



**BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY**

**Forty Sixth Annual Report and Accounts  
for the period**

**1<sup>st</sup> July 2021 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022**



## **INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

I took over as Chair after the 2021 AGM and give thanks to my predecessor Elizabeth Taylor for her excellent work and contribution to the growth and future of the Society.

My background is in international environmental conservation, including time in the United Nations, with many years spent engaging with and living in Tanzania and now based in the UK. I welcome the chance to continue the work of BTS and encourage ongoing mutual collaboration and the spirit of friendship between our two countries.

My first event as Chair, linked to BTS, was in a boxing match to raise money for TDT. Having recovered from that, I've been pleased to see BTS through some fascinating webinars, our first in-person event since the peak of the pandemic and an upgrading of our website.

For Tanzania it has been another significant year. Tanzanians welcomed their first female President, Her Excellency Samia Suluhu Hassan in March 2021 and we have followed her progress as a Society, including through a dedicated BTS webinar, where we explored perspectives after the first year.

The Tanzania Development Trust has had another productive year, its excellent programme of activities is reported in their own [Annual Report](#). Congratulations to TDT Chair, Janet Chapman and her team for all that they have achieved.

Ben Taylor has edited and produced excellent copies of [Tanzanian Affairs](#). Jennifer Sharp has taken on oversight of the BTS Newsletter. Our thanks to them and their teams for all their hard work.

Thanks are due to our whole executive committee and especially to our Vice Chair, Godlisten Pallangyo, our secretary Charlotte Pallangyo, minutes secretary David Gibbons and honourable treasurer Jeremy Lefroy.

*Paul Harrison, Chairman*

## EVENTS, SEMINARS AND WEBINARS

### BTS Events

After the restrictions of recent years, many BTS members were able to join our first in-person event in a while at a lively reception celebrating 60 years of mainland independence, Karume Day and 100 years since the birth of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. The gathering took place at the Oriental Club in London on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 and featured speeches from H.E Asha-Rose Migoro (Tanzanian High Commissioner to London), John Woodcock, the Lord Walney (UK trade envoy to Tanzania), our Chair, Paul Harrison, and Nick Reynolds – otherwise known as “Bongo Zozo”, a social media celebrity.



### BTS Seminars and Webinars

The following webinars, organised by BTS and TDT, took place during the year:

- Prosperity in Rural Africa? Changes over time in Tanzanian Villages
- President Samia’s first year in office – a new direction for Tanzania?
- Reach for the Stars for International Women’s Week
- Map Tanzania to help protect girls from FGM for International Womens’ Day
- Climate CoP26 and Implications for Tanzania

## PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

### Newsletter

There have been the usual three issues of the 16-page BTS newsletter, (January, May and September). The newsletter covers issues of interest to BTS members as well as keeping us up to date on some of the work of TDT. We've covered a range of personal stories as well as issues like climate change, trade, prosperity, mobile money as well as our regular feature "Swahili Matters".

Contact person is [Jennifer Sharp](#).

### Tanzanian Affairs

The Tanzanian Affairs team of contributors and editors produced three more issues of the journal (January, May and September), which continues to be well-received by Society members and others with an interest in Tanzania.

2021-22 saw ongoing turbulent times for the world as a whole, with Tanzania being no exception and the range of articles explored some of the key challenges and opportunities for the country, now under the leadership of the first female President.

Throughout, at Tanzanian Affairs we endeavour to maintain our strong commitment to objectivity, balance and truth. We report the facts, as best we can.

Beyond the news sections, the book reviews section is ever popular, keeping readers informed about the latest publications, and perhaps prompting a few readers to buy the books and read more.

Past issues are available online at [tzaffairs.org](http://tzaffairs.org). The latest issues are available for members [here](#). Contact BTS if you don't have access and would like to, by becoming a member.

Contact [Ben Taylor](#), Editor, Tanzanian Affairs

## **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 and was given an overhaul in March 2022, including a new dedicated members' area.

