

A close-up photograph of a branch with several vibrant green oak leaves. The leaves have a characteristic lobed shape and are set against a soft, light blue background. The lighting is bright, highlighting the texture and veins of the leaves.

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**ANNUAL CHARITY  
REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR 2021-2022**

# GED - Scottish Incorporated Charity Organization

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## **1. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

### **TRUSTEES**

**CEZARY FLAK - CHAIR AND FOUNDER / PROJECT LEAD**

**LUKE WHITTLE – VICE CHAIR AND MARKETING LEAD**

**SECRETARY / DATA PROTECTION OFFICER– JOSH BRYAN**

**TRESURER – ALAN PETER**

**DEPUTY TRESURER / FUNDRAISING LEAD – GABRIEL PICKERING**

**ENVIROMENTAL ADVISOR – PHILLIP SAGE**

**GRANTS OFFICER – LAURA CONNIES-LANG**

**CREATIVE ADVISOR – ANDREA THWAITES**

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR – LYNNETEE CALAME**

**SUSTAINABILITY ADVISOR – KUSUM VISHWAKARMA**

**STRATEGIC / POLICY ADVISOR – STEVE GRAHAM**

**STRATEGIC POLICY ADVISOR – PHILLIP BLEAN**

## **2. THE CHARITIES PURPOSES**

**G**reener Every Day is an environmental charity, founded and managed by a group of likeminded people that have a drive to make a change in the local and global ecological climate. Our core aims are to plant native trees within the UK, create awareness of the current environmental situation and help people and professional establishments understand how we can make a positive impact and change for the world we live in. In an aim to create and conserve habitats and ecosystems that will sustain life for future generations.

A list of our purposes can be found listed below.

The organization's purposes are:

The advancement of environmental protection and improvement by:

- 1.1 planting native species of trees, restoring existing woodland and educating new generations.
- 1.2 growing conifer and broad leaf forests in National Parks and where land has been donated or planting permission granted.
- 1.3 reducing the effects of air and noise pollution.

-1.4 decreasing deforestation.

-1.5 relieving the spread of woodland disease.

-1.6 relieving global warming.

-1.7 reducing flooding.

-1.8 improving the levels of biodiversity.

-1.9 advancing the protection of endangered and threatened species.

-1.10 offsetting CO2 emissions.

-1.11 informing the public of current ecological problems.

The advancement of education by.

-2.1 educational talks in schools.

The provision of recreational activities by:

-3.1 securing and enhancing the enjoyment by the public of the natural environment.

And "The advancement of education", "The provision of recreational facilities, or the organization of recreational activities, with the objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended"

### **3. THE BENEFICIARIES**

The charity helps communities in the areas we work in, by providing information to future generations, local people, and businesses. We focus on content about the effect of climate change on our planet and the processes needed to combat it.

We organize different events in the area in an aim to encourage people to come together, socialize and build a community with a passion to make a change.

Greener Every Day helps to create new and healthy ecosystems and habitats in the UK. We do this by planting native trees which work with the surroundings to serve many different purposes. Not only are they providing a safe and maintained habitat where wildlife can thrive and grow, but they also have numerous important functions which improve the quality of life for people and wildlife: They act as filters to reduce air pollution which help improve air quality; As barriers to reduce noise pollution; As natural flood defenses to help reduce the effects of flooding; And importantly they also act as lungs for the local ecosystems, climate and the planet, absorbing carbon dioxide from our atmosphere and therefore reducing the progression of climate change.

## 2. Efforts put in to achieve our purposes

The Greener Every Day team has been working on a voluntary basis over the course of this year. Running regular meetings and carrying out assigned tasks, working alone or as a team to contribute to the overall success of the charity in this annum. Each trustee has put in a large contribution of their time to carry out multiple projects some of which were more complex. As a strong group of trustees, we have managed our workload and learned many valuable lessons which with our combined skill set has allowed GED to grow and develop.

### 3. What was achieved

During this year the Greener Every Day team have been restricted on the level of outdoor activity we were able to participate in and carry out due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, it has been our duty of care to ensure our volunteers, trustees, and people we work with are always safe. As a result of this the Charity and the board of trustees have focused its time on multiple aspects of GED becoming a more robust charity which is well prepared for more intense work in the future. Beginning with building strong internal foundations which GED can then start to build its future on. Baring this in mind, were safe, GED has continued to successfully build new relationships with schools and businesses; complete tree planting (in line with government guidelines) and carry out its purposes. Below can be found a list of key achievements this annum.

#### 1. Nontangible achievements and progress.

- A key factor which has developed during this year though the focus and work of the trustees, which is believed to be an important aspect of the reliable and successful growth of GED, is the board of trustees itself. Though the understanding that acquiring new skills, experience and knowledge to the board is a positive process, which will enrich the board's ability to carry out its purposes. Benefitting GED by improving the diversity of skills and experience from different backgrounds and increasing its ability to perform now and in the future. Seven trustees and two officers have joined the Charity this year, each one with a specific skill set which will allow GED to develop its progress in a positive direction and effectively design its future strategy.
- The GED team have been working on building a strong application for its charitable status in England and Wales. This has been an ongoing process throughout the year which once complete, we hope will open doors to new opportunities for the charity within England and Wales.
- GED has been establishing how to formally become a Carbon Off setter in the UK with a registered regulating body. This will allow the charity to work with businesses and households in the UK to reduce the effects of climate change and create new eco systems. GED will be working with businesses who are already making a positive change internally though reducing their carbon footprint as well as becoming more sustainable.
- Through building our social media platforms GED has reached out to a wider audience, spreading awareness of its work to encourage future support. GED has also been able

to use fun environmental facts on its social media to spread awareness of current problems as well as engage the public with environmental content.

## 2. Tree planting/raising awareness.

- In spring 2021 GED worked with local primary schools which took part in the 2019 acorn picking competition, here primary school pupils collected acorns which GED was able to plant in the future year. Two representative pupils from each primary school were invited to an educational and interactive tree planting session at Withering's Country Park in Penrith. Here the pupils, accompanied by their teachers, joined two of the trustees and a reporter from the Cumberland and Westmorland Herald in a fun day out. Two Oak trees (*Quercus robur*) were planted by each of the 4 schools, each pupil was guided on this process as well as informed on the benefits and life cycle of the trees.
- During spring 2021 Hayton C and P Primary school raised funds for their chosen charity which was GED to help them fulfill their charitable purposes. Two of the GED trustees, along with our sponsoring partner Penrith Building Society went along to give an educational talk to the children. As well as this each child involved planted an Oak tree (*Quercus robur*) sapling in a pot which they were either able to take home or leave with GED to plant. In addition, GED planted one, more established Walnut tree on the school grounds in remembrance of the fundraising.
- In late spring 2021, working with Carlisle City Council and The Lord Lieutenant for Cumbria County (Claire Hensman), our partners as well as the News and Star. The GED team organized a 5ft tree planting (*Prunus Avium*) near the Queen Victoria monument at Carlisle's Bits Park. This was complete in honor and celebration of the Queens Green Canopy where the public can enjoy the new tree for generations to come.
- In 2021 the GED team have been working with James Bowes, a landowner in Alston; the Forestry Commission; Natural England; Cumbria based Ecologists, local contractors as well as other organizations. The work done this year has been carried out for the purpose of building foundations for the upcoming projects on the 7.5 acres of land owned by Mr. James Bowes. The projects aim is to establish a large mixed native woodland of around 5000 trees along with areas of open space for grassland and ponds for small animals and mammals. The purpose of the new woodland will be to establish a thriving ecological haven for numerous species of wildlife.

## 3. Partnership and relationship building.



During 2021 the GED team have worked together in developing relationships with local businesses, organisations, and people. This has been a focus to develop teamwork among likeminded organizations, support ones which want to make a difference and allow local people to help us make a difference.

