



BRITAIN-TANZANIA SOCIETY

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

1st July 2022 – 30th June 2023



INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

I took over as Chair after the 2021 AGM. As will be already familiar to many, my background is in international environmental conservation, including time with the United Nations and many years spent engaging with and living in Tanzania, as a student, UN official and businessman, now based in the UK.

I appreciate the chance to continue the work of BTS and encourage ongoing mutual collaboration and the spirit of friendship between our two countries and have been pleased to host various engagements over the last couple of years. We can be proud of the ongoing work of our charity, the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) and our magazine, *Tanzanian Affairs*, both punching above their weight with respective tangible support to local development and to understanding key issues facing Tanzania.

Tanzania's political situation remained stable between June 2022 and June 2023, with President Samia Suluhu Hassan continuing to consolidate her position. The President made a number of key appointments to her cabinet and government, and she also embarked on a series of foreign trips to strengthen Tanzania's ties with other countries. National dialogues have encouraged greater plurality. Tanzania's economy is expected to grow at a healthy rate of around 5% in 2023, supported by the implementation of structural reforms and the recovery of the tourism sector.

TDT has had yet another productive year, its excellent programme of activities is reported in their own [Annual Report](#). In 2022-2023, through TDT, we funded 36 core projects amounting to approx. £170,000 and benefitting over 110,000 people, in our priority areas of clean water, girls' education, sustainable agriculture and small income generating projects. Congratulations to TDT Chair, Janet Chapman and her team for all that they continue to achieve.

Ben Taylor has edited and produced excellent copies of [Tanzanian Affairs](#). Jennifer Sharp edits our BTS Newsletter, bringing us news and stories from our work as a Society generally and through TDT. 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.

PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY

Newsletter

There have been the usual three issues of the 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 and followed members' own charities. This year we also highlighted the Nyerere Centenary Celebration event at Edinburgh University and continued our regular feature "Swahili Matters". If you have any suggestions for future newsletters they will be most welcome.

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.

2022-23 saw President Samia Suluhu Hassan continue to grow in authority as President, including taking some substantive steps towards reestablishing democratic freedoms. Tanzanian Affairs covered these moves and the surrounding debate, as well as continuing to report on important developments in the country's economy, energy and minerals sector, tourism, and more.

As ever, at Tanzanian Affairs we endeavoured 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 always popular, keeping readers informed about a wide range of the latest publications.

Past issues are available online at 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 2022-2023 the total membership of BTS remained at c. 500 with a steady flow of new members.

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: our late Chair, Ron Fennell as well as Bernard Membe, Prof Kim Howell, David Le Breton, John Woodburn and John Saul. Rest in Peace.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Rayne'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

MINUTES of the 47th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Britain Tanzania Society held on Wednesday 30th November 2022, 1pm GMT 4pm Tanzanian Time at 2.00pm in person at the Official Residence of H.E. David Concar, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania and by Zoom

Present:

Paul Harrison (Chair); David Gibbons (Minutes Taker); HE David Concar (UK High Commission); Odilo Fidelis (Tanzanian High Commission); John Woodcock, the Lord Walney (UK PM's Tanzania Trade Envoy); James Laizer; Peter Kaiza; Ann Brumfit; Dick Waller; Sue Mitchell; David Ackland; James Elsworth; Jacqueline Kweka; Kim Dhariwal; Pendo Bigambo; Susanna Grunsell; Boniface Kanemba; Christian Ignas; Philipo Malley; Maria Spink; Dan Cook; Ruth Edwards; Ann Brumfit; Deborah Bryceson; Rod Smith; Jonathan Pace; Elspeth Martin; Janet Chapman; Nura Masood; William Fulton; Boniface Kanemba; Rita Mkama; Phil Double; Jennifer Willison; Allister Carey; Colin Barnes; Janet Chapman; Elizabeth Taylor; James MacBain; Tony Dodds; Jeremy Lefroy; Brian Medcalf; Allister Carey; Stephen Jarvis; Hazel Gray; Genos Martin Siyovelwa; Jill Bowden; Hafiz Khandwala; Ruth Edwards; Svetlana Nyameyo; Joy Clancy; Valerie Leach; Tony Goodchild; Cuthbert Kimambo; Ocheck Msuva; Edward Rweyemamu; Fauziya Chilwani; Liberatu Haule; Danny Mwasandube; Elizabeth Mleli; Siya Rimoy; Michael Njumba; Lulu Ally and others who joined by Zoom that day.

Apologies:

HE Asha Rose Mgiro the Tanzanian High Commissioner to the UK; Julian Marcus (Vice President); Ann Marcus; Jennifer Sharp

Proceedings:

1. Welcome (Paul Harrison, Chair)

Paul welcomed everybody to the 47th BTS AGM and thanked HE David Concar for hosting the meeting at his residence in Dar es salaam. Apologies given from HE Asha Rose Mgiro who was up country in Tanzania and unable to join the meeting . Odillo Fidelis was representing the Tanzanian High Commission from London.

2. An address from H.E. David Concar, UK High Commissioner to Tanzania.

Welcome to everyone in the room and on Zoom. Summary of points: _

- Trade and Investment is key to long term development and jobs, alongside aid.
- Education and Shule Bora is a flagship programme along with the Tanzanian Government, the World Bank and other donors.
- Good progress in programmes, sponsoring anti human trafficking and child protection sponsoring a new centre in Dar.
- Funding programmes in Reproductive health and family planning and gender-based violence. Demographic challenges highlighted.
- Working with Trademark East Africa to bring down barriers to regional trade.
- Continue to support the Chevening Scholarship scheme.
- Ministerial visit from the previous Africa Minister in April.
- Good support from the government to action on climate change.
- Climate change and conflict in Ukraine and their impact on the area highlighted.

3. An address from Lord Walney Prime Minister's Trade Envoy to Tanzania.

- Reinforced the encouragement from yesterday's joint trade and business partnership forum event.
- Shared vision to deepen trade links.
- Development goals are interwoven e.g., trade, business, climate change, poverty reduction are interwoven not segmented.
- Supportive of the society going forward where they can be.

Questions answered:

David Concar:

- Education how to be involved and also to receive more information: David was willing to ask the team running the *shule bora* programme to run a bespoke presentation to the society and others who are interested and to answer these questions and others. Similarly, the child protection team as to whether sharing information or a joint presentation might be possible.

- Chevening: Will pass on the desire of BTS to be more involved in this and see what suggestions they have. A friendly point of contact in the UK is genuinely useful.
- Both speakers were thanked for their contributions and attendance.

4. Approval of minutes of the 46th AGM held on 30th October 2021 (see Annual Report)
Approved

5. No Matters arising

6. Obituaries.

Paul remembered a number of members and significant figures who had passed away over the last year. Included in the BTS annual report.

7. Short Summary of the year 2021-22 and a look ahead to 2022-2023 in Annual report. [BTS Annual Report 2021-2022.pdf](#) (britaintanzaniasociety.co.uk)

- Post covid in person events: reception to celebrate Mainland independence(60 years) , Karume Day and 100 years since the birth of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere. HE Asha Rose Mwigiro was the main speaker and Lord Walney. Hoping to do more.
- Seminars covering a range of topics both BTS and TDT. Thanks to Janet for organising.
- Ongoing newsletters and Tanzanian affairs.

To come:-

- Positive discussions with the Tanzanian chapter of BTS with hopes to arrange more
- Talking to Asha Rose Mwigiro re another Muungano event in April 2023
- Possible event with Professor Gurnah, Nobel Prize winning author, hybrid event or online.
- Paul welcomes further suggestions from both Tanzania and the UK. More to come.

8.Update on Tanzania Affairs magazine.

An excellent editing job being done by Ben Taylor, and a good team of writers. Also the BTS newsletter and TDT monthly updates.

Access to Tanzania Affairs is restricted to members for the first month of coming out.

Links www.tzaffairs.org

www.tanzdevtrust.org previously revamped

www.britaintanzaniansociety.co.uk revamped in March 2022

Online library of Tanzania Affairs goes back to the first copy in the 1970's

9.Update on Tanzania Development Trust

TDT AGM was able to take place in October.

Janet gave a summary of the rural regions TDT works in, and the key priorities of TDT

The newsletter gives a good update of activities you can sign up to.

Presently TDT is running the Big Give campaign hoping to fund clean water to 10 villages in Kasulu District. Please donate if you can. Link in chat.

Looking forward to the Conference at the University of Dar in January, State of the Map.

Questions:

Professor Kimambo : Asked about monitoring and how BTS Tanzania might be able to help/collaborate.

Delighted to collaborate with BTS Tanzania on monitoring. TDT has a network of Local representatives. Monthly committee meetings on Zoom. and also If anyone can help with help in business, income generation, bookkeeping assistance, financial modelling. Also if anyone wishes to work in areas of Education.

BTS and Room members took a moment to introduce themselves:

In the room: Paul Harrison (Chair), Professor Cuthbert Kimambo, Acting Chair BTS Tanzania. David Gibbons. BTS UK trustee. Danny Mwasandube, Jacqueline Kweka; Edward Rweyemamu; Boniface Kanemba; Fauziya Chilwani, Liberato Haule; Elizabeth Mleli; Siya Rimoy; Pendo Bigambo; Michale Numba; Lulu Ally; James Laizer

10. Report on status of BTS (Tanzania) given by Prof Cuthbert Kimambo, acting Chair.

BTS Tanzania has managed to maintain its presence in difficult times over the last 5 years.

Members still feel a part of BTS

It has participated in some social engagements.

While there have been no formal engagements,

New NGO regulations require BTS to be regulated to again, and they have prepared paperwork and are on track to complete this.

After recent positive meetings with Paul over future activities , BTS Tanzania envisages a brighter future, with increased engagement and the bringing back/reactivation of members

11.Election of officers:

Office	Nominee	Proposer
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Seconded

Chair	Paul Harrison	Charlotte Pallangyo	Janet Chapman
Vice Chair	Godlisten Pallangyo	Janet Chapman	Paul Harrison
Secretary	Charlotte Pallangyo	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Treasurer	Jeremy Lefroy	Godlisten Pallangyo	Paul Harrison
Minutes Secretary	David Gibbons	Charlotte Pallangyo	Jeremy Lefroy
Editor, Tanzanian Affairs	Ben Taylor	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Independent Examiner for BTS	Brian East	Paul Harrison	Jeremy Lefroy
Independent Examiner for TDT	Clive Ashton	Jeremy Lefroy	Brian Medcalf

All above proposed and seconded and approved

Independent examiners and Treasurers were thanked for their services and hard work.

12. Election of new members to serve on the BTS(UK) Executive Committee

A new member Phil Double to help with the BTS Website and Social media.

Proposed and accepted.

Welcome and thank you Phil for the change you have already brought and bringing it up to date.

Phil asked that if anyone has any news or anything specific they wish to share on the website, please contact him:

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13. Approval of Annual Report of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2022

Approved

14. Approval of the Annual Accounts of BTS(UK) for the year ended 30 June 2022 (see Annual Report link above)

Jeremy LeFroy gave a summary on the above:-

- Surplus of £625 for the year
- Main expenses are Tanzania Affairs and the Newsletter
- BTS has been able to pass a donation of £3000 to TDT which were thanked for .
- Private donations are automatically passed on the TDT.
- Further expenses on the Website and shared event
- £2000 in the bank.
- Propose to keep the subscriptions the same for the moment and review later in the year.
- The membership is steady
- The BTS Accounts were approved.

TDT Treasurer: Donations to TDT can gain gift aid if given directly to TDT and thank you to all BTS members who have standing orders which are an important part of TDT overall funding.

15. Submission of Annual Report of the Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) for the year ended 30 June 2022 (approved at TDT Trustees meeting 26th October 2022) already shared and approved.

16. Any other business.

Hazel Gray from Scotland; Director of Centre of African Studies In Edinburgh University, previously has also worked for ODI in Tanzania Invited to share. Mentioned 2 meetings they had had:

1) Celebration of 100 years of the birth of Mwalimu Julius Nyerere, also an alumni at the University. Thank you to BTS members who attended. They had 2 Speakers:

Vice Chair of the University of the University of Dar (also an alumni of the university of Edinburgh). HE Asha Rose Mgiro. Tanzanian High Commissioner to the UK

2) Held an Arusha Declaration meeting well attended by BTS members. The Centre of African Studies operates the Julius Nyerere scholarship open to postgraduate Tanzanian Students to do a Masters Degree. 3 young women funded this year.

These scholarships are privately funded. They are keen to link with people who can spread the word, consider making donations or being involved.

Please contact Hazel at: hazelgray@ed.ac.uk

The meeting ended formally at 14.15.GMT/17.15 Tanzanian Time.

Note: The next Annual General Meeting will be held Zoom (link provided separately) on Saturday 14th October 2023, 3pm BST, 5pm 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>
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>Aseri Katanga</i>	<i>Gideon Mlawa</i>
	<i>Sheila Farrell</i>	<i>Alpha Ngaila</i>
	<i>Peter Kaiza</i>	<i>Phil Double</i>
	<i>Nick Reynolds (retiring in 2023)</i>	<i>James Laizer (retiring in 2023)</i>

THE TANZANIA DEVELOPMENT TRUST COMMITTEE

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

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

BTS ACCOUNTS

Accounts for the year 30th June 2023

Income and Expenditure Account for year to 30th June 2023

		2022/23	2021/22
Income	Subscriptions	£8,401	£9,318
	Donations	6,640	1,426
	Events	0	0
Total Income		£15,041	£10,744
Expenditure	Newsletter and TA	£5,361	£5,133
	Event costs	1,000	659
	TDT website costs	125	1,153
	Donations to TDT	6,360	3,000
	Professional and bank costs	68	39
	Membership software	140	140
Total Expenditure		£13,054	£10,124
Surplus		£1,987	£620

Balance Sheet at 30th June 2023

Assets	Balance at Bank	<u>£4,129</u>	<u>£2,142</u>
Reserves	Funds brought forward	£2,142	£1,522
	Surplus	1,987	620
	Funds carried forward	<u>£4,129</u>	<u>£2,142</u>

Note: 1) The accounts have been prepared on a cash basis.

2) The accounts have been independently examined by Brian East (see below)

Report of the Honorary Treasurer, Jeremy Lefroy FCA

The Society ended the year with a surplus of £1,987, an increase on 2021/22. The increase in the surplus was due in part to regular donations by BTS to TDT being £1,000 instead of £3,000. However a substantial donation from an anonymous donor enabled BTS to make a one-off additional donation of £5,000.

Membership subscriptions collected during the year were lower by £917 but still covered the costs of the publications, events and administration by a margin of £1,707. The Committee has therefore recommended that subscriptions (single and joint) remain at £25pa. A renewed effort will be made to retain and boost membership in 2023/24.

I and the Committee are grateful to Brian East for agreeing again to be the Society's Independent Examiner. This is much appreciated.

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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 30th June 2023 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 as before, 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 30th June 2023 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

10th October 2023



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.