



"In a year of unprecedented upheaval, I have been immensely impressed by the creativity and resourcefulness of our Roots & Shoots members. It is their generation

who have been guiding ours. It's through their inventiveness and energy in the face of the many obstacles, that we are finding practical solutions for a positive environmental and social impact. Making use of the 'opportunities' of lockdown, to re-generate our planet by pursuing activities in their homes, gardens, back yards and local community spaces. No matter what the crisis, R&S continues to rise to the challenge." – Colin Firth



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Dear Members,

As we come to the end of an extremely challenging and disruptive year I am reminded of a quote from a wise colleague of mine many years ago... "It's easy to Captain a ship when the sea is calm"... or, in other words, "A ship in port is safe, but that's not what ships are built for."

Well, this year I am sure that I speak for every one of us when I say that we have had to Captain our 'metaphorical ships' in extremely stormy and tempestuous weathers.

Lessons learnt.

Despite the horror of the magnitude of lives lost and our medical facilities struggling at full capacity to contain the outbreak, the Pandemic has also brought out some positive outcomes; a cleaner planet, reduced air pollution through reduction in international and national travel, rare animal sightings and rehabilitation, greater awareness and respect of zoonotic diseases and the destruction they can cause, more frequent global contact than ever before through advanced technology.

And there is good news! Thanks to the dedication and resourcefulness of our medical experts, a vaccination is around the corner. Also, this month we saw our largest ever mailing, 20,000 R&S Local Safari books sent out to schools across the UK. A milestone in our programme's history. And a four year contract signed with the Emirates Literature Foundation in the UAE, giving the programme an exciting new spin through their Voices of Future Generations project, promoting environmental education through the great medium of literacy.

So, to my amazing and resilient members, remember, there IS every reason to remain hopeful and optimistic. We will get through this, we will get through this together and we will see brighter times ahead once more.

Have a 'thoughtful' and restful Christmas and New Year.

Stay safe and well.

Tara

Tara Golshan
Executive Director, Education



Roots & Shoots UK Launches Resources To 20,000 Schools Across The UK

In partnership with the Don Hanson Charitable Foundation

"Our planet is at a crucial moment in history – if we don't protect the natural world, we shall lose all species, including our own. Yet, my biggest reason for hope is the passion and commitment of young people when empowered to take action. The Roots & Shoots UK Resource Boxes will do just that: Filled with really beautiful books and exciting lesson plans – about animals, people and our environment – they will inspire the next generation of young environmentalists to go out there, create change and make this world a better place."

These Roots & Shoots Resource Boxes will encourage children to explore more, be excited about what they've seen and learned, share with their friends and connect deeper to nature – planting the seeds of our future explorers, conservationists, scientists. AND INDEED, INSPIRING ALL CHILDREN"

Jane Goodall, DBE, Founder – the Jane Goodall Institute & UN Messenger of Peace

We are so excited to be part of creating these amazing boxes that are currently on their way to 20,000 schools across the UK!



The team with Dr Jane and Roots & Shoots

Photo: Blacktide Phonic Visual

Roots & Shoots members will each receive a box and we strongly encourage all schools who are not yet members to sign up to the programme now for more free resources!

If you are already a member and haven't received your box yet, it's on its way. 2020 has been an unprecedented year. In light of this, knowing that our actions can still have a positive outcome for animals, the environment and our communities is even more important than ever before. These boxes provide many ideas on achieving this.



Tara Golshan, Dr Jane and Stewart McPherson

Photo: Roots & Shoots

"An epic milestone took place in Poole this November. The launch of our amazing Roots & Shoots Local Safari book, inspirational & educational activities, beautifully illustrated, offered to a staggering 20,000 schools across the UK. These resources will provide a treasure trove of activities for youth engagement in positive action for our planet and all its inhabitants."

Tara Golshan, Executive Director, Education

Celebrating Gombe 60! Discovery, Innovation and Hope

2020 marks a major milestone for Dr Jane Goodall and the Roots & Shoots family around the Globe. July 14th marked 60 years to the day since Jane first set foot in what is now the [Gombe Stream National Park](#) in Tanzania.

She travelled there as a young woman to study the wild chimpanzees that call it home, and her ground-breaking work changed not only her life, but our understanding of these amazing animals and of the world around us.

Celebrations are still taking place around the world – not only of the amazing conservation and scientific achievements, but also of our Roots & Shoots activities, inspired by Dr Jane, and the amazing ecosystem of Gombe – one of the world's most important and precious resources which we need to continue to treasure and protect.

