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## Update on the Trust's Future from the Cheshire Landscape Trust Chairman, Helen Carey - January 2014

I wrote in the last Acorn newsletter about the financial challenges facing the Cheshire Landscape Trust (CLT) and the need to pass on the legacy of the past thirty-two years to future generations and reported that we were talking to various organisations and environmental experts about how we might best ensure that the Tree Wardens and Tree Guardians schemes could continue and flourish within another organisation.

I am delighted to report now that our future has been secured. Following talks with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust Chairman, Trustees and Chief Executive Officer, the Cheshire Wildlife Trust (CWT) has agreed to undertake the future organisation and management of all our Tree Wardens and Tree Guardians.

As mentioned in my earlier note in the autumn, the Cheshire Landscape Trust will reluctantly be winding up at the end of March or early April 2014. Details of the handover have yet to be finalised but we will keep you up to date via the website [www.cheshirelandscapetrust.org.uk](http://www.cheshirelandscapetrust.org.uk) which will still be active and updated as a point of reference for some time after the Trust has ceased activities. We are planning to hold a final meeting for all CLT volunteers towards the end of March, with the Cheshire Wildlife Trust, when fuller details of how the new arrangement will work will be available. There will also be an opportunity for you to talk to and ask questions of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust staff.

### A Piece of History

The first Chairman and one of the founding fathers of the Cheshire Landscape Trust in 1981 was Councillor Humphrey Godwin from Rainow. He was also one of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust's earliest members and he and my father, Philip Askey, who was the Cheshire Wildlife Trust's second Chairman, were life members of CWT and both served together on its Executive Committee for many years.

### Orchards

Following the winding up of the Trust, Katie Lowe will become a self-employed consultant using her expertise in fruit trees to continue the work of the orchard project initiated by Cheshire Landscape Trust. With her partner Pete, she has been growing Cheshire varieties of apple trees, which are available to buy. They will also run orchard, pruning and grafting workshops and, in addition, can provide advice on establishing new orchards and managing existing ones. Contact Katie on email [kjlowe@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:kjlowe@tiscali.co.uk) for details.



**News Flash**  
Katie, Pete  
and new arrival  
Charlotte Grace  
(born mid November)  
are all doing well.





## Conclusion

My Trustees and I are convinced that this is a very satisfactory and sensible solution for us. Our organisation, with its band of knowledgeable and committed volunteers, has much to offer and I'm sure this new way forward will lead to the continuing maintenance and enrichment of our landscape, countryside and wildlife.

**Meanwhile**, there are still trees in the CLT nursery for you to collect and/or purchase so please contact Catherine in the CLT office, email [cltadmin@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:cltadmin@tiscali.co.uk) or phone 01928 518018 for further details.

**Many thanks to you all for your commitment and time spent on behalf of the Trust and very best wishes for 2014.**