

Plant your Future Annual Report, Accounts and Independent Examination Report 2018

Registered Charity England and Wales, No.1134720



Plant Your Future
Registered Charity No 1134720

Independent Examiner's report on the financial statements

I report on the Financial Statements attached of Plant Your Future registered Charity no 1134720 for the year ended 31 December 2018 attached.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Charities Act, to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiners statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
have not been met: or
to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Andrew Hewson
Independent Examiner
24-May-19

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Statement of financial activities 2018

1 January 2018 to 31 December 2018

Funds brought forward		£	28,887
INCOME			
Grants	£	26,101	
Donations	£	10,727	
TOTAL INCOME		£	36,828
EXPENDITURE			
Programme costs for agroforestry systems in Peru	£	21,971	
Administration, Marketing and Events	£	1,242	
Consulting fees	£	2,976	
Banking fees	£	60	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		£	26,249
Surplus / deficit		£	10,579
Funds carried forward		£	39,466



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1st	January	2018		31st	December	2018

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Ms Jennifer Henman	Chairman		
2	Mr Justin Keeble			
3	Mr Juan Chang Olivas		Stopped being a trustee Sept 2018	
5	Mrs Maria Spink		Stopped being a trustee Sept 2018	
6	Ms Adriana Vidal		Stopped being a trustee Sept 2018	
7	Mrs Grace Clegg		Started being a trustee Sept 2018	
8	Mr Ricardo Zimbron		Served as trustee Step 2018 – Jan 2019	

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <small>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</small>	Trust Deed
How the charity is constituted <small>(eg. trust, association, company)</small>	Trust
Trustee selection methods <small>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</small>	Appointed by existing trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Plant your Future works closely with partner organisation "La Asociacion Civil Planta tu Futuro" to implement activities in Peru. We share the same mission and strategy as Plant your Future. Plant your Future Chairman Jenny Henman is also President of this organisation and sits on the Board of Directors in this role.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

As per the Plant your Future Trust Deed we continue to seek to achieve the following objectives:

"to promote sustainable development for the benefit of the public by:

- a) the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources;
- b) the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities;
- c) the promotion of sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration.

Sustainable development means "development which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs"

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Plant your Future is working to achieve its core object of the promotion of sustainable development as described in our Trust Deed through activities with a focus on the promotion of sustainable resource use with economically disadvantaged smallholder/subsistence level farmers in the Peruvian Amazon.

We work with smallholder farmers in the Peruvian Amazon to help provide support (technical, logistical, financial, strategic) for the restoration of deforested/degraded agricultural lands through the promotion of sustainable agriculture. Our model for sustainable agriculture focuses on “agroforestry” and is designed to improve subsistence farmer’s livelihoods through the sale of crops, native fruits, sustainably harvested timber, as well as sale of carbon offsets. This will help in the relief of poverty and the improvement of the conditions of life in socially and economically disadvantaged communities. Our model is also designed to promote a sustainable means of achieving economic growth and regeneration amongst smallholder farming families of the Peruvian Amazon through income diversification. Smallholder farmers in the Peruvian Amazon have been identified by national statistics in Peru to be a group who continue to suffer from high levels of poverty, and who, as a collective group, are the main driver of deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest in Peru. Plant your Future’s model is directed specifically at smallholder farmers as the principle beneficiary group. Given their part in deforestation through ‘slash-and burn agriculture’ our objective is to help them develop more sustainable resource use, and in so doing achieve the object of the preservation, conservation and the protection of the environment and the prudent use of resources.

Plant your Future trustees have taken into consideration the charity commission’s guidance on public benefit and have selected these specific activities to be undertaken for public benefit, and in accordance with our objectives.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers continue to make an important contribution to Plant your Future’s work. Volunteers have supported Plant your Future in its fundraising as well as with monitoring, legal and technical work.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It has been a fantastic year for our new programme in Ucayali – where we are working in the community of Nueva Esperanza. This area has suffered extensive deforestation, which large expanses of abandoned, treeless degraded pastures. This year has seen the construction of a new nursery which allowed us to cultivate 14,000 saplings – a mixture of cocoa trees and native hardwoods. We've also been cultivating guaba trees, known for their nitrogen fixing properties, to inter-crop with the commercial species which will improve soil fertility.

It has been exciting to build our team in Ucayali – we've had a lead farmer running the day-to-day activities of the nursery, we've coordinated many capacity building events with the farmers. One particularly noteworthy and inspiring training event was a day-long outing for all the farmers visiting examples of mature agroforestry systems elsewhere in the region in collaboration with The Peru Cocoa Alliance.

Patricia Romero joined our Ucayali team in June 2018 as an Agroforestry Specialist. She has been a wonderful addition, bringing a wealth of experience in reforestation and agroforestry.

The smallholder farmers have continued to nurture the 25,000 trees that have been planted on degraded land in Loreto and received management support and advice from our full time project technician. Overall we are seeing particularly good growth of the native timber species *Añallu caspi (Cordia ucayaliensis)*, *Marupa (Simarouba amara Aubl)*, *Tornillo (Cedrelinga catenaeformis Ducke)* as well as of the cocoa (*Theobroma cacao*). There has continued to be insect attacks, which have particularly impacted the timber species capirona and some of the lime trees. To deal with this farmers have been provided with and trained in the targeted application of insecticides.

The growth of the cocoa trees, which were part of the most recent 5,000 young trees planted in 2016, has been really impressive and the grafting has been very successful. The grafting has meant better cocoa yields and the production of aromatic varieties of cocoa with a better flavour and a higher value when sold for chocolate. Farmers are already able to reap good harvests and earn a better income from sale of cocoa beans, to support their families.

Our main funding has continued to come from UK trusts and foundations this year as well as from a grant within Peru from the Fund of the Americas. This year also saw our first attempt at Crowdfunding, through the Big Give Christmas Challenge, that took place between the 27th November and 4th December. The campaign is an innovative idea to encourage donations from the public with the promise that they will be doubled by match funding. We set an ambitious target of £10,000 but are very pleased to say that this was exceeded, with a final total of £11,474.50 raised during the week.

Plant Your Future underwent a brand transformation this year, thanks to the help of our wonderful probono team. A new logo and website were designed, and thanks to Adam Dickens of Taking Pictures, Changing Lives, we also have an entirely new catalogue of photos and videography, showcasing the best of the farmers we work, their families and the trees and crops they are growing with the support of PYF. The new website means that it is now accessible through mobile, and its transformation will continue over the coming year with many more planned features.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We do not have a reserves policy

Details of any funds materially in deficit

n/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**

n/a

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Jennifer Henman

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chairman

Date

26th June 2019