If you want to get involved, there is still time. We have loads of activities, events, resources and ideas for ways you can celebrate the spirit of Gombe 60 at home, with your classmates, with your friends and family and with your communities!

For more about Gombe, Dr Jane's work and some super activity ideas, [click here](#)



Young researcher Jane Goodall wrote up her field notes each evening in her tent at Gombe

Photo: the Jane Goodall Institute, Hugo Van Lawick



Baby orphans in Tchimpounga

Photo: Fernando Turmo

Our ED takes part in an exciting Roundtable Session for We Emerge week by The DO School

A UNIQUE VIRTUAL GATHERING
TO GALVANIZE ACTION

THE DO SCHOOL



Photo: The DO School

After months exploring what we now need to DO to emerge stronger, over 1,000 leaders from 30+ countries came together at We Emerge Week to develop a tangible action agenda, discuss the topics they considered most urgent and ultimately, to support and inspire each other on this challenging journey. As a global platform empowering business and entrepreneurial action to positively impact the world, 30 round tables and 150 leaders from around the Globe took part in the event.

As part of their TedX countdown series, our ED, who had the privilege of joining the event's roundtable in October, discussed the topic "How can we best educate citizens to protect the environment". A Global initiative to champion and accelerate solutions to the climate crises, turning ideas into action.

She stated: *"The WeEmerge week roundtable was an innovative and practical solution to emerge from the Pandemic crises, thanks to the resourcefulness of Florian Hoffman, CEO of the Do School. The discussion with my colleagues Angeliki Kosmopoulou, ED, A.C Laskaridis Charitable Foundation, Dr Nina Smidt, MD, Siemens Stiftung and Peter Schwarzenbauer, former BWM Group Board member, strived to contribute some practical and workable solutions to the current topic which will be published shortly"*.

GOMBE
60

CELEBRATIONS ARE STILL HAPPENING!

Gombe 60 celebrations will continue into 2021 **so enter our competition below**. After all, it's such an important milestone to celebrate, and we all need some happy news!

ENTER OUR AMAZING GOMBE 60

CREATIVE COMPETITION

There have been all sorts of amazing projects going on, and we have another one we'd love you to get involved in (and spread the word to encourage your friends and families to try too). It's **fun, creative** and perfect if you're stuck at home!

CREATIVITY + ENVIRONMENT = PRIZES

We have not one but two special competitions for you to help us celebrate 60 years of Jane Goodall's work at the Gombe Stream National Park. The first is an art competition; the second is a creative writing competition and if you enter you could win some amazing prizes.

Art Competition

- 1st Prize:** Personal video/ written message from Dr Jane and £50 to put towards art supplies
- 2nd Prize:** Signed book by Dr Jane and £25 to put towards art supplies
- 3rd Prize:** Mr H Junior and £15 to put towards art supplies

Writing Competition

- 1st Prize:** Personal video/ written message from Dr Jane and £50 to spend on books
- 2nd Prize:** Signed book by Dr Jane and £25 to spend on books
- 3rd Prize:** Mr H Junior and £15 to spend on books

The deadline for entries is

MONDAY 14TH JUNE 2021

For more on how to submit your entry [click here](#)

Where is Jane?

Or as we are calling it in 2020 – ‘What has Jane been up to?’ And the answer is – a whole lot! Dr Jane has traded her normal 300 days of travel schedule for 18 hour working days and a new on-line timetable – from writing a new book to virtual Awards, lectures, auctions, meetings and ceremonies; signing books, cards and writing letters.

Here are just some of the highlights since March:

In March Dr Jane recorded her Covid 19 related [video](#)

20th March – ‘A [message of Hope](#)’

25th March – the New York Times [interview](#)

30th March – the One Green Planet [interview](#)

On the **3rd April** Dr Jane celebrated her **86th Birthday**

6th April - [United Nations International Day of Conscience](#)

16th April – announced as part of the ‘[Climate Rebels](#)’ by Ben Lerwill

On Earth Day, **22nd April** we celebrate the [Premier](#) of ‘[Jane Goodall: The Hope](#)’ film, DVD now available to purchase on Amazon UK

22nd April – at the ‘[Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon](#)’

6th May – ‘Ten messages of [Hope in dark times](#)’

8th May – on [CNN Live](#)

11th May – The Hong Kong Tatler [interview](#)

20th May – gave a [TED talk](#)

20th May – [SES 2020 OSCARS OF EXPLORATION](#)

22nd May – social distancing, but not from Bean

2nd June – BBC 4 Radio – ‘[The Life Scientific](#)’

4th June – Vogue UK [interview](#)

5th June – [celebrated](#) World Environment Day

5th June – The Independent [interview](#)



6th June - [Literary Conversations across Borders](#): ‘Sustainability – Have we pulled back from the brink?’