The website for the Tanzania Development Trust is <http://www.tanzdevtrust.org/> and that of historical Tanzanian Affairs is <http://www.tzaffairs.org/>.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

During the year 2021-2022 the total membership of BTS remained over 500 with an encouraging number of new members joining following events and webinars throughout the year.

### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

We remember those members, friends and significant figures in Tanzanian life no longer with us, who have passed away this last year, including: Basil Mramba, Anna Mghwira, Sigvard von Sicard, Ali Noor Kassum, Zacharia Hans Poppe, Reginald Herbold Green, John Sankey, Mwele Ntuli Malecela, Augustine Mrema, Li Jinglan, Tony Fitzjohn, Ralph Ibbott, Paul Rupia and Jill Everett. Rest in Peace.

## **MINUTES of the 46<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Britain Tanzania Society held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 2.00pm by Zoom**

1. **Welcome and Addresses.** The Chair, Elizabeth Taylor welcomed those present, summarising the year and thanking people for their work in BTS.
2. **Obituaries.** Elizabeth remembered three members of BTS who passed away during the last year.
  - a. Liz Fennell – A stalwart member for many years, who with her husband Ron, supported many early initiatives of BTS in its social and committee function – a great servant of BTS and TDT.
  - b. Bruce Dinwiddy, who was High Commissioner in Tanzania from 1998 to 2001. He held that post at the time of the bombing of the High Commission by Al Qaeda. Since that time, he has been a supportive member of BTS.
  - c. John Sankey ( also remembered by Julian Marcus) who was British High Commissioner in Dar es Salam from 183-1985. He was a contributor to Tanzania Affairs and also a supportive member of BTS.
3. **Greetings.** Elizabeth extended greeting to Her Excellency President Samia Suluhu Hassan who is serving as the sixth and current president of Tanzania. Her Excellency is flying to UK to be present at the COP 26 Climate summit meeting of Heads of State in Glasgow and met with David Concar, UK High Commissioner in Tanzania at the airport.
4. **Lord Walney**, Prime Minister’s trade envoy to Tanzania as due to address the meeting; he sent his apologies and greetings to BTS.
5. **Addresses.**
  - a. **The Rt. Hon. Sir Stephen O’Brien KBE was the main speaker.** He reminded the meeting of the integral importance of

Tanzania to World Affairs and of the shared values and experiences between Tanzanian and UK citizens. . Sir Stephen concluded by commending BTS in its strong partnerships with Tanzania.

- b. **H.E. David Concar** reflected in the positive changes which he has observed during his first year at High Commissioner. He concluded by applauding BTS efforts and said he was proud to be a part of our circle.

## 6. Presentations from members of BTS and TDT

- a. **Janet Chapman** thanked members for their work summarised TDT's main areas of work in Water, Girls Education and Income Generation. She presented videos from Local Representatives in Tanzania
  - i. Rhobi Samwelly – Mara Region on her work for the National Council for NGOs.
  - ii. Benedicto Hosea – Kigoma rural Region on hand drilled Water boreholes
  - iii. Ezekiel Kasanga Tumaini Open School for girls and young women, previously excluded from mainstream education due to pregnancy.
  - iv. Crowd2 Mapping – mapping Tanzania into Open Street Map to help navigation and especially in saving girls in rural areas from early marriage and FGM.
- b. **Martin Rainsford and Phil Hawkins** talked about the Pixl student achievement and sustainable school improvement programmes.
- c. **Ben Taylor** spoke about Tanzania Affairs and reflected on recent cuts in UK aid since 2015 with aid to Tanzania now at a level of 15% of what it was in 2015, slow steps in the COVID programme in Tanzania and concerns in democracy around the ongoing case against the Opposition leader and impartiality of the Justice Commission.
- d. **Jennifer Sharp** the new editor of the Newsletter spoke briefly about it.

