposals at carrying value	-
Add/(deduct): net gain/(loss) on revaluation	-
Carrying (market) value at end of year	-

Please provide below:

10.2 A breakdown of the market values of investments shown above agreeing with the balance sheet row B03.

10.3 A breakdown of the income from investments agreeing with SOFA row S03.

Analysis of investments

	10.2 Market value at year end £	10.3 Income from investments for the year £
Investment properties	-	-
Investments listed on a recognised stock exchange or held in common investment funds, open ended investment companies, unit trusts or other collective investment schemes	-	-
Investments in subsidiary or connected undertakings and companies	-	-
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	-	-
Cash held as part of the investment portfolio	-	-
Other investments	-	-
Total	-	-

10.4 Material investment holdings

If any single investment is material in terms of its value (for example represents more than 5 per cent of the value of the charity's total investments) please provide details.

Investment held

Market Value

Note 11 Debtors and prepayments

Please complete this note if the charity has any debtors or prepayments.

Analysis of debtors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Amounts due from subsidiary and associated undertakings		-	-	-
Other debtors (Grant payments)	39,990	-	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income (Gift Aid + interest)	13,755	13,893	-	-
Total	53,745	13,893	-	-

Note 12 Creditors and accruals

Please complete this note if the charity has any creditors or accruals.

12.1 Analysis of creditors

	Amounts falling due within one year		Amounts falling due after more than one year	
	This year £	Last year £	This year £	Last year £
Loans and overdrafts	-	-	-	-
Trade creditors (Stirling University supplies and services)	27,913	37,727	-	-
Amounts due to subsidiary and associated undertakings	-	-	-	-
Other creditors (HMRC NI and PAYE payments)	0	2,030	-	-
Accruals and deferred income	12,500	-	-	-
Total	40,413	39,757	-	-

12.2 Security over assets

If any loan, overdraft or other creditor holds a charge or other security over any assets of the charity please provide details.

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Note 13 Endowment and restricted income funds

Please complete this section if the charity has any endowment or restricted income funds.

13.1 Funds held

Please give a brief description of any of the following type of funds held by the charity:

- permanent endowment funds (PE);
- expendable endowment funds (EE); and
- restricted income funds, including special trusts, of the charity (R).

Fund Name	Type PE, EE or R	Purpose and Restrictions
Heritage Lottery Fund	R	Salary and associated costs for a conservation officer
Esmee Fairbairn	R	Salary and associated costs for a conservation officer
SNH - Vane Farm	R	Management of wildflower meadow in Perth and Kinross
Natural England SubT	R	Salary and associated costs for species reintroduction project
SNH - Conservation Officer	R	Salary and associated costs for CO work in Scotland
SNH - Species Action FW	R	Project funding share for wider project on Great Yellow BB
SNH - Seed support	R	Funding for wildflower seed purchase
SNH7 - Volunteer recording	R	Funding to support work with volunteers and schools
Caithness Biodiversity Group	R	Establishment of wildflower plots in Caithness
Naturesave	R	For purchase of equipment to support volunteer recording
Stirling University PhD grant	R	Support towards the costs of a part-time PhD
Wiltshire AONB grant	R	Supporting advisory leaflet production for Wiltshire (Shrill Carder)
Habitats Fund	R	Donations and legacies restricted to habitat management
Mackintosh Foundation	R	Funding to support conservation work in farmland

13.2 Movements of major funds

Please give details of the movements of the major funds summarised in the restricted and endowment columns of the Statement of Financial Activities.

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Transfers £	Gains and losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Heritage Lottery Fund	- 3,449	4,990	1,541	-	-	0
Esmee Fairbairn	6,254	36,000	32,172	-	-	10,083
SNH2 - Vane Farm	3,555	-	1,097	-	-	2,458
Natural England SubT	27,161	35,000	39,748			22,414
SNH5 - Conservation Officer	- 510	18,804	17,122			1,172
SNH4 - Species Action FW	- 1,343	3,255	1,698			214
SNH6 - Seed support		6,000				6,000
SNH7 - Volunteer recording			75			- 75
Caithness Biodiversity Group	-	-	1,060			- 1,060
Naturesave			707			- 707
Stirling University PhD grant	-	1,000				1,000
Wiltshire AONB grant	-	999				999
Habitats Fund (donations)	5,241	100,000				105,241
Mackintosh Foundation		12,500	2,500			10,000
Other small grants	3,189	137	-			3,326
Total Funds	40,099	218,684	97,719	-	-	161,064

13.3 Transfers between funds

Please give details of any transfers between funds.

From Fund (Name)	To Fund (Name)	Reason	Amount

Note 14 Transactions with related parties

If the charity has any transactions with related parties (other than the trustee expenses explained in note 6) details of such transactions should be provided in this note. If there are no transactions to report, please enter "None" in the relevant boxes.

14.1 Remuneration and benefits

Please give the amount of, and legal authority for, any remuneration or other benefits paid to a trustee or other related parties by the charity or any institution or company connected with it.

Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority (eg order, governing document)	Amounts paid or benefit value	
		This year £	Last year £
Dr Ben Darvill (Salary)	Memorandum and Articles of Association, plus consent of Charities Commission.	£40,551	£29,007
Note: Ben is employed as Ecologist and Development Manager, whilst continuing to act as a Trustee. As per Charities Commission guidelines, he was not involved in the selection process, and does not attend Trustees meetings where a conflict of interest might occur.			

14.2 Loans

Please give details of and amounts owing to or from the charity's trustees or other related parties by the charity at the year end.

	Name of trustee or connected party	Legal authority	Amount owing	
			This year £	Last year £
Due to trustees and related parties				
Due from trustees and related parties				

14.3 Other transaction(s) with trustees or related parties

Please give details of any transaction undertaken by (or on behalf of) the charity in which a trustee or related party has a material interest.

Name of the trustee or related party	Relationship to charity	Description of the transaction(s)	This year £	Last year £

Note 15**Additional Disclosures**

The following are significant matters which are not covered in other notes and need to be included to provide a proper understanding of the accounts. If there is insufficient room here, please add a separate sheet.

1. Stock value calculated as follows: 4200 Gardening for Bumblebees booklets value £1,139 (Original cost £2,711.51 for 10,000). 2,250 Pin Badges value £706.50 (Original cost £1883.50 for 6000).
2. Some staff (the longest serving) are employed through the University of Stirling who are reimbursed by the Trust on an annual basis. From 01/01/09 the Trust became a direct employer.
3. Debtors include Gift Aid where the claims have not yet been submitted but estimates of the totals due with respect to the current financial year have been calculated. We hope that this is the clearest way of reflecting income generated in the current financial year.
4. Following guidance from the independent examiner, the 'PayPal' online account system is now considered a bank account, and commission fees included as bank charges. Income and expenditure through PayPal are shown gross.
5. Following guidance from the independent examiner, the Trustees have taken the decision to write off income from Life membership donations over a period of 10 years. As such, income for the current financial year has been reduced by £12,500, with the same figure showing as a provision for liabilities and charges on the balance sheet and deferred income on Note 12.

Charity Registration No. 1115634

Company Registration No. 5618710

Bumblebee Conservation Trust
(A CHARITABLE COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)

TRUSTEES REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2010

BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisors.

Charity Registration Number: 1115634

Company Registration Number: 5618710 (England and Wales)

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BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

Structure, Governance and Management

The charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the company was incorporated 10 November 2005 as amended by special resolutions dated 8th June 2006 and 21st June 2006. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission (England and Wales) on 31st July 2006.

Board of Trustees

Recruitment of Trustees is carried out with reference to the Charity Commission's guidelines.

Trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by ordinary resolution or are co-opted by the Board during the course of the year. Trustees appointed by the Board hold office until the following AGM at which they are subject to formal appointment.

Trustees hold six ordinary meetings per year.

Inductions, training and ongoing support are provided to trustees to enable them to carry out their duties effectively. Each trustee receives a comprehensive induction pack which includes information on the charity's aims and procedures and trustees' responsibilities and roles.

Trustees set the policy, and control and monitor the Trust's activities. Trustees delegate the day-to-day management and administration to the staff of the Trust.

Risk Management

The trustees are currently conducting a review of the major strategic, business and operation risks which the charity faces. Thereafter, a risk management strategy will be put in place to lessen these risks.