10th June – [chatted](#) with AimHi

17th June – [2020 Tang Prize Laureate Announcement](#)

22nd June – [World Forest Day](#)

30th June - [National Youth Summit](#) - Tide Turner Plastic Challenge 2020

4th July – Dr Jane gave the Keynote speech at the [PRIS'20](#)

10th July – the Wall Street Journal [interview](#)

On the **14th July**, we [celebrated](#) 60 years of the start of Dr Jane’s Gombe research with celebrations all over the World

14th July – [celebrated World Chimpanzee Day](#)

14th July – honoured by the [UNESCO](#)

14th July – we [celebrated](#) with the [MUTTS](#)

14th July – the [PEOPLE interview](#)

16th July – Dr Jane [monkied around](#) with Bill Bailey



22nd July – Dr Jane [talked](#) to Rev’d Lucy Winkett

4th August - Jane [narrated](#) Beautiful Animated Poem About Saving Earth

10th August – ‘[The good stuff with Deborah James](#)’ podcast

13th August – the Ananke [interview](#)

21st August – took part in the 2020 virtual [Birdfair](#)

4th September – took part at the ‘[Planet A – talks on Climate Change](#)’ podcast

12th September – Dr Jane took part in the 12th #G7 Speakers meeting

21st September – [celebrated Peace Day 2020](#)

23rd September – Dr Jane ‘[spoke up](#)’ about the need to respect nature

8th October – [celebrated Clean Air Day](#)

14th October – the Vogue [Interview](#)

22nd October – Dr Jane took part in the [Wildscreen Festival](#)

28th October – a [special live reading](#) of the book ‘Lion Family’

30th October – Dr Jane received an award from [Greenpeace Spain](#)

4th November – Dr Jane travelled to Poole to launch the [Local Safari resource](#) to 20, 000 schools across the UK

7th November - [Roots & Shoots European Meeting](#) – Dr Jane was a special guest and Damers First School, UK proudly presented their Roots & Shoots activities

9th November – Dr Jane was awarded the Stephen Hawking Fellowship

19th November - Dr Jane was a virtual guest of the St George’s House and had a [fascinating conversation](#) with Gary McKeone

20th November - Dr Jane ‘[opened up](#)’ our first [European Auction](#). All of the proceeds are going towards JGI’s African projects

COMING UP

10th December - [Talking Montessori: Protecting Planet Earth](#) with Dr Jane Goodall

In December – Dr Jane’s [Hopecast!](#)

Keep up with all Dr Jane and Roots & Shoots news by following us on social media

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Follow us on [Twitter](#)

Follow us on [Instagram](#)

Did you take part in NoWasteNovember this year?

We all want to do our part to make the world a better place, but sometimes it can be hard to know where to start and the task at hand can seem daunting. But that’s where NoWasteNovember comes in – it’s an easy, fun way to make a difference!

We offered a whole lot of ideas and activities for you to consider and if you have done your pledge don’t forget to celebrate your achievements by sharing an image or comments on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook, and use the hashtag [#NoWasteNovember](#)

If you did not get a chance to contribute this year, worry not – we will be up and ready to go again in 2021, so mark the date in your calendar now!

NO WASTE NOVEMBER



Holme Grange School successfully hosts the 13th Beyond COP21 Symposium

In October, Holme Grange School hosted the 13th Beyond COP21 Symposium with over 100 pupils attending onsite and 4 local schools (Evendons, St Crispin's, Waverley and St. Teresa's) attending via 'Zoom'.

Beyond COP21 Symposium contributes a key ingredient as a result of the historic Paris talks: the education and mobilisation of the youth and school communities.

Roots & Shoots was delighted to take part in this event, along with WWF-UK; Deputy Ambassador of Nicaragua to the UK; eduCCate Global and Onestep.

As well as an exciting display offering a range of creative materials and the latest Roots & Shoots news, we even managed to fit in an interview for EducCate Global.

Our ED: Tara Golshan then gave an inspirational talk and commented on the



Our ED being interviewed by EducCate Global

Photo: Roots & Shoots

event, "After 9 months of being Zoomed out it was an absolute delight to be physically present at Holme Grange School. As always, the young members were inquisitive, inspirational and dedicated to taking action for our environment; even more so in the Pandemic; which has only served to highlight the issues of illegal pet trades and zoonotic diseases even further".

