



The Species Recovery Trust

Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2016

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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, Louise Stewart, Fiona Jones-Perrott (from 15 October 2016)

Structure Governance and Management

Type of governing document: Charity Constitution, registered with the Charity Commission on the 1st 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 Goals

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

- We have worked on projects on 18 species
- We ran 28 training courses with 329 bookings
- We had an income of £67,507.57 and expenditure of £55,313.24



Conservation

Field Gentian

- Surveys carried out across Pembrokeshire, The Lizard, The Yorkshire Dales and the New Forest.
- Seeds collected from 6 populations to be stored in the Millennium Seedbank
- Ecological data collected from range of sites, with view of gaining better understanding of the ecology of the grasslands it occurs in.

Marsh Clubmoss

- Over the last two years we have re-surveyed all 73 known New Forest sites for Marsh Clubmoss, and during this time discovered 3 previously unrecorded populations. This data is currently waiting to be analysed, but appears to show a slight decline in Forest populations. Analysis of this data should give us a better understanding of the species which can be applied to other sites

Starved Wood-sedge

- Our work this year has continued our annual monitoring and management work.
- There are now four sites for this species, with the Somerset re-intro site having a re-emergence after several years where plants were not recorded.
- The Somerset native site is in rude health, with c. 65 plants, up from 10 plants a few years back.
- The main Charterhouse re-intro site now has 70 plants, and is naturally regenerating, which has been our aim for that site.



2010 at time of planting



2016

Field Cow-wheat

- All four sites were monitored.
- We continue liaising with Hampshire Wildlife Site over management of the IOW site
- Scrub clearance carried out at Brogborough
- Scrub clearance carried out on the M27 half of the Portsdown site, done in partnership Kier, the Highways managing agents



Brogborough - Before clearance



Portsdown - before



Brogborough - After clearance



Portsdown - after

Heath Lobelia

- Continued liaison with Flimwell site owners to ensure management plan beneficial for population
- Meeting at potential Dorset receptor site to create new population

Goosefoot and Darnel

- First successful harvest of Goosefoot, with several thousand seeds collected
- First successful sow of Darnel, with plants growing at Butser, Kemerton, Cranborne and Kew



Goosefoot sowing



Goosefoot in seed



Darnel enclosure



Darnel seedlings winter 2016

Deptford Pink

- Survey and site management carried out in corporate workday with Network Rail at Saltash
- Several populations monitored across country
- A training day was held in Devon for survey and management techniques

Spiked Rampion

- All site monitored, and one new receptor site found
- Steering group held



The Spiked Rampion Steering group tackling both rare species conservation and cake

Dwarf Milkwort

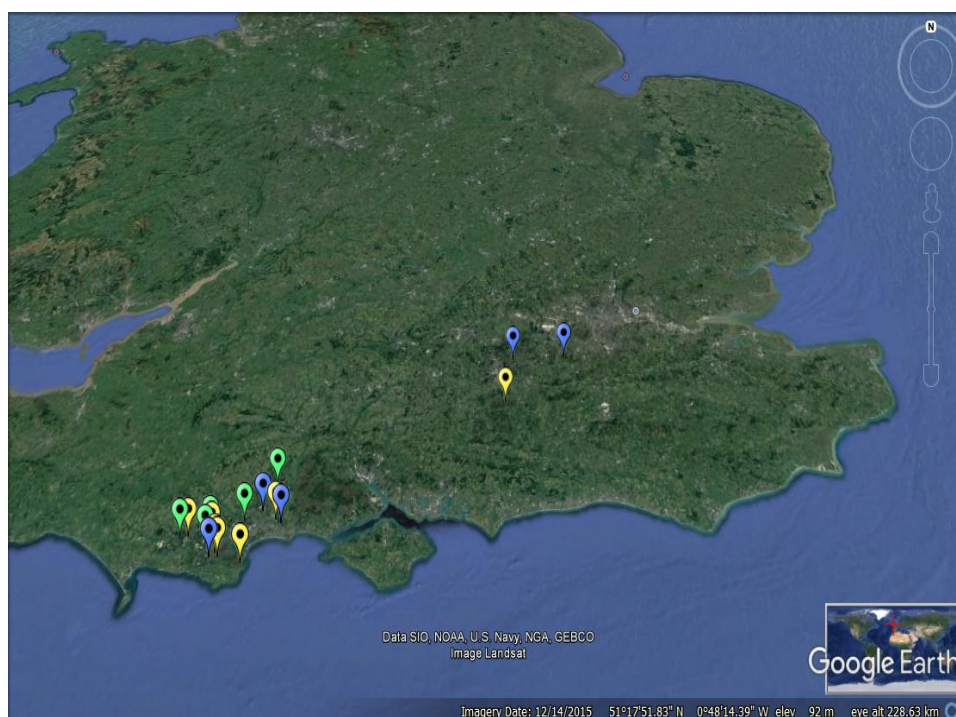
- Steering group created and hosted at Kent Wildlife Trust
- Workplan devised
- Receptor site chosen for when Kew has plants ready (some considerable problems getting seedlings to germinate at present)



