



BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

Forty First Annual Report and Accounts for the period

1st July 2016 – 30th June 2017



INTRODUCTION

BTS was created by a small group in the UK and in Tanzania who wanted to keep good relations between our two countries at a time when formal diplomatic relations had been broken over Britain's duplicitous dealings with the Smith



regime in Zimbabwe. It began as a social club, chaired by Bishop Trevor Huddleston, in 1975, with its first AGM in October 1976. The membership in England was predominantly former civil servants, teachers, doctors, missionaries and others who had worked in Tanzania before or shortly after Independence in 1961.

A separate "chapter" was set

up in Tanzania, but it took longer to get going. Its first AGM was in January 1982, including members who were officials or former officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs who had previously been posted to the High Commission in London.

By the time the constitution had been created and agreed, diplomatic relations between the two countries had resumed. The British group grew slowly and steadily as an organisation to keep people in the UK who had worked in Tanzania in touch with current developments. The Tanzania Development Trust was started to support small development projects, and gained charitable status. Much energy was devoted to making it possible for British members to welcome students from Tanzania to their homes. A journal *Tanzanian Affairs* was set up, partially filling the void left by the much-missed *Tanzania Notes and Records*, and later a Newsletter. There were occasional seminars, events, garden parties, receptions and visits, and a database was created of organisations in the UK supporting projects in Tanzania. BTS, with more than 800 members, became, to the best of our knowledge, the largest friendship organisation linking the UK with an African country. TDT became highly professional, recruiting a cadre of Local

Representatives in the most deprived parts of Tanzania, and becoming skilled in assessing project proposals and detecting fraud. Most of its projects are very small, but one, originally not part of TDT, is much larger, the Safe House for girls escaping genital mutilation, in Mugumu near Mara. A related project involves use of computers around the world to improve the digital maps near the Safe House, and potentially in other parts of the country. An Education Group was formed in the early years and has restarted regular meetings, in contact by Skype with colleagues in Tanzania. An organisation to support initiatives in the health and medical sphere is just starting up, with our support.

But much of this has been carried out by an ageing membership. And so now we are moving into a third phase, in which BTS becomes more an organisation for people living in the UK who have continuing links with Tanzania, especially Tanzanians resident in this country but also Brits working as academics, consultants or employees of NGOs or organisations that support work in Tanzania. We are still working through what this should involve, but one of the proposals to be decided at our AGM will be to add a second Vice Chair who will be Tanzanian.

Neither BTS nor TDT employ paid staff. So, our activities, which are very labour intensive, are kept running by volunteers. These include the TDT Chair and TDT Project Officers who make long and often challenging trips, at their own expense, to visit as many TDT projects as possible, including those in remote places. Also, the job of TDT Treasurer. We are most grateful for the work of Elizabeth Taylor as Secretary of both organisations, and Janet Chapman who is a TDT project officer and who has been behind many of the most exciting BTS initiatives in the last few years. Ben Taylor, editing *Tanzanian Affairs*, and Sue Michell our Newsletter editor, and Petronilla Mwakatuma, working with the diaspora, also have major long-term commitments to our work. Without this level of time commitment, we could not function.

The two committees (BTS and TDT) meet four times a year, in London, at 3.30 and 5.30pm, which enables committee members from outside London to get back home after the meetings but is not easy for those who have to take time off work to attend. We need to welcome more Tanzanians and young people onto our committees, while making it clear that these are working committees in which those who attend are expected to carry out activities and take

responsibilities outside the formal committee meetings, and to recognise that those who do not attend the committee meeting risk losing touch.

The Tanzanian “Chapter” faces similar challenges. For the last three years it has not met as an organisation. Now it too needs younger blood, and a greater focus on the immediate problems facing Tanzania, for example in its schools, hospitals and health centres, and in community development. This might also involve more focus on specific projects, and closer links with TDT, and a willingness to use IT to enable those not able to get to meetings in Dar es Salaam to take part. Our Tanzanian friends are working out how to develop a new agenda, and we wish them well and look forward to seeing how they work it out and to working with them.