BUMBLEBEE CONSERVATION TRUST

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2010

Objectives and activities

The charity's objects are:

- 1) Promote for the benefit of the public the conservation of bumblebees
- 2) Advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the natural environment

Our main activities in relation to these objects are:

People

- Engaging in awareness and outreach work communicating the importance of bumblebees as pollinators and their keystone role in our natural environment
- Educating school children in order to inform future generations, including those that will become our politicians, land managers and conservationists
- Actively engaging our growing membership in conservation and recording, and encouraging them in turn to spread the word

Conservation

- Using bumblebees as flagship species in order to promote sustainable land management practices, thereby benefiting a wider range of biodiversity
- Forming partnerships with other organisations and environmental groups to share knowledge, collaborate wherever possible and maximise beneficial outputs
- Ensuring the conservation of important sites for rare bumblebees through campaigning, management agreements or ownership

Advice

- Facilitating an interface between research and practical conservation delivery
- Advising farmers, local authorities and other land owners on bee-friendly management
- Providing reliable and relevant information and expert evidence-based advice regarding bumblebees
- Raising the profile of pollinators among policymakers

Research

- Contributing to national efforts to accurately record and monitor bumblebee abundance and distributions
- Commissioning and funding research where scientific knowledge is a barrier to practical conservation

Achievements and performance

We are pleased to say that 2009-2010 has been a busy and successful year at the Bumblebee Conservation Trust. In line with our objects, our main achievements this year can be summarised as follows:

People

We have seen membership grow from 5,500 to nearly 7,000, in part due to a very successful year with the media, raising public awareness of the importance of bumblebees. Highlights included Director Dr. Ben Darvill's appearance on the BBC's Gardeners World in a special program about helping bees. We also featured prominently in a much-publicised 30 minute BBC Radio 4 documentary entitled "the Plight of the Bumblebee". There were numerous other stories across the media, including newspapers, radio and television.

As well as direct membership support, our members and the public have been instrumental in our successes in two high-profile public competitions. We were delighted to win a €30,000 prize from the EOG Association for Conservation, securing 59% vote and over 11,000 votes against tough competition from other well-known charities. This funding will support habitat work to help the Shril Carder Bee, alongside a new path in the Pembrokeshire National Park. The public have also voted in their thousands to take us into the televised final of the National Lottery Awards 2010. From an initial list of hundreds of environmental projects, we are now one of just three hoping to take the top prize at the awards ceremony later this year.

We are delighted with the support we've received from businesses, too. We were very pleased to be named 'Charity of the Year' by the Garden and Leisure Group and have worked, once again, with the 122 Wyevale Garden Centres to promote bumblebee conservation during their Insect Weekend. Support has also been gratefully received from Bioforce UK, Seasalt Cornwall, Kelling Heath Holiday Park, Johnsons Seeds, M and M Direct and a number of others have made significant contributions. We are grateful also to the Mackintosh Foundation who have again made a generous donation (of £10,000) to support our conservation work.

Our Conservation Officers working on both the Bumblebee Habitat Project and SubT project have delivered a significant program of Outreach events. In total, more than 60 talks, events and identification walks delivered by BBCT staff and volunteers in target areas during this year. Alongside this work, BBCT staff and volunteers nationally have delivered talks, ID walks and outreach events throughout the UK, albeit at lower density than in our target areas.

Partnership work has continued, and we've been pleased to work with Plantlife on the BeeScene education pack (sent to 260 schools). Feedback suggests that a total of more than 10,000 children will be involved in the outdoor survey, learning about both plants and bees in the process. Over the summer of 2010 we plan to work with the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty to survey their upland 'Hay Time' hay meadows for bumblebees. These areas are thought to be

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important for rare species including the moss carder and bilberry bumblebees. In addition, we plan to deliver a program of training events for local people and land managers to hopefully raise awareness locally about the importance of these habitats for bumblebees.

Conservation

Our targeted conservation work this year has been a tremendous success. We have two main project strands: those under the banner of the Bumblebee Habitat Project (which seek to conserve the shrill carder and great yellow bumblebees, the UK's two rarest species), and the SubT Project which seeks to reintroduce the nationally extinct short-haired bumblebee from New Zealand.

