

# **Annual Report 31st March 2015**

compiled by Angie Zelter, Secretary of KTAT.

The following Trustees were elected at the last AGM on 25th April 2014 – Angie Zelter (Secretary), Christine Baker (Treasurer), Anne Mary Davies, Camilla Saunders, Gary Cowell, Colin Cummings, Jamie Ritchie, and Kate Mclean.

During the year Anne Mary Davies, Colin Cummings and Christine Baker all resigned for various personal reasons. Angie Zelter then took over as Treasurer until a new Treasurer can be found. Anne Mary Davies continued as a Volunteer with overall responsibility for the Weir Cottage tree allotment. Cindylou Turner-Taylor was co-opted on 10th May 2015 and 2 new Volunteers Jo Arponen and Nicola Colston have been attending Trustee meetings and helping out where they can.

**The 6 current Trustees are hoping that new people will come forward to be elected as Trustees to strengthen the Trust.**

At present there are 52 Volunteers who have registered with us of whom 30 are currently active and 26 Members who support our work and can vote at the AGM.

**We would like to thank all Trustees, Members and Volunteers  
for all their hard work, enthusiasm and company.**

KTAT has had another excellent year and work at both Weir Cottage and Greenstreete has proceeded well. The 4th Newsletter has been printed and is being distributed.

**Weir Cottage Woodland Update** – written by Anne Mary Davies

Following the Woodland Management Course that was held in Weir Cottage Wood we agreed a change in management plan with the owner, Marie Hall. We are going to manage it as a coppice with standards.

We immediately put this new plan into action. We divided the wood into 5 coupes. A coupe will be coppiced every 2 years leaving some standard trees. We felled the first coupe and processed the wood into cordwood which has been stacked and covered with a tarpaulin. 25% of this has been given to the owner as 'rent' At the end of last winter we planted a selection of trees from: Aspen, Sweet Chesnut, Rowan, Birch, Alder, Hornbeam, Wild Service, Hazel, Field Maple, Wych Elm, Crab Apple, Beech. These were planted in the area cleared and on the bank at the east end of the wood which had been cleared previously. Through the summer we had to clear around these newly planted trees regularly as they were very quickly swamped by brambles and convolvulus

This season, that is from September, we have replaced the trees that did not survive the summer – only 4. We have also started filling the gaps in the roadside hedge. We are planting holly and beech whips as the hedge is quite shaded. We are not doing any felling this year and will be doing the next coupe winter 2015 / 2016

Weir Cottage Wood is a great place to be and we have had lots of fun working there!

**The Larches, Greenstreete Update** - written by Angie Zelter

KTAT worked 27 days at The Larches, Greenstreete during 2014, sometimes with as many as 9 people but mostly with an average of 5 per day. The clearing of the brash from the 1st felling took around 8 days and two plantings took place. In March 2014, 53 were planted on the lower slopes as soon as the

brush was cleared - 20 Sessile Oak, 9 Rowan, 8 Small Leaved Lime, 6 Wild Cherry, 6 Downy Birch, 4 Sweet Chestnut from Bucknell Nursery with a grant from Environment Wales. A further 105 trees were planted in November on the upper slopes - 30 Rowan, 15 Silver Birch, 15 Wild Cherry, 15 Common Oak, 15 Grey Willow, and 15 Field Maple with a free medium working wood pack generously supplied from The Woodland Trust.

The 2 days spent aiding the sawyer with the milling of planks for the wood-store and bio-loo and for a new meditation hut for the Samatha Trust were most enjoyable. Volunteers were then able to use some of the milled timber to help build and roof the wood-store and bio-loo. There came the satisfaction of processing the off-cuts from the milling and stacking them in the new wood-store that is now full.

The completion of the felling, brush clearing and re-planting of the 1st coupe has now been completed. While further negotiations with the Samatha Trust are proceeding we are now working clearing some fallen oak and ash in the broadleaf Greenstreete wood and doing some hedging and coppicing along a hedge line.

We would like to thank the Samatha Trust for all their encouragement and support.

### Annual Accounts

#### **KTAT INCOME & EXPENDITURE from 1/04/2014 to 31/03/2015**

<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>	<b>£13,794.04</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>	
Bank Interest	£17.76
Membership Fees	£150
Donations	£500
Environment Wales Funding	£1,165.80
AONB Funding	£1,070.35
Total Income for the year	£2,903.91
<b>EXPENDITURE:</b>	
Administration	£511.08
Travel	£463.78
Flora and Fauna Surveys	£50
Equipment and Trees	£986.47
Insurances	£540.86
Hall Hire	£60
Training	£920
Misc	£50.64
Total Expenditure for the year	£3,582.83
<b>LOSS FOR YEAR</b>	<b>-£678.92</b>
<b>CLOSING BALANCE</b>	<b>£13,115.12</b>