Andrew Coulson, Chairman



SEMINARS AND EVENTS

We have, in the last 12 months, held events on a wide range of topics.

Are the rivers in Tanzania at risk of drying up? The contested causes of environmental change, 10 October 2016

Professor Bruce Lankford, of the University of East Anglia, introduced an extremely well-informed discussion of the factors which are causing the Great Ruaha River to dry up during the dry seasons. There are many contributing factors, including the excessive diversion of the flows for large scale irrigation at Mbarali and Kapunga in the Usangu plains, but also increased small scale irrigation in the mountains up stream. The results are not good for biodiversity, tourism, or electricity generation downstream.

Teacher Training, Education Group Seminar, 13 October

Promoting the Social Inclusion of People with Albinism in Tanzania 24 October 2016

This seminar, run jointly with the NGO Standing Voice, explored the challenges facing people with albinism in Tanzania, and the work on NGOs and others which empower people with albinism to challenge the stigma that they face and to reintegrate and participate within their communities, and to re-assert their independence and self-sufficiency.

Mapping Tanzania, 16 January

This event was about the projects using volunteers around the world to use aerial photographs to improve local maps, especially in the areas around the Safe House for girls escaping female mutilation in Mugumu.

Maths Focus, Education Group Seminar, 23 January

Leprosy in Rural Tanzania: Diagnosis, Treatment and Overcoming the Stigma 6 March

This was introduced by Dr Sarah Feather of the Rufiji Development Trust, set up to support work at Kitwindi, close to the Rufiji River in Coast Region.

Small Business Investments in Tanzania: Support from the Diaspora 19 June

The speakers were Petronilla Mbowe, an environmental health officer, consultant and member of both the BTS and TDT committees who spoke about the need for checks on plant health and quality before products were imported

in the EU, and Perez Ochieng, who spoke about the post-harvest handling of agricultural products.

Other events and activities

The speaker at our AGM on 19 November was **Her Excellency Hon Dr Asha-Rose Migiro**, the Tanzanian High Commissioner, who spoke with passion about the first year of the Magufuli presidency, and then answered a wide range of questions.

On 7 November, there was a screening in London of the film, **Zanzibar Soccer Dreams**, with its star Nassra Mohammed and the Director Florence Ayisi present to discuss the film, and the way it has opened up new opportunities for girls in Zanzibar.

On 24 February, we were a sponsor of a conference on **The Arusha Declaration@50** at the Centre for African Studies in Edinburgh. A good number of BTS members from both England and Scotland were able to attend and participate in this event.

On 11 April, a reception was held for supporters of the Safe House and Vocational Training Centre for girls escaping female genital mutilation. The guest of honour was the Anglican Bishop of Mara, Rt Reverend Dr George Okoth. The reception was held at St Mary-at-Hill Church in the City of London, which also hosts the Swahili-speaking congregation which meets there every month, and attracted a good attendance from Tanzanians.

On 19 May a charity dinner was hosted by Manny Vasant to raise money for dental work in Musoma. We were pleased to be able to support this work.

Andrew Coulson

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Newsletter

There have been the usual three issues of the 16 page newsletter, (January, May and September) informing members of visits, small scale projects and initiatives taking place in different areas of Tanzania, regular updates on the Safe House and other projects that TDT support, BTS Scottish Group news, plus past and forthcoming seminars and events in the UK. A page devoted to "Swahili Matters" has continued to have an article appear in both English and Swahili, thanks to Donovan McGrath.

The newsletter of January contained a report by Freddy Macha on the address by HE Dr Asha-Rose Migiro to the BTS AGM in November and the ensuing questions, plus a report by Fadhili Maghiya on the screenings of 'Zanzibar Soccer Dreams' at various locations in England and Wales.

The May Newsletter included the welcome for the Bishop of Mara, an update on TDT's Kagera earthquake relief programme, plus news of the sad passing of Dr Elly Macha and Sir Andy Chande who was a life vice President of BTS.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters and to Andrew's active involvement.