Steering group trip to Queendown Warren receptor site

Heath Tiger Beetle (and Green Tiger Beetle)

- Started discussions with Bristol Zoo and Cambria College about a potential captive breeding programme, to improve understanding of the species larval ecology
- Ran three training courses this year in Purbeck and Sopley Common in Dorset and on Thursley Common in Surrey
- Trained over 40 volunteers to identify and survey for the Heath Tiger Beetle (and the Green Tiger Beetle)
- Set up a recording database on Living Record, and so far a lot of people have carried out surveys and submitted data:



Map of survey sites for 2016 – Blue dots indicate sites that were surveyed, but no beetles were found, green dots are sites where only Green Tiger Beetles were recorded, and yellow dots are sites where Heath Tiger Beetles were recorded.

Wart-biter Bush Cricket

- Habitat corridor at Lydden Temple Ewell completed.
- Completed project on predicting habitat suitability of the Wart-biter Bush Cricket in Kent under future climates. This predicted that under a moderate climate change scenario, suitable habitat will increase in the south of England. A report was submitted to Up on the Downs and a journal article has been submitted to the Journal of Insect Conservation
- Ran a training course in the summer to teach volunteers to survey for the cricket. Thirteen volunteers attended the course and by the end of the day all had either seen or heard a Wart—biter Cricket

Cosnard's Net-winged Beetle

- A volunteer surveyed the Wye Gorge area in the Spring, but no beetles were found
- Funding application to Gloucestershire Environmental Trust for habitat restoration work in the Wye Gorge was successful – to start next year.

Lemon Slug and Southern Oyster Mushroom Beetle

- An education campaign was run to try to raise awareness of the damage that mushroom foraging can have on these two species. The Lemon Slug piece received quite a lot of coverage and some records have been submitted on this species in the south of England.

New Forest Cicada

- Discussions initiated with Buglife and Southampton University on a possible education campaign next year

Merchandise

In 2016 we published A Field guide of Grasses, Sedges and Rushes. Over the year we sold just over 2000 copies, both directly and through online specialist book publishers. The book has been well received, and has raised c.£5,500 for our conservation work.

We continue to sell our sustainable wood products, mainly at single craft fair in Salisbury and through word of mouth.

Training

In 2016 we ran 28 training courses with 329 bookings, plus taught an additional 100 people on external courses.

The courses raised £22,892 for our conservation work.

Media

Our online training resources continue to be well used. Our grass identification film has now had over 7000 views.

Our Facebook page has 1,162 followers and our most popular post reached 3,304 people.

Our website had 12,869 sessions (up from 9,451 in 2015).

Fundraising

In total £25,692 was raised in 2016, a small drop from 2015 (which was particularly high due to delayed payment for 2014 projects)

£2,500.00	The Linley Shaw Foundation	General Conservation projects
£4,500.00	Natural England	Archaeophyte project
£500.00	Seven Pillars	Deptford Pink training day
£5,000.00	Biodiversity Solutions	S. Wales Gentian Surveys
£1,000.00	Woodward Trust	Woodland Plant Training Film
£500.00	Oakdale Trust	S. Wales Gentian Surveys
£4,000.00	Beryl Thomas AWT	Galeopsis project
£3,870.00	Postcode Lottery	Heath Tiger Beetle project
£1,500.00	M Way CT	Gentian, Carex and Melampyrum projects
£1,322.00	Mercers Trust	Heath Tiger Beetle project
£1,000.00	Dover District Council	Wartbiter Project

Summary Receipts and Payments accounts for the year ended 31 Dec 2016

Summary

Our income was £67,509, roughly double what we forecast. We spent £55,315, which was over what we anticipated, meaning we ended the year in a credit of £12,194, giving us an end of year bank balance of £72,735.

	£	£
Opening balance		60,541
Income	67,509	
Expenditure	<u>-55,315</u>	
Net income		<u>12,194</u>
Closing balance		<u>72,735</u>

Reserves Policy

Our current reserves policy is to hold at least two years' running costs in our account, which is currently £64,200

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

The total of the charity's assets, including cash at bank, is £90,805 and the charity's liabilities £4,414.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Full name JED HAMBLIN-BOONE

Position CHAIR

Date 3/3/17

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