Inspiring Youth!

Congratulations to four year old, Florence, for completing her 11K challenge and raising £2,100 for the NHS! In trying times like these we should remember to never give up hope, there is always something we can do to make a positive impact!



Roll on our 2021 Awards

awards
2021

2020 has been a challenging year but it has also been a year where we embraced positive change in both humanity and nature. As well as seeing areas of the planet regenerate itself, we also witnessed our young people from all around the World, rolling their sleeves up, speaking up, educating and acting on our Planet's behalf.

From recycling to beach cleaning; tree planting; cutting back on meat and dairy, to protecting our endangered species. Amazing projects continue. Although 2021 is still uncertain, we now have the promise of a vaccine and we will be rewarding you one way or another! So, watch this space and keep an eye on our [website](#) - more info to follow.

In 2021 we will be celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots programme! Stay tuned for more details on how you can help us celebrate this very important day!

New office 'digs' for the Roots & Shoots team

The UK team members are no strangers to working from home. But meeting in person and interacting with our partners and members are more important than ever before.

For this reason we are so grateful to the Institute of Directors (IoD) in Pall Mall for welcoming us into their office space, creating an area for our personal use and doing their best to keep us safe during these uncertain times. The amount of work we can get done just by sitting across from each other has proved highly productive!



Photo: Constantine Ionescu

Andover Youth Celebrate UN International Peace Day 2020

It's a challenging time for any kind of event but that didn't stop Andover Trees United. They were joined by a small group of young people to plant a tree to commemorate Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots International Day of Peace.

Every year, Roots & Shoots invites youth from around the world to take part in a UN Peace Day procession. Since 2018, Andover Trees has been the UK host at Harmony Woods, a community woodland behind Augusta Park.

"Unlike previous years, we can't invite the hundreds of children and VIPs up to the woodland and to comply with Covid-19 restrictions we are having to do things a little differently," explains Andover Trees leader, Wendy Davis. "We are delighted to be joined by Maylis and Jess, two students from Winton Community Academy who, determined not to see this important day pass unnoticed, headed to the wood before school to take part in a small procession



and tree planting ceremony. The tree being planted is honouring lives lost and changed and the services given by so many across the world to help and care for those in need during the pandemic."

The International Day of Peace ('Peace Day') is observed around the world every year on 21 September. The United Nations invites all nations

and people to commemorate the Day through education and public awareness on issues related to peace. This year, the theme was 'Shaping Peace Together'.

[Here](#) are the reflections of the day.



Planting the Peace Day tree



Flying the Peace Dove

All Photos: Leroy and Terri Forbes

Aberdour Primary School – Clothes for the Cold!

We are the P7's at Aberdour Primary School. Last year we learnt about fast-fashion and wanted to stop it in its tracks.

We decided that we could combine this with helping tackle poverty in our local area, so we thought we could create a charity to deal with both. The aim of our charity was to give people's donated clothes a new lease of life. We could then use the profit made from selling this clothing to buy good quality, warm clothes for the people who used our local foodbank. This would tackle fast fashion by using clothes that may have been thrown out if we had not used them and give people in poverty some clothes to keep them warm. We named it 'Clothes for The Cold' and set out to make it a reality.

We entered it into a 'Dragons Den' themed social enterprise competition with other schools from our area. We were successful with our pitch and received £100 and used it to buy clothes rails, clothes hangers and other equipment that we would need. We set up donation points around our village, in the school and in various shops. Before long, we had plenty of clothes to sell. We set up our first pop-up charity event in the village hall. After a fun day of clothes selling, we had found good homes for the donated clothes and had made enough money to buy plenty of warm outfits such as hats, gloves, coats, scarves and lots more. We assembled these



Photos: Aberdour Primary School

The charity shop banner; the pop up event in the village hall

into care packages and sent them to our local foodbank. We were lucky enough to hear some of the responses that our packages had received and were extremely pleased to hear how useful they were and how happy they had made people.

Due to the current pandemic, it would be hard to set up another charity shop event. Therefore, we are working on an online shop to sell more clothes with a click and collect system. Hopefully, we will be able to create more care packages and continue to tackle poverty and save the planet.

Celebrating 50 years of Earth Day at TASIS

TASIS England's Roots & Shoots Club and the whole of the Middle School have planted a Silver Birch tree at school dedicated to the 50th anniversary of Earth Day.