Thank you to Jill Bowden for her careful proof reading of the draft copy, this is really appreciated, and for overseeing the printing and posting. She has asked to relinquish the posting responsibility, so a special thank you to Ann and Julian Marcus and Hilary Lee who so kindly took on the responsibility of this till the AGM.

Sue Mitchell

Tanzanian Affairs

Three well-received issues of *Tanzanian Affairs* were produced, and it continues to be a very valuable resource for a varied community of those with interest in Tanzania.

The September 2016 issue was the final edition to be edited by David Brewin. David announced shortly after publication that he intended to step back as editor, after 30 years in the role. We would like to offer our appreciation for the remarkable contribution David has made to the journal, the Society, and indeed to relations between the UK and Tanzania during his editorship.

Ben Taylor, who had been assisting David as co-editor since 2013, has taken over as editor. David will continue as a contributor, bringing his considerable experience and knowledge to bear on coverage of agricultural matters and Tanzania's foreign relations.

In terms of content, this year saw notable articles on political developments in Tanzania under President Magufuli, the ongoing and rapid expansion in transport infrastructure, and developments in the oil and gas (and gold mining) sector.

The book reviews section remains a very popular part of *Tanzania Affairs*, keeping readers up to date with the latest publications. Similarly, a wide range of academic articles have been brought to readers' attention through the development research section.

Past issues are available online at tzaffairs.org.

Ben Taylor

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY ON THE INTERNET

Our website <http://www.britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk/> is the source of the most up to date information about the Society.

The website for

the Tanzania Development Trust is <http://www.tanzdevtrust.org/>

and that of Tanzanian Affairs is <http://www.tzaffairs.org/>.

MEMBERSHIP

At the end of the 2015-2016 year the total active membership of BTS was 580. These include individual, group, and corporate membership.

Where members live:

East England: 72

East Midlands: 13

London: 123

North East England: 10

North West England: 31

South East England: 132

South West England: 48

West Midlands: 30

Yorkshire and Humber: 29

N Ireland: 3

Scotland: 32

Wales: 12

Ireland: 2

Guernsey: 1

Tanzania: 20

Europe: 8

Other Overseas: 14

Elizabeth Taylor

EDUCATION GROUP

The BTS Education Group has had 3 meetings this year, in October with a focus on Teacher Training, in January with a focus on Maths, and in May with a focus on literacy. In each we had a range of speakers, both in person at SOAS, and via Skype. The notes and recordings of each event are on the BTS Education Group Facebook page. The next meeting will be in the New Year as SOAS does not have any free slots in Term 1.



[Crowd2Map Tanzania](#) is a crowdsourced mapping project aiming to put rural Tanzania on the map. Since 2015, we have been adding schools, hospitals, roads, buildings and villages to OpenStreetMap with the help of over 2000

volunteers worldwide and 200 on the ground in Tanzania. We have so far added over a million buildings and mapped over 70,000 sq kilometres.

We were recently awarded a microgrant by Humanitarian OpenStreetMap to train community mappers in [8 areas of Tanzania](#), and presented a [community webinar](#) for them. We have also been featured on [Al Jazeera](#), [The Guardian](#) and [Missing Maps](#). We have set up and support a Youthmappers Chapter at the Institute of Rural Development and Planning in Mwanza and Dodoma. Anyone with an internet connection can get involved in tracing roads and buildings from satellite images, which is used as a base map for local volunteers to add details such as place names using smartphones. If you would like more information please see www.crowd2map.org or email Janet j.chapman@tanzdevtrust.org

ANNUAL REPORT FROM BRITAIN TANZANIA SOCIETY SCOTTISH GROUP (BTSS)

The Group has again not been very active this year. However, 42 people are on our yahoo group, and another 39 on a separate mailing list and in this way, we are able to share notices of members' activities and projects, and of other news items related to Tanzania.

During the year several members attended the excellent workshop at the University of Edinburgh to celebrate '50 years of the Arusha Declaration'. A few of us were at a presentation on the work of the Tanzania Development Trust and the Safe house given by Julian Marcus in June at Christchurch Morningside, Edinburgh.