- e. **Kevin Curley** spoke about the Street Children programme in Singida and Kasulu Districts.
  - f. **Louise Johnson** spoke about Ntimbanjaya Memorial Schools; and the creation of an archive about the Ujamaa village communities.
  - g. **Ian Rankin** presented stories about his work with Christian Engineers for Development including cement low cost water tanks for families and communities.
  - h. **Willie Fulton** spoke about the Mango Tree project which has supported many 1000's of orphans in Tanzania and Kenya with schooling and vocational training.
  - i. **Rod Smith** presented the Friends of Urambo and Mwanhala (FUM) with its work in Tabora Region in four Districts in Agriculture, Health and Education
7. **Minutes of the 45th AGM**, held on Saturday 24th October 2020 having been circulated were approved by Zoom poll.
8. **Matters Arising. There were none.**
9. **Introduction of Paul Harrison, nominated as Chair.**  
Paul outlined his background in Tanzania.

Thanks were expressed to Elizabeth Taylor for all her work as Chair for the last three years and in her other roles as Secretary and committee member. A presentation of a thank you gift from BTS and TDT members had been made the day previously.

10. **Election of Officers of BTS(UK) for the year 2020-21**

Nominations for officers were as follows:

Officer Role	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Chairman:	Paul Harrison	Elizabeth Taylor	Janet Chapman
Vice Chairman:	Godisten Pallangyo	Janet Chapman	Jeremy Lefroy



Officer Role	Nomination	Proposed by	Seconded by
Hon Treasurer:	Jeremy Lefroy	Godlisten Pallangyo	Elizabeth Taylor
Secretary:	Charlotte Pallangyo	Elizabeth Taylor	Janet Chapman
Minutes Secretary:	David Gibbons	Charlotte Pallangyo	Jeremy Lefroy

The meeting approved these nominations with a 93% approval on a Zoom poll.

Noted that the Chairman, Secretary and Hon. Treasurer are the signatories to the BTS Bank Account.

**11. Appointment of Independent Examiner for BTS 2021-22**

Brian East proposed by Elizabeth Taylor, seconded by Jeremy Lefroy. The meeting approved this nomination with a 100% approval on a Zoom poll.

**12. Appointment of Independent Examiner for TDT 2021-22**

Clive Ashton proposed by Jeremy Lefroy seconded by Brian Medcalf. The meeting approved this nomination with a 100% approval on a Zoom poll.

**13. Election of members to serve on the BTS Executive Committee (UK) for the three years 2021-2024** No nominations were received. However the new committee has the option to co-opt additional members.

**14. Annual Report of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2021.**

The Annual Report had been published on the society’s website. The Chair summarised the year and thanked people for their work for BTS during the past year.

The Annual Report was accepted by a unanimous Zoom poll.

**15. Annual Accounts of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2021**

Jeremy Lefroy presented the accounts for the financial year, highlighting two main issues: the accounts for 2019-2020 were incorrect, the revised ones were presented; and there had been unsolicited transactions during the year. Thanks were expressed to Jeremy for his work in dealing with these issues. Jeremy also referred to the new membership programme, membermojo, which makes accounting for membership very much easier and accurate; some initial glitches have been sorted.

The meeting accepted the accounts by a unanimous Zoom poll.

**16. Annual Report of the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) for the year ended 30 June 2021.**

Janet Chapman, Chair of TDT, presented the report which is posted on the TDT website. A summary of the year was given on funds, highlights and the impact of TDT.

The Annual Report was accepted by a unanimous Zoom poll.

**17. Annual Accounts of the Tanzania Development Trust for the year ended 30 June 2021**

Detailed accounts had been circulated in the Annual Report and a summary was provided by Brian Metcalfe on the current fund position and projects. Thanks were expressed to Brian for all his excellent work on these.

Thanks were also expressed to Clive Ashton for his work as Independent Examiner.

The meeting accepted the accounts by a unanimous Zoom poll.

**18. Any other business.** No other business was reported. The Chair drew the meeting to a close with thanks to all members and friends for their support for her time in office. The meeting closed at 16.45.

**Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held in person at the Official Residence of H.E. David Concar, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania, Dar es Salaam and by Zoom (link provided separately) on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 1pm GMT, 4pm EAT.**

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The BTS Executive Committee met on four occasions during the year. All meetings were held by Zoom.

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS

#### THE BTS (UK) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex Officio	President	HE Ali Hassan Mwinyi
	Vice Presidents	
	<i>David Brewin</i>	<i>Julian Marcus</i>
	<i>Andrew Coulson</i>	<i>Professor Esther Mwaikambo</i>
	<i>Ronald Fennell MBE</i>	
The Officers	Chairman	<i>Paul Harrison</i>
	Vice Chairman	<i>Godlisten Pallangyo</i>
	Executive Secretary	<i>Charlotte Pallangyo</i>
	Minutes Secretary	<i>David Gibbons</i>
	Hon Treasurer	<i>Jeremy Lefroy</i>
	Editor Tanzanian Affairs	<i>Ben Taylor</i>
	Editor Newsletter	<i>Jennifer Sharp</i>
The members	<i>Janet Chapman</i>	<i>Jonathan Pace</i>
	<i>James Laizer</i>	<i>Gideon Mlawa</i>
	<i>Sheila Farrell</i>	<i>Rhobi Samwelly</i>
	<i>Peter Kaiza</i>	<i>Ezekial Kassanga</i>
	<i>Aseri Katanga</i>	<i>Alpha Ngailla</i>
	<i>Nick Reynolds (Bongo Zozo)</i>	

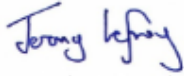
## THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

The Trustees	Paul Harrison	Janet Chapman
	David Gibbons	Jonathan Pace
	Aikande Kwayu	Jeremy Lefroy
The Officers	Chairman	Janet Chapman
	Hon Treasurer	Brian Medcalf

For more information on TDT, see the [Annual Report](#).

## BTS ACCOUNTS

### Accounts for the year 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 and restated accounts for year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021

		<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
<b>Profit and Loss</b>			
<b>Income</b>	Subscriptions	£9,844	£9,318
	Donations	£3,128	£1,426
	Events	£0	£0
	Publications	£0	£0
	Sundries	£0	£0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,972</b>	<b>£10,744</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>	Newsletter and TA	£4,876	£5,133
	Event costs	£0	£659
	Tanzania Development Trust Website	£0	£1,153
	Grants to Tanzania Development Trust	£3,141	£3,000
	Professional costs and bank charges	£960	£39
	Membership software	£140	£140
	Unauthorised transactions (net)	£2,980	£0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£12,097</b>	<b>£10,124</b>
<b>Surplus/deficit</b>		<b>£875</b>	<b>£620</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>			
<b>Assets</b>	Balance at Bank	£1,521	£2,142
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£1,521</b>	<b>£2,142</b>
<b>Reserves</b>	Funds brought forward	£646	£1,521
	Surplus	£875	£620
	<b>Funds carried forward</b>	<b>£1,521</b>	<b>£2,142</b>
Signed		Date	07/10/2022
	JJE Lefroy Treasurer		

Note:

- 1) The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.
- 2) The accounts have been independently examined by Brian East (see below)

# Independent Examiners Report to the members of the Britain Tanzania Society.

Brian A East – Accountant

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## **Independent Examiners Report** to the members of the Britain Tanzania Society.

I have been appointed by the officers of the Society as Independent Examiner.

As such I have examined the Accounts for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as prepared by Mr Jeremy Lefroy (Treasurer).

As an Independent Examiner my role is less onerous than that of an auditor, in as much that I am only required to express an opinion of reasonableness of the accounts presented.

However, I have thoroughly examined the Society's transactions in this year, alongside the bank statements.

In my opinion, the accounts presented for the year to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 show an accurate reflection of incomes received and expenditures made in the year; and the Reserves of the Society at the year end.



Brian A East

8<sup>th</sup> October 2022



*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.*