

The directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 28 February 2020

## **Review of business**

The principal activity of the company continues to be that of managing a Community Woodland for the benefit of the Tarvin Community but also the wider public from surrounding villages. In addition, publicity, especially the Tarvin web site, means we now have visits from even further afield. This fifth report will be sent, in the first instance, to members of Tarvin Community Woodland Trust and presented to them at a date to be set once Covid 19 virus public meeting restrictions allow.

## **Purpose**

To hold the woodland in Trust for the Community and to ensure it is well managed and developed. It provides outdoor recreation for young and old in a safe environment. Its hard-surfaced central pathway of about 2.5km is well walked but also through regular usage a network of pathways through the trees has been created adding greater interest and variety. Education in natural history is one of the Trust's main aims; there is a wide range of flora and fauna. Information boards have been installed at places of particular interest such as examples of tree varieties. There is a varied and healthy population of bird species which can be viewed from hides and bird feeding stations. The woodland is adjacent to the primary school and this close relationship enables shared annual events with the pupils.

## **People**

A wide variety of people from the village community contribute to the success of the woodland. The wide and varied backgrounds of the Trustees and Volunteers allows for efficient management, maintenance, fund raising and growth in scale. The Trust accesses wide experience in engineering, business management, legal issues, education and communications so is well served by members of the Community. Importantly we have a number of regular and ad hoc events often related to fund raising. The annual plant sale is one successful example as is the coffee morning.

In the course of the year we continued to rely on retired but active members of the Community for both management and practical work. Despite our best efforts to attract younger members this reliance continues but we are hopeful that as more people reach retirement age, they will join us in what has proved to be a central asset of the Community.

## **Overview**

Our Community woodland continues to be well used and supported on a daily basis by Tarvin residents and friends from neighbouring communities. This report relates to the year to February 2020 but, as a more recent update, its usage has increased even further due to the current viral health crisis, a fact recognised by the thanks Trustees receive in the woodland. Again, this year, the Trust truly thanks local residents for their support; their generosity of time and funding are much appreciated and we look forward to continuing progress in maintaining and developing the facility.

Stuart Exell, TCWT Chairman