The Chair of the BTSS is Ralph Ibbott. For more details contact Ann Burgess annpatriciaburgess@yahoo.co.uk, Jennifer Sharp js@satv.co.uk or Ralph Ibbott at 01875 818658.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The 41st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Britain Tanzania Society was held on Saturday 19th November 2016 at 2.00pm on at The Central Hall, Westminster

1. Welcome. The Chairman, Mr Andrew Coulson welcomed the 73 members present. He drew attention to the tables set up by organisations working in Tanzania.

2. Minutes of the 40th AGM, held on 15th November 2015, having been circulated, were agreed by the meeting as a correct record and signed by the Chairman

3. Matters arising. No matters arising were reported.

4. Annual Report of BTS (UK) for the year ended 30 June 2016. The Annual report had been published on the Society's website; hard copies were available at the meeting or by request to the Executive Secretary.

The Chairman addressed the meeting summarising the information given in the Annual report. He highlighted the fact that there had been more events in the UK this year than in any previous year, many with the All Party Parliamentary Group or with SOAS. Seminars including a good range of topics. We also had two receptions, one to say farewell to the outgoing UK High Commissioner to Tanzania, H E Dianna Melrose, and to welcome her successor, Sarah Cooke. By good fortune this event took place soon after the arrival of the new Tanzania High Commissioner to the UK, H E Dr Asha-Rose Migiro, who we were able to welcome at that reception.

The education group is going well with regular meetings. Tanzanian Affairs and the complementary Newsletter continue to keep members well informed. The Website has been updated and now includes digests of seminars.

We are sorry to see three significant officers standing down at this meeting. Jill Bowden had been secretary, more recently she has been treasurer and has looked after mailings. Petronilla Mwakatuma has been membership secretary. David Brewin has edited Tanzanian Affairs for a

very long time and has made it the highly informative publication that it has become. Sincere thanks were expressed to all three.

The Annual Report was unanimously adopted by the meeting.

5. Annual Accounts of BTS (UK) for the year ended 30 June 2016

Jill Bowden presented the accounts for the year to 30th June 2016. The financial position of the Society is in good order. The treasurer expressed thanks to the Independent Examiner, Mrs J E H Olivier. The Chairman expressed his thanks to the treasurer.

Andrew Coulson proposed that the accounts be accepted, William Fulton seconded the motion and the meeting unanimously accepted them.

Mr J E H Olivier wished to stand down as Independent Examiner, the meeting delegated the search for a new Independent Examiner to the committee.

6. Election of members to serve on the BTS (UK) Executive Committee for the three years 2016-19.

The chairman reported that he had received four nominations to fill vacancies on the Executive Committee to serve for a three-year term. The candidates, who had indicated their willingness to serve, were:

Ben Taylor, Sue Mitchell, Aseri Katanga, David Brewin

The motion that Ben Taylor, Sue Mitchell, Aseri Katanga and David Brewin be elected to serve for the next three years was unanimously agreed.

7. Election of Officers of BTS(UK) for the year 2016-17:

Jill Bowden did not wish to stand for re-election as Treasurer. Petronilla Mwakatuma did not wish to stand for re-election as Membership Secretary.

Nominations for officers were

Andrew Coulson as Chair.

Mr William Fulton as Vice-Chairman

Dr Elizabeth Taylor as Executive Secretary,

There were no nominations for Membership Secretary or Hon.Treasurer Andrew Coulson, William Fulton and Elizabeth Taylor were unanimously elected.

8. Welcome to the High Commissioner for Tanzania

H. E. Dr Asha-Rose Migiro, High Commissioner for Tanzania was welcomed to the meeting

9. Annual Report of the Tanzania Development Trust for the year ended 30 June 2016.

The Annual Report had been circulated. Jonathan Pace had become Chair in November 2015. During the year, despite fears about income, 46 projects had been funded. A new website has been produced with a more modern presentation; it tells the stories of TDT which is essential for fundraising. We do need assistance with the website to keep it up to date and effective. We also wish to make good use of Social Media.

