

# The Species Recovery Trust Trustees' Annual Report 2014

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## Summary Information

### Reference and administrative information

Charity Name: The Species Recovery Trust

Charity Number: 1146387

Address: 37 Albany Road, Salisbury, SP1 3YQ

Trustees: Jed Hamblin-Boone, Nicholas Berry, Sally Eaton, Louise Stewart

### Structure Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Charity Constitution, registered with the Charity Commission on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2012. There shall be no fewer than three trustees. New trustees must be members of the charity and are elected by the members in general meeting. The trustees may also appoint any person who is willing to act as a trustee.

## Objectives and Activities

### Matching our goals

Our stated aims are as follows:

*To promote the conservation and protection of species on the edge of extinction in the UK for the public benefit and to advance the education of the public on issues concerning the conservation and protection of such species.*

The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the charity commission on public benefit.

## Achievements and performance

- In 2014 we took our species work forwards on several species, as well as starting work on some new species.
- Our training programme was very successful, with over 130 attendees this year and positive feedback received.
- Our wildlife Post & Go stamps, developed with Royal Mail, all saw general release and were well received.
- Our profile continues to expand, through our work, our courses and online presence.
- Financially we end the year in our strong position, with a strong income through training and consultancy work, and some key funding bids

## Conservation

Over the year we have made considerable progress on a number of our species recovery programmes, with work on Dwarf Milkwort, Spiked Rampion, Marsh Clubmoss, Starved Wood-sedge, Southern Oyster Mushroom Beetle, Forked Spleenwort, New Forest Cicada

1. A trial site was Spiked Rampion was created using 75 plants from the MSB. This will give us a chance to monitor the impacts of deer grazing in a controlled environment.
2. Habitat management was carried out at all 4 native and re-intro sites for Starved Wood-sedge.
3. Similar work was carried out at 6 sites for Deptford pink.
4. Several new sub-populations of Marsh Clubmoss were discovered while carrying out survey work on Thursley Common.
5. Our Archaeophyte project, funded by Natural England, saw the creation of a new population of Darnel, and seed sourced for both this and Upright Goosefoot ready for the creation of several other sites.
6. The Lost Life film was completed and released in the spring, with national media coverage.

## Training

1. In 2014 we ran 35 training courses and taught over 130 people.
2. This raised just over £13,000 for the organisation, to be used for our species recovery programmes. (This compares to £9000 for 2013)
3. We received some excellent feedback about the courses, and feel we are continuing to open up conservation and ecology to the public.

## Social Media and Press

1. Our Lost Life project received significant national coverage in newspapers and online. To date over 1000 people have watched the YouTube film.
2. Our Facebook page has 383 followers (up from 160 in 2013), and our most popular post reached 2001 people (up from 1,300 in 2013).
3. Our website had 8.807 sessions (up from 5,554 in 2013).
4. Our Twitter feed has 516 followers.

## Fundraising

1. In total, fundraising has raised £10,500 this year (down from £11,839 in 2013 but this was mainly due to three projects only being claimable at the end of their delivery, which will be in 2015).
2. The Southern Oyster Mushroom Beetle project received £2,500 in funding from the Henry Hoare Charitable Trust.
3. The William Dean Charitable Trust made a donation of £500 to help with the production of training videos.
4. The Leslie Mary Carter Charitable Trust made a £1000 donation towards the 2014 Deptford Pink project.
5. The Summerfield Charitable Trust made a donation of £1500 towards the Wartbiter project.
6. British Solar Renewables gave a donation of £5000 towards our core running costs
7. Private donation and supporter subscriptions brought in a further £764 and we raised £50 from the sale of merchandise.

## Summary Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 Dec 2014

### Summary

Our income was £35,173, just under what we forecast. We spent £38,569, just over what we anticipated, meaning we ended the year in a deficit of £3,396, giving us an end of year bank balance of just over £40k.

The reason for the deficit was three projects, funded by Natural England and the SITA Trust UK, which all pay in arrears, so in the longer term all our income targets were hit for the year.

### Reserves Policy

Our current reserves policy is to hold at least two year running costs in our account, which is currently £39,200

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The total of the charities assets is £59,960. The Charity has no liabilities this year.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Signature

Full name JED HAMBLIN-BOONE

Position CHAIR

Date 28/4/15