

NUMBERS ACHIEVED

54,312 trees planted in the East of England



 54 Community-owned WildSpaces established in Suffolk, Cambridgeshire, Essex & Norfolk

122,456 children and young people from the East of England actively involved and benefiting



 Two Business WildSpaces set up

On average between 12–16,500 volunteer hours given each year



Just over 2,000 sq miles of virgin rainforest saved in Papua New Guinea

This is all on a £265,000 annual budget!

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"We realise the importance of supporting environmental causes and the Green Light Trust is an excellent organisation that we are delighted to support towards a sustainable future."

CEO, Virgin Money



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Sir Martin Berthoud and Stephanie Cole OBE

PATRONS

Douglas Pike (Chair); John Stebbing; Tom Stebbing; Penny Carnill; Heather Murphy; Tony Leigh-Pollitt; Maxime Narburgh

TRUSTEES

(Employees: Four full time; two part-time; 8 Freelancers; and 120 + volunteers)
Nigel Hughes; Ric Edelman; Jane Andrews; James Stack; Joselyn Grant; Gill Briggs; Ian Cartington; Tracy Elster; Hannah Jones; Sarah Moore; Sunny Singh; Judith Kemp; Will Sambrook; Rich Sylvester and Grenville Clarke.

STAFF

Giving PEOPLE and NATURE a *Chance*



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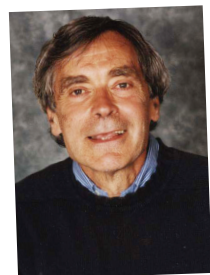
CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE - DOUGLAS PIKE

Spear-headed by our energetic team of WildSpace Leaders, I am delighted to report that the Trust has now set up a magnificent 54 WildSpace projects. This inspiring work with local communities is only limited by constraints on the funding we have available.

Our work with children with learning disabilities has expanded. 'Sensing the Rainforest' now has a sequel called 'Sensing the Icecap', both of these presentations help children understand the global warming challenge. Led by our full time Forest School Development Worker, our Forest School leader training has been enthusiastically received - to the point of now being nearly self financing.


The Green Light Trust have achieved the accolade of being selected as one of Virgin Unite's Environmental Entrepreneurship Fund projects with valuable support from Virgin Unite and Virgin Money, helping us, among other things, to create a five year plan to take us towards financial sustainability. Additionally we have secured excellent support from, among others, Honda FI through their Earthdreams scheme and Timbmet, Europe's largest timber importer. We are proving more attractive to the corporate sector than ever, usually through their Corporate Social Responsibility agenda.

New partnerships have been created with two training organisations in Maynard Leigh Associates and Akenham, ensuring a forecasted growth in providing corporate training in environmental matters. We have piloted two successful programmes in developing environmental awareness and creating 'in house' environmental champions with Ridgeons and Havebury Housing Partnership.



Despite the current climate of financial challenge, both national and international, we look with expectancy to an exciting 2009/10."

CARBON FOOTPRINT

 Having conducted our first carbon audit in 2007 the Trust is now monitoring progress. In 2007 we adopted 3.28 tonnes of CO2 per FTE (Full Time Equivalent) as the baseline. The Green Light Trust is proud to announce that the 2008 figure has reduced to 2.28 tonnes of CO2/FTE. The reduction is mainly due to electricity use down by 1409kWh - attributed to better management, and snagging after our first year of occupation, ensuring the building is working at maximum efficiency. We recorded a rise in travel emissions due to two new full time staff members but balanced by home working due to an IT upgrade and remote work stations. The main CO2 reduction was through the lack of



international travel. We have also developed a policy which clearly indicates the priority that the Trust is placing on carbon reduction which includes procurement and sourcing. The Green Light Trust is always actively seeking to partner with companies that have a similar carbon policy.

PEOPLE POWER IN 2008 VOLUNTEER HOURS

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| Green Light Team | 1,313 |
| Green Light Trustees | 118 |
| Forest for Our Children | 1,065 |
| Community-owned WildSpaces (48 projects) | 10,200 |
| TOTAL | 12,696* |

*This is the equivalent of Green Light Trust having *seven extra full time* members of staff.



FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2008

In the year ended 31st December 2008, Green Light Trust had an Operational Income of £273,244 and an operational expenditure of £266,515. There was thus a small excess of income over expenditure for the period of £4,721.

2007 saw the introduction of the Full Cost Recovery method of estimating and allocating core costs to projects.

This resulted in a greater proportion of our core costs being funding. In brief, Full Cost Recovery means bigger projects make a bigger contribution to core costs.

| INCOME | 2008 | 2007 |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Grants - General | £ 3,000 | £ 2,454 |
| Grants - Restricted | £ 91,054 | £ 119,266 |
| Donations | £ 24,419 | £ 94,916 |
| Interest on Capital | £ 2,460 | £ 1,282 |
| Projects | £ 94,884 | £ 36,777 |
| Trading & Rental Income | £ 5,418 | £ 5,153 |
| Sponsorship | £ 50,001 | £ - |
| TOTAL | £ 271,236 | £ 259,848 |

| EXPENDITURE | 2008 | 2007 |
|--------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Donations | £ - | £ 670 |
| Projects | £ 258,344 | £ 237,520 |
| Trading & Administration | £ 5,091 | £ 20,006 |
| Depreciation | £ 3,080 | £ - |
| TOTAL | £ 266,515 | £ 258,196 |



“Green Light exists to help you - whether you are a company starting your sustainable development journey, a school spending more

time outside or a community who wants a reason to be a community, and have a woodland or WildSpace as its focal point.” *Dr Alan Knight OBE* 🌱

Green Light Trust is an environmental education charity working with communities. It was set up following a life changing expedition to save a Papua New Guinea rainforest by its founders in 1990. Now, as the climate crunch bites, the charity has a heightened saliency by providing vital services focused on protecting and enhancing the environment and community life across the East of England, and beyond. 🌱 www.greenlighttrust.org.uk



“The Green Light Trust is an inspiring and necessary organisation. It is so critically important that, at a time in our history when we need to be rediscovering the virtues and skills of living close to the land, the Trust is providing education and more opportunities for doing just that.”

Councillor Rupert Read, Norwich City Council

The Green Light Trust is an ambitious and mission driven charitable organisation. It continually strives to do more for, and with, local communities to harness their energies and determination to transform local environments for the better. Working closely with a wide range of businesses, socially disadvantaged groups and communities across the region it strengthens and helps them establish and manage their own community woodlands and wild spaces – aiming to tackle society’s ‘environmental deficits’.

Our future goals centre of extending our community-based work with more socially disadvantaged groups in the East of England, and further afield. Our plans include more project work focused on ‘hard to reach’ and special needs groups. We recognise the health benefits of being outside in the countryside, and we shall be embracing the mental and physical well-being agenda.



By 2013 we are aiming for financial sustainability – no easy task in today’s economic downturn – with three-quarters of our charitable income ‘earned’ through the provision of services; and the other quarter met through fundraising.



Hence our goals comprise:

🌱 Establishing Green Light Trust as a regional **Centre of Excellence** – *A vibrant and creative learning centre in the field of carbon efficiency, thinking and action*

🌱 Extending **Forest School East** – *Generating an enhanced regional profile – fostering new working partnerships with schools in the East of England*

🌱 Marketing & Maximising **‘The Foundry’** – *Promoting ‘The Foundry’ as a regional resource for sustainable development education and a friendly meeting point and venue for a host of environmental organisations.*