The students spoke with the head gardener at school and asked about the possibility of planting a tree to mark the occasion. She told us that recently a Silver Birch tree by our science building had died. She asked us if we wished to plant a new tree and we were thrilled to be able to say yes! The Roots & Shoots Club members prepared the ground where the tree was to be planted. Then, on the day before school had to break up due to all schools closing, the Middle School students along with the Roots & Shoots Club members, gathered to plant the tree. A plaque was placed by the tree as a dedication. It reads:

'TASIS ROOTS & SHOOTS CLUB together with TASIS MIDDLE SCHOOL celebrate 50 YEARS OF EARTH DAY Tree dedication Spring 2020'

We were glad to be able to complete this project while we were still in school!



Photos: TASIS



Keep active with our Roots & Shoots at Home resources

Due to the unpredictability of our lives right now, although school has resumed, isolation rules remain. Therefore we've created some new resources that, in the event that your students term time is disrupted, can be done from home – [check them out NOW!](#)



More resources [online](#)

A whole set of activities dedicated to learning about – and improving – [your local area](#)

Exciting developments in Bulgaria



This year many of us 'travelled' virtually all around the World, even to our home towns.

One of our own – Jasmina Georgovska (assistant to our ED) went back to her home country to deliver a Jane Goodall Institute and Roots & Shoots virtual workshop at the [Sofia Science Festival](#) organised by the British Council in Bulgaria. She admirably undertook the session in her own language too!

We are delighted that following this event, there



are now plans to develop Roots & Shoots in Bulgaria in partnership with the British Council.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) for further details on this exciting new project.

Tara Golshan gives a virtual talk at Cranleigh Abu Dhabi

Cranleigh Abu Dhabi is an active and resourceful Roots & Shoots school in Abu Dhabi, UAE.

They encourage their pupils to #bethechange and make a positive impact for the community and the environment.

In September, Years 4-8 live streamed a talk by our ED, Tara Golshan. The talk encouraged pupils to continue their amazing Roots & Shoots projects, many that were started and developed during the Pandemic, and use the opportunity of our current circumstances to discuss and share their thoughts and discoveries with their families at home.

Our ED said: "It was such an uplifting experience for me, to undertake a talk to



over 600 eager R&S members at Cranleigh, dedicated to delivering our projects that support our Planet and humanity, despite the challenges that the Pandemic has created. This has only served to bring out their resourcefulness and determination".

With 400 questions following the talk, our ED has promised to return for a separate Q&A session!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING...

Presents to buy, cards to write, **parcels to wrap** - don't know where to start? Start here – we've got **gifts for everyone** and you'll be helping JGI, Roots & Shoots and chimps too.



These beautiful [Christmas cards](#) will add magical charm and uplifting vibes to any displays, whilst contributing to important work around conservation. Five percent of profits from the sale of these cards will go to the Jane Goodall Institute UK which is working to end wildlife trafficking, as well as Jane Goodall's Roots & Shoots education programme for young people.

Or why not give a gift with a difference this festive season! 2020 has been a difficult year for everyone, one way to bring a smile to a family member or friend's face, is to **adopt one of the orphan chimpanzees at Tchimpounga Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Centre** in the Republic of Congo, the largest chimpanzee sanctuary in Africa.

In your guardian pack you will receive:

- A colour picture and profile of your chimp
- An adoption certificate
- Lots of interesting information about chimpanzees
- Fact sheets on our two chimpanzee sanctuaries, Tchimpounga and Chimp Eden in South Africa.
- Two newsletters a year
- Above all, you will know you are making a difference!



ANZAC



FALERO

Both Anzac and Falero had a rough start in life but with your help and support we can make the rest of it happy!

Photos: Fernando Turmo



Have a kind Christmas and help JGI and Roots & Shoots too!

Our Roots & Shoots Disney grant recipients are putting their exciting plans into action!

Many plans had to be changed this year, many events cancelled, but despite these challenges, our grant recipients are pushing through. There are many exciting projects being developed.

From Dr Jane's dedicated legacy and sensory gardens, to Gombe60 celebrations, flora and fauna projects, surveys and activities; tree to fruit and vegetable planting; bug hotels to hedgehog houses; ponds to wildflower meadows; shrubs and willows planting to field work and wildlife surveys and so much more! Keep an eye on our [Mission Updates](#) page and get inspired!

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Greatham Village Nursery getting their site ready

Photo: Greatham Village Nursery



Mad Hatter's Nursery, getting the area ready for the hedgehog house

Photo: Mad Hatter's Nursery



Liphook Infant planing their nature school

Photo: Liphook Infant School