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Questionnaire

Tell us about yourselves

Future Trees Trust is a registered charity dedicated to the improvement of broadleaved trees by conventional selective breeding. The aim of our work is to breed broadleaved trees to improve their resilience to disease, climate change adaptability, growth rate and form. Our work is needed because current broadleaved woodlands are of insufficient quality, climatic adaptability and disease resistance to provide an economically viable timber resource, meaning that the UK imports 95% of the hardwood timber it uses.

By ensuring future tree populations are healthier, more disease resilient, adapted to climate change and more productive, we hope more people will decide to plant more and better broadleaved trees. More trees planted mean many more benefits to our environment, our economy, countless species of woodland flora and fauna, the many thousands of people who work in the forestry and associated sectors, millions of people that enjoy visiting them and not least to the very nature of our countryside.

Tell us about the Funds

- **Has the project we helped to fund been completed? If so, how is it maintained?**

Your grant is supporting our core operating costs. Our work breeding trees is very long term and it will be many years before we can claim that the project is 'completed'.

- **If not completed yet, why not? Are plans in place to finalise the project?**

Many long-term plans are in place to 'finalise' the project, Each species with which we work uses slightly different breeding techniques – some trees we grow from seed and some we graft.

- **Did the funds provided by us prove adequate, or was there an over- or under-spend?**

Our core operating costs in 2016/17 totalled £40,882, so your grant represented 12% of our core operating cost expenditure.

- **How were any surplus funds used, or was further funding made available?**

We received several grants restricted to support our core operating costs and used unrestricted donations to make up the shortfall.

Tell us about the project

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- Has the project been successful and well received by the beneficiaries?

Yes – our work continues to gather interest and acclaim across the forestry sector.

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Are you satisfied with the outcome, or, with hindsight, would some modifications have been appropriate?

We are very satisfied with the progress we are making. We make very effective use of the meagre resources available to us and our profile across the forestry sector is steadily growing.

- Was funding for this project made available from any other sources?

Yes – we received several grants restricted to support our core operating costs and used unrestricted donations to make up any shortfall.

Feedback about us

- How did you find our own process of selection and payment?

- Have you considered providing us with an update on the activities for which our Trust provided the funding?

Yes – we have issued an update report to accompany this questionnaire

- Would you welcome a visit by our Trustees?

Yes, definitely! We would be delighted to offer you a guided tour of our work in Little Wittenham, Oxfordshire. Please liaise with Tim Rowland to arrange such a visit.

- Have you any other comments?

The Nineveh Charitable Trust are among the more professionally-run private charitable trusts with which we work.

Your website is clear, concise and includes all the information a prospective applicant needs to make a compelling application.

This form, however, is very frustrating to complete! The text box structure is clumsy and does not allow the freedom of expression I would have liked and I am glad to have been able to submit an update report which more closely reflects the work your grant is supporting, which is not a specific project, but our core operating costs.

- This questionnaire is part of our due diligence, obtaining feedback to help us, and we are grateful for your input – please return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

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