The work of our eight Local Representatives and of Danny Mwasandube in Dar es Salaam has been an important part of all that we do. Our project officers do valuable work in visiting projects and checking their worthiness and sustainability; all at their own expense.

The Safe House has been a special and separate project. Our usual work is with communities which rarely benefit from grants from larger charities.

10. Annual Accounts of the Tanzania Development Trust for the year ended 30 June 2016

The detailed accounts had already been circulated in the Annual Report.

Thanks were expressed to the treasurer, Sam Macauley, who prepared the accounts.

The accounts were adopted by the meeting.

Thanks were extended to Miss Claire MacIver, the Independent Examiner for 2015-16. Miss MacIver does not wish to be reappointed. The meeting delegated the task of finding and appointing a new Independent Examiner to the Committee.

11. Mapping Project

A presentation was given by Janet Chapman. The impetus for this project was the need for Rhobi Samwelly to have a map of the area in which she does outreach in the fight against FGM.

More than 500 volunteers have been adding details to Open Street Maps and Maps.me. Those in Tanzania with smart phones have been encouraged to be involved. Crowd2Map, WhatsApp and Facebook have also been important in collating the mapping information.

As a result of this work the mapping of the area around the Safe House in Mugumu is 90% complete.

12. Any other business.

The formal meeting ended at 14.50.

The meeting was then pleased to welcome **H.E. Dr Asha-Rose Migiro. Tanzania High Commissioner to the UK.** She spoke on 'Current Developments in Tanzania'. As the Chair pointed out, this was a gigantic task with Tanzania one year into the new Presidency. Dr Migiro then willingly took questions from the floor which she answered with interest and concern.

Those present were then able to network together.

FINANCE

The accounts for 2016/17 show a year end deficit of £2,920.63, but this was after making grants of £5,000 to the Development Trust during the year.

There was no expenditure on the website during the year and events expenses were significantly lower than in 2015/16. The cost of printing Tanzanian Affairs and the newsletter also fell. The decision was taken not to renew membership of BOND, thus saving £200 (the figure for 2015/16 represented 2 years' memberships fees).

At the end of the year, there was a balance of £1,864.31 in the current account and £5,632.73 in the deposit account.

Note: During the year BTS received £2,574.83 in donations from members for TDT. These donations are passed directly to TDT and do not appear in the accounts.

Jill Bowden

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Executive Committee and the Tanzania Development Trust each met on four occasions during the year: 21st September, 23rd November, 22nd February and 10th May. The Society is most grateful to the management of Central Hall Westminster for allowing us to use one of their committee rooms on a regular basis.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

THE UK EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex Officio	President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
	Vice Presidents	
	Dr J K Chande, KBE (deceased)	Derek Ingram OBE
	Elizabeth Fennell MBE	Trevor Jaggard
	Ronald Fennell MBE	Professor Esther Mwaikambo
The Officers	Chairman	Andrew Coulson
	Vice Chairman	William Fulton
	Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Taylor
	Hon Membership Secretary	Vacant
	Hon Treasurer	Vacant
	Editor Tanzanian Affairs	Ben Taylor
The members	Alex Behan	Sue Mitchell
	David Brewin	Albert Mkony
	Janet Chapman	Petronilla Mwakatuma
	David Gibbons	Roger Nellist
	Aseri Katanga	Jonathan Pace
	Fadhili Maghiya	
Co-opted	Yusuf Kashwanga	