The Bumblebee Habitat Project aims to deliver conservation on the ground for the two UK BAP species, the great yellow bumblebee (*Bombus distinguendus*) and the shrill carder bee (*B. sylvarum*). We aim to work in partnerships and in an advisory capacity rather than through direct purchase and management. Our Conservation Officers (Bob and Pippa) have spent a considerable amount of time meeting people and developing opportunities. We have had great success working in partnerships with various organisations including SNH, CCW, The Grasslands Trust, RSPB, Natural England, Hymettus, Buglife and BWARS to name a few. This has already resulted in over 500 hectares of bee-friendly management in priority areas, with a further 800 hectares already in the pipeline for financial year 2010-2011. With the support of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation we have also produced high quality advisory materials which we hope will accelerate habitat work.

The recruitment of a Conservation Officer with an office base in southern England has greatly increased the scope and success of work to help the shrill carder bee and other bumblebees in England and Wales. Pippa has made good contacts with numerous organisations and individuals involved with land management and conservation advice provision. Work has already led to development of several projects that will deliver flower-rich habitat in and around current shrill carder bee population locations. These include:

- Supporting shrill carder bees at Solutia project:

A grant of £1000 gained from Wales Biodiversity partnership to expand and restore flower-rich habitats at Solutia nature reserve for the shrill carder bee. A joint project with Gwent Wildlife Trust that should result in over 10 ha restored flower-rich habitat, offering greater support for the expansion of the existing shrill carder bee population on the reserve.

- Making a beeline to Carmel's meadows project:

Joint project with The Grasslands Trust to restore 40 ha of bumblebee habitats at Carmel NNR in Carmarthenshire – funding obtained from Grantscape, John Lewis Partnership and Dulverton Trust to enable works to get started. Emphasis on shrill carder bee although it is not known whether this species currently occurs on the site. Ambition is to restore habitat and allow return, either naturally or via reintroduction. An important site for reconnecting currently isolated S. Wales populations.

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- Pembrokeshire Bumblebee Habitat Path Project

A partnership project with the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA), Countryside Council for Wales (CCW) and the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to restore over 50 ha of bumblebee habitats in Pembrokeshire. Funding obtained from the EOG Association of Conservation. This two-year project will support and hopefully expand the Pembrokeshire population of the shrill carder bee through habitat restoration and creation in areas surrounding Castlemartin Range and/or linked to the range by a new coastal path.

- Bee Apprenticeship Project

A partnership project with the National Museum of Wales, Welsh Assembly Government, Wales Biodiversity Partnership. The project aims to develop the 'bee experts' of the future by providing training and mentoring to people working within environmental public sector and voluntary organisations in Wales. Training events are planned for this summer with over 30 potential apprentices registering interest.

In Scotland, Bob has established network of contacts in all regions where the great yellow bumblebee remains. Given the significance and vulnerability of the last UK mainland population, the areas of Caithness and Sutherland remain our priority areas. However, there is continued activity in all other regions. The twin, overlapping, objectives of raising community awareness and focusing conservation delivery through the agri-environment schemes in Scotland has continued successfully. Policy-level work has continued with the aim of improving the measures available to farmers through agri-environment schemes. Notable local project developments and habitat improvements include:

Caithness:

- Advised on 47 competitive agri-environment applications primarily from Caithness (with a smaller number in Orkney, Sutherland, Coll and Tiree). A high success rate has been confirmed, with at least 43 of the applications successful representing a total of at least 250ha of beneficial land management for the great yellow bumblebee.
- Worked in partnership with the Caithness Biodiversity Group and Scottish Agricultural College on a habitat creation project, funded by landfill tax (value £10,000). Twelve sites sowed a total of 3ha of short-term pollen and nectar mix in spring 2010. A three year project. Farm information packs distributed.
- Agreed a meadow restoration project at Dounreay, to be accompanied by associated local and national publicity.

Sutherland:

- Assessed the potential for direct transfer ('green hay') methods for enhancing grasslands in Sutherland. This includes providing SNH with technical guidance.

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- Discussion with RSPB about collaborative agri-environment applications and the use of local provenance wildflower seed.

Argyll & Bute:

- Initiation of use of legume-based silage mixes on Coll in conjunction with RSPB and a local farmer.
- Support of a machair apportionment by local crofter on Tiree. This provides a valuable opportunity to help restore machair through sympathetic grazing on a 16.6ha site, and will be complemented by late cut silage management in other fields.

