

TULI CONSERVATION TRUST UK
ANNUAL REPORT

For the Year Ended 29 February 2020



Charity registration number 1113913

Structure, Governance and Management

Name and registration

Tuli Conservation Trust UK (formerly Tuli Development Trust)

Constituted under a Deed of Trust

Registered charity number 1113913

Registered Address

33 Samel Court

London W6 9TL

Trustee Details

Name	Position	Appointed/Re-appointed	Resigned
Kathryn Jane Rae	Chair	4 March 2019	
Julia Butterfield	Trustee	4 March 2019	
Keith Douglas Scholey	Trustee	4 March 2019	
Alastair David William Fothergill	Trustee	4 March 2019	
Vikki Hoole	Trustee	4 March 2019	15 October 2019
Peter Brown	Trustee	15 April 2006	4 March 2019

Secretary – Fionnuala Carvill

There were no employees during the period under review.

Objectives

1. To protect and conserve the wildlife and environment of the Northern Tuli Game Reserve and any area subsequently included in the proposed Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area (GMTFCA) to be established by the Governments of Botswana South Africa and Zimbabwe, and neighbouring communities.
2. To advance the education of the inhabitants of the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, GMTFCA and neighbouring communities.
3. The relief of poverty, sickness and distress of the inhabitants of the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, GMTFCA and neighbouring communities.
4. The preservation and protection of good health of the inhabitants of the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, GMTFCA and neighbouring communities.

Activities

Tuli Conservation Trust UK (‘TCTUK’ or ‘the Trust’), formerly Tuli Development Trust, was settled in April 2006. From that date to March 2019 the Trust was more or less dormant with very little in the way of assets or activity. The period under review has been a time of consolidation and housekeeping with several corporate and governance changes including a change of name, objects, trustees and financial year-end. All these changes have been approved by the Charity Commission.

The change of name, objects and year-end was driven by the Trustees’ wish to enable a closer relationship with the Tuli Conservation Trust (a Botswana trust) which is a charitable trust established to, *inter alia*, protect and enhance the Northern Tuli Game Reserve, Greater Mapungubwe Transfrontier Conservation Area and neighbouring communities through conservation and community empowerment.

Although TCTUK and TCT have separate Trustees, each with their own fiduciary duties, both trusts have a common aim - which is set out in the respective Objects - hence the wish to work closer together. The relationship is formalised through a Memorandum of Understanding which governs the relationship and responsibilities of each party with regard to grant giving.

The changes during the period under review also included a focus on fundraising, resulting in the initiation of a Joint Fundraising Committee (see below). Although no significant fundraising events took place, private donations were received throughout and Gift Aid was claimed on donations from UK tax residents, where applicable. All fundraising events planned for 2019/2020 have been postponed due to Covid-19.

The Trustees have throughout complied with their to have due regard to the Charity Commission’s public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Joint Fundraising Committee

The Joint Fundraising Committee, formed in March 2019, was constituted in conjunction with TCT and has formal Terms of Reference. The main responsibilities of the Joint Fundraising Committee are developing a fundraising strategy, leading on all fundraising activities, and maintaining the TCT website.

Members of the Fundraising Committee are as follows:-

Michael Dawson (Chair)
Steve Lansdown
Kathryn Rae
Fionnuala Carvill

Bios of the TCTUK Trustees and Fundraising Committee members can be found at www.tulitrust.org.

The Trustees would like to thank all those who have donated to TCTUK.

Risk Management

The Trustees monitor the principal risks facing the Trust which include the receipt of funds, security of assets and allocation of grants. Due regard is given to the relevant laws, regulation and guidance that apply to the Trust as a registered charity.

Events after the reporting date

In late 2019 a new strain of coronavirus (Covid-19) appeared in China and in March 2020 a pandemic was declared by the World Health Organisation. Various fundraising events that had been planned for beyond February 2019 were postponed, and the budget for year-ending February 2021 has been revisited. The continuation of the pandemic is being closely monitored and although the medium to long-term impact to the Trust is difficult to predict in an ever-changing landscape, the Trust’s ability to raise funds has been adversely affected in the short-term. Any fundraising events will be subject to the various governmental guidelines at the time.

Financial Review

As a registered charity with a gross income of over GBP25,000 but not exceeding GBP250,000 in the year-ended 29 February 2020, and as set out by the Charity Commission, the Trustees have elected to prepare accounts on the receipts and payments basis. The accounts for the period under review have been subject to an independent examination which has been undertaken by PKF FrancisClark.

There has been no trading income and the assets in the Trust consist of cash only, the balance of which stood at GBP80,844.70 as at 29 February 2019. The source of these funds is donations from individual contacts of the Trustees and Fundraising Committee members. As reserves grow it is the intention of the Trustees to set out a reserves policy.

The Trustees and Fundraising Committee members all serve voluntarily without payment. The expense policy sets out the conditions by which the Trustees may reclaim expenses, but in the period under review no such expenses have been claimed from the Trust.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees’ Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees:-

Kathryn Rae
Chair

Date:

Fionnuala Carvill
Secretary

Date: