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Report on the year to Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council, 6th April 2022

The year 2021 was marked by strengthened support for the Flora Preservation Trust by Kelsale-cum-Carlton Parish Council, for which we express much gratitude.

Trustees and officers

Trustee positions are for 3-year terms, and subject to re-election. Four original Trustees were appointed at the formation of the Suffolk Flora Preservation Trust in September 1986. After deaths and a resignation, of these four, **Gathorne Cranbrook** remains in post, and is Chairman of the Trust. **Janey Cullen**, Trustee and Editor, remains committed and active in both Honorary positions. The Zisman family sold their house in Friston, and moved to Devon; long-standing Trustee **Sybella Zisman** resigned her position, but remains a supportive Guardian. **Pete Southgate**, already a Guardian and Editor, agreed to replace her as a Trustee. To augment our number to the original four, we were grateful that **Piers Sturridge** agreed to become a Trustee.

Sybella Zisman had also served as Hon. Treasurer; we are most grateful to **John Fisher** for generously agreeing to accept this office. **Paul Parry** resigned, after many years of voluntary service as Secretary of the Trust for which we are most grateful. We have welcomed **Merlyn Mitchell Cotts** as Secretary, a post she manages to combine with a busy life in other spheres. **Steve Stocks** continues to manage the Trust's website [www.suffolkflora.org] with great efficiency and perceptiveness. **John Rainer** continues to apply his skills to his role as Hon. Landscape Historian, an activity of special importance in relation to the Trust's first reserve, Simpson's Fromus Valley, upstream of Kelsale village and formerly part of the Bigods' Mediaeval Deer Park.

Registered address

It was convenient, while Sybella was Trustee, to use the Zisman home in Friston as the registered address of the charity. On the sale of their house, a change became necessary. We are most grateful to Kelsale for allowing us to use the Village Hall as the Trust's new registered address, and for the arrangement made for the collection of mail delivered here.

Annual publication

Thanks to the good work of Editors/Trustees Janey Cullen and Pete Southgate, the Trust's annual publication was available shortly before Christmas. Intended to commemorate the Trust's 35th anniversary, this was titled **Retrospect and Resources**. The contents are in two parts. 'Retrospect' includes a history of the Trust, and reviews of two important new books: **Deer Parks of Suffolk** and **The Bigod Earls of Norfolk in the 13th Century**. Part II, 'Resources' consists of our first tabulated checklists of the flora of the Trust's two reserves, Simpson's Fromus Valley, in Kelsale, and 'Orchid Glade', in Hasketon. With these floral lists, we hope this 8th number in the Adult Education Series will be a landmark issue for botanists. Single copies are for sale at £12 — and, of course, are free to subscribing Guardians who pay £25 annually in support of the diverse activities of this charitable trust.