Orkney:

- Trial seed mix at five sites in Orkney ('Bumblebee Fodder Mix'), a legume-based mix treated as a 2 year unharvested crop in partnership with RSPB and Orkney contacts.
- Launched a voluntary project established with Shearers seed merchants of Orkney and Scotia Seeds, providing a basic pollen & nectar mix (short-term crop).
- Joined the Orkney great yellow bumblebee project as partner, which has a particular focus on local provenance wildflower seed, conservation verges and education. Most meetings were attended via video link to minimise travel.

The SubT Project aims to reintroduce the short-haired bumblebee (*Bombus subterraneus*) to the UK from New Zealand. The short-haired bumblebee, *Bombus subterraneus* was the most recent bumblebee to go extinct in the UK. Usually, extinctions are irreversible, but this is a rare exception. In the late 1880s, farmers in New Zealand realized that they were struggling without pollinating insects and so hibernating bumblebee queens were dug from the ground in the UK and shipped to New Zealand. Four types survive there to this day, including the short haired bumblebee. Now, BBCT have teamed up with Natural England (who are funding the project), RSPB and Hymettus Ltd to bring short-haired bumblebees back to Britain. Natural England's funding allowed us to employ a dedicated project officer, Dr Nikki Gammans.

The first stage of the project was to ensure that the release area in Kent had sufficient habitat to make a release viable. This strand of the project has gone exceptionally well, with over 800 hectares of flower-rich habitat now in place thanks to targeted work with local farmers and land managers.

The second phase of the project is more difficult; we have to find a way to get short-haired bumblebees back from New Zealand in sufficient numbers to start a viable population. At the same time we have to readjust the bees to the 6-month difference in the seasons. Very few people have ever managed to breed this species in captivity. An initial attempt at rearing over the (UK) winter of 2009-2010 successfully produced nests which in turn produced queens, but sadly these queens did not survive the hibernation. We have learnt many useful lessons during this process and are optimistic of a release in 2011.

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Advice

Policy-level work included a visit to Number 10, Downing Street. Dr. Ben Darvill of the Trust was asked to attend an initial fact-finding meeting where he stressed the value of bees to the UK economy and illustrated ways in which the government could help boost bee populations. We were pleased to stress that a government initiative which placed a strong emphasis on the provision of flower-rich habitat through existing agri-environment schemes would go a long way to addressing current declines.

We also provided information to the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology for a briefing note on pollinating insects. This was used to inform MPs on the key issues which may ultimately help to make better policy. The briefing note addressed the evidence for declines in pollinating insects in the UK, the risks to the UK agricultural output and biodiversity and strategies which could be implemented to maintain pollinating insect diversity and abundance.

We were pleased to provide input into the development/refinement of both Scottish and Welsh agri-environment schemes, drafted briefing notes for MPs, and met with several MEPs and MSPs.

Research

This year has also seen advances in research, with BBCT members making significant contributions to recording and monitoring through the Blaeberry Bumblebee Survey, Tree Bumblebee Survey, Beewatch and the Bumblebee Transect Scheme. We have exciting plans for the Bumblebee Transect Scheme, which will soon be relaunched as 'BeeWalk'. BBCT have part-funded academic research too, with a PhD student studying the risk associated with the movement of commercial colonies, and the associated risk of disease transfer.

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Financial review

The Trust has continued to attract funding, receiving a total of £358,803 in the financial year ending 31st March 2010.

Restricted funding has also risen to £219,234 comprising in the most part grant payments for new and ongoing projects. These restricted funds also included a generous £100,000 legacy from one of our longest-serving members, Peter Barber. At Peter's request these funds are restricted to land purchase or management to benefit rare bumblebees although the trustees may use the funds at their discretion in exceptional circumstances.

Funds raised with no restrictions were £139,569. By careful control of unrestricted costs a surplus of £24,421 was carried forwards. Over the period total income exceeded total expenditure by £145,936

Investment policy

The trustees have the power to invest in such assets as they see fit.

The trustees have considered the most appropriate policy for investing funds and utilise fixed-rate deposit accounts with variable length deposits, in addition to the current account.

Reserves policy

The trustees have established a policy of maintaining a level of unrestricted reserves which ensures that there are adequate funds to meet all current and future liabilities.

As of 31st March 2010 the charity had £48,583 of unrestricted funds in reserve.

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare statements of accounts for each financial year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- i) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- ii) make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- iii) state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed, subject to any departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements ; and
- iv) prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue to operate

On behalf of the board of trustees



Prof. Dave Goulson
29th September 2010

Chairman