BTS SCOTTISH BRANCH

Leaders	Chair of the BTSS	Ralph Ibbott
	Secretary	Ann Burgess
		Jennifer Sharp

THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

The Trustees	Janet Chapman	Petronilla Mwakatuma
	Andrew Coulson	Jonathan Pace
	David Gibbons	Elizabeth Taylor
	Robert Gibson	
The Officers	Chairman	Jonathan Pace
	Vice Chairs	Dan Cook
		Jill Nicholson
	Hon Treasurer	Robert Gibson
	Executive Secretary	Elizabeth Taylor
Project Officers	Helen Carey	Philippa Grant
	Janet Chapman	Chandrika Makwana
	Tichafara Chisaka	Julian Marcus
	Dan Cook	Petronilla Mwakatuma
	Kevin Curley CBE	Jonathan Pace
	David Gibbons	Ian Powell
	Phil Grant	
Members	Alex Behan	Fadhili Maghiya
	Elizabeth Fennell MBE	Sue Mitchell
	Ronald Fennell MBE	Albert Mkony
	William Fulton	Lydia Moore
	Aseri Katanga	Hannah Wichmann
Local Reps.	Philemon Boyo	Godfrey Makenzi
	Linus Buriani	Elias J Mashasi
	Benedicto Hosea	Danny Mwasandube
	Ezekiel Kassanga	Rhobi Samwelly
	Evelyn Leonard	William Shayo

THE TANZANIA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair	Amb. Paul RUPIA	
Vice-Chair	Dr. Cuthbert KIMAMBO	
Secretary	Rita MKAMA	
Treasurer	Boniface, KANEMBA	
Members	Fauzia CHILWAN	Dr. Strato MOSHA
	Adam GAHHU	Danny MWASANDUBE
	Zakaria HAMZA	Theresia NDIBALEMA
	Edwin KASANGA	Michael NJUMBA
	Cathy MBATIA	Edward RWEYEMAMU
	Elizabeth MLELI	Grace SANDE

Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 28th October at 2.00pm at St Mary-at-Hill Church, Lovat Lane, Eastcheap, London, EC3R 8EE. The speaker will be Salim Kikeke, BBC Swahili Service presenter. He will speak on 'How the Swahili Service works, and what it offers to Tanzania'.

BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE A/C Year ending 30th June 2017**

	2016-17	2015-16
INCOME		
Subscriptions	10332.07	10674.50
Sales of Tz Affairs	421.70	524.56
Events income		1252.94
Bank interest	2.78	3.30
Sundries	39.00	23.34
TOTAL RECEIPTS	10795.55	12478.64
PAYMENTS OUT		
Bond Membership		390.60
Grants to TDT	5000.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES		
AGM	1830.84	1765.39
Stationery	89.20	69.15
Postage	2566.06	2591.63
Printing	1366.52	1699.99
Seminar expenses	52.20	0.00
Website		2486.90
Events expenses	1035.94	3406.62
Bank charges	8.00	6.00
Room hire	354.48	247.38
Sundry expenses	150.00	51.20
TANZANIAN AFFAIRS		
TA expenses		
TA printing	1246.94	1304.14
TA bank charges	16.00	
TOTAL OUTGOINGS	13716.18	14019.00
Net Surplus/Deficit	-2920.63	-1540.36

BALANCE SHEET as at 30th June 2017

	2017		2016	
FUNDS				
Balance brought forward		10417.67		11958.03
Surplus/Deficit for the year		<u>-2920.63</u>		<u>-1540.36</u>
		<u>7497.04</u>		<u>10417.67</u>
ASSETS				
Current a/c	1864.31		4787.72	
Deposit HSBC	5632.73	7497.04	5629.95	10417.67
Creditors				
TDT				
NET ASSETS		<u>7497.04</u>		<u>10417.67</u>

Notes to Accounts

In addition to the grants to TDT shown under payments out, BTS received £2574.83 on behalf of TDT (£2679.60 previous year) and paid TDT £2574.83 (£3378.12 previous year)

Membership subscriptions are taken into account on a cash basis

Expenditure is included on a cash basis

Examiner

I have examined the above statement of assets and liabilities and the accompanying income and expenditure account which are prepared and drawn up in accordance with the books and vouchers of the Society and from explanations given to me.

J E H Olivier [signed]
18th July 2017



The Britain-Tanzania Society aims to increase mutual knowledge, understanding and respect between the peoples of Britain and Tanzania through seminars, events and publications, and through the development of education, health, water and sanitation and other self-help community development activities and the promotion of gender equality.