- GED has reached out to Brampton 2 Zero where some of the teams were able to be involved in a tree planting project together to support the organization and hopefully encourage future teamworking.
- Sustainable Carlisle and Digging the Trees have been supporting GED with different projects and finding land. GED have decided for the organizations to work together and support each other in the future.
- Brantwood recruitment as well as Penrith Building Society have both supported and sponsored GED with different projects. The Penrith Building Society have launched a new type of bank account (Affinity Account) which helps to raise funds for GED to plant trees on behalf of their client's. Furthermore, the local Building Society donate £5 for every Mortgage they sell. This allows GED to plant one Oak tree (*Quercus robur*) in the local area.
- Paula Winder who is a Ulverston based children's book author has finished her new environmental book. *Boulars Great Adventure to Canada* is a book aimed at 8–11-year-old children which Paula will be reading in local schools and book shops as well as school who GED work with. Paula has decided to donate 5% of her profits to help the charity carry out charitable work.

## 4. The Impact

What difference was made - Impact

During 2021 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic the GED board of Trustees have focused their time and resources on planning a future for GED which will be set on strong foundations. Here the aim was to build a strong team which can take on new and bigger projects and use their experience and skills to drive GED in a direction which gives the Charity the best chances of fulfilling its objectives in the future.

Furthermore, during this time where tree planting wasn't always safe, GED has networked with local organizations and people to build local support and encourage awareness of environmental issues.

When it was safe to do so, GED was involved in planning and planting native species of trees with the local community which support many different species of wildlife as well as fulfill GED's objectives.



## FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

Below is a set out of Greener Every Days financial accounts for year 2020-2021.

These accounts show how we have successfully managed our finances this financial year to carry out our projects. Achieve our goals. Fulfill many of our purposes and be financially solvent in the end of the year. This is the first year of our existence and we hope to improve our finances in the coming financial year further, having come a long way and this year.

<b>GREENER EVERYDAY INCOME STATEMENT TO 31st MARCH 2022</b>			
<b>NAME</b>		<b>DEBIT</b>	<b>CREDIT</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Grants		0.00	0.00
Donation		0.00	1335.00
Fundraising		0.00	0.00
Bank Interest		0.00	0.00
<b>Expenses</b>			
Admin		67.94	0.00
Meeting		0.00	0.00
Trees & Planting		274.72	0.00
Transportation		59.85	0.00
Trustees Expenses		279.18	0.00
Donations		60.00	0.00
Legal fees	0.00 0.00 Advertisement	151.90	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>893.59</b>	
<b>1335.00</b>			
<b>Surplus</b>			<b>441.41</b>

**Bank Account Number**      **22903560**

**Opening balance @ 1st April 2021**      **£ 0.13**

		<b>Expense</b>	<b>Income</b>
		£	£
<b>Date</b>	<b>Description</b>		
<b>Donations (income)</b>			
29/04/2021	Penrith Building Society		100.00
21/07/2021	Alistair Grey		250.00
14/10/2021	Penrith Building Society		195.00
17/01/2022	Paula Shepherd		90.00
27/01/2022	Penrith Building Society		70.00
11/03/2022	FRM		630.00
<b>Transportation</b>		<b>30.15</b>	
21/06/2021	MM Speksnijder	29.70	
21/06/2021	Luke B Whittle		
<b>Donations (expenses)</b>		<b>20.00</b>	
22/06/2021	Penrith Cricket Club	40.00	
22/06/2021	ICO.org.uk		
<b>Advertisement</b>			
06/12/2022	Penrith Poster	60.00	
14/03/2022	Vistaprint	57.19	
14/03/2022	Vistaprint	34.71	
<b>Trustees Expenses</b>			
02/03/2022	Cezary David Flak	255.78	
02/03/2022	MM SPEKSNIJDER	23.40	
<b>Admin</b>			
14/03/2022	Mail Order	67.94	
<b>Trees &amp; Planting</b>			
21/03/2022	Penrith (planting tubes)	274.72	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>893.59</b>	<b>1335</b>
	<b>Balance</b>		<b>£ 261.54</b>
	<b>Closing balance @ 31st March 2022</b>		<b>£ 261.54</b>

**Difference**

**£ -**

**Transfers to savings account**

23/07/2022

200.00

**Transfers from savings account**

21/06/2022

20

SIGNED BY FOUNDER:

Cezary Flak :



Date: 22/12/22