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# YEARLY REPORT

Activities & Outcomes

May 2022 to May 2023



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*Groapele, Fagaras Mountains - planting site for spring 2023*

# Summary of activities

01 Reforestation: Romania

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03 Music and Art

04 Education

05 Events and Fundraising

06 Mission Update and Future Plans



# 01: Reforestation 40,000 trees

20,000 in Autumn 2022 + 20,000 in Spring 2023

## 8 hectares of degraded land regenerated

in areas devastated by illegal and aggressive logging (25 in total to date).

## Native tree species

grown locally and planted to ensure optimal forest ecosystems.

Species planted include: spruce, beech and mountain maple

## Thriving young trees

FWF and our partners have been monitoring trees planted from 2019 onwards and are happy to report healthy young trees with high survival rates (70-75%)

This success in Romania is thanks to a strong relationship with our planting partners in Romania, FCC, who work tirelessly on the ground to grow, plant, maintain, and monitor trees planted with support from FWF



*Mihai Zotta from FCC said of the spring planting: "It was the hardest planting to date, the team had to go very high in extreme weather conditions"*

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# 02: Maintenance & Updates

## UK Projects

### Sussex

The 2,500 trees planted in Sussex last year have been dutifully monitored and maintained with our partners at Springham Farm, including replacing some lost to drought and relocating other naturally regenerated oak saplings

### Devon

The 6,000 trees we planted in Devon in 2021 and 2022 are doing really well. They are starting to stand proud of the grass and are developing their structures and identities. Wild flowers are making a presence now, too.

### New UK Partnerships

As we expand in 2023 and beyond, we are exploring new UK conservation partners, including in Scotland and Sussex, and welcome new collaborations (see our website to [submit an idea](#))



*Devon trees and wildflowers at Farm Under the Radar*



*Springham Farm trees and maintenance*



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# 03: Music & Art





*Nico with traditional flutist Vasile and co-producer Jules*

This year saw the launch of our first major integrated music, art, and conservation project – [INTERBEING](#). Funded by grants from Cambridge's [Endangered Landscapes Programme](#) and the Romanian Cultural Arts Fund, FWF founder Nicoleta was able to produce a multimedia artistic project focused on the incredible natural and cultural heritage of the Carpathian Mountains of Romania.

All proceeds from INTERBEING go back into FWF to fund reforestation and conservation work in Europe and the UK. Stream [here](#). Purchase [here](#)



INTERBEING won Cambridge Conservation Initiative's Endangered Landscapes Art Prize and garnered global media attention, including a feature in Positive News. In recognition of the project's excellence, CCI granted FWF a second award to perform INTERBEING live in Romania.

We are continuing our fundraising efforts to stage the show in Romania this autumn and another in Cambridge early next year. These performances will provide a remarkable opportunity for the local musicians featured on the album.

Many of them will have the chance to perform in front of an audience for the very first time, including Silvia Dan, an 80-year-old artist who will enchant the live audience with songs from her grandmother's cherished songbook.

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# 04: Education

Through our partnership with the Sussex-based Children's Forest, we have been able to support experiences in nature for local youth.

60 primary school children were able to plant their own trees and will be returning regularly to tend to them.

We are also thrilled to be incorporating the Children's Forest Choir into our upcoming artistic project in Sussex, Enchanting Forest.



*Forest tending days for the children at Springham Farm*

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# 04: Events & Fundraising

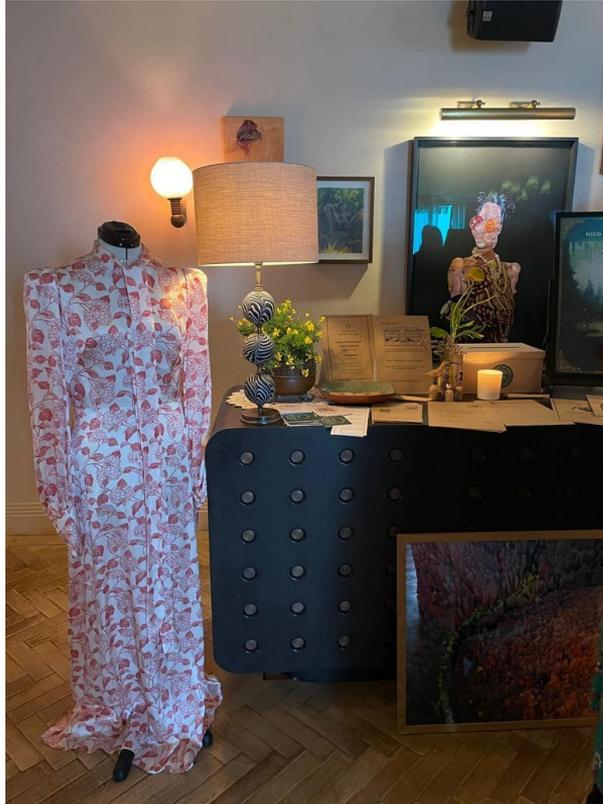
FWF believes in the importance of bringing people together around a shared appreciation and dedication to nature. To that end, we held two well-attended and inspirational events last year in London and Brighton

## Interbeing launch in London

Attended by project partners, funders, supporters, and members of the Romania diaspora in the UK, FWF screened the full-length INTERBEING film and played songs from the album.

## Soho House Fundraiser in Brighton

FWF welcomed supporters from Sussex and beyond to celebrate and contribute towards the growth of FWF. Hosted by comedian Jen Brister, we raised several thousand pounds through a raffle and auction\* and introduced artists that will be featured on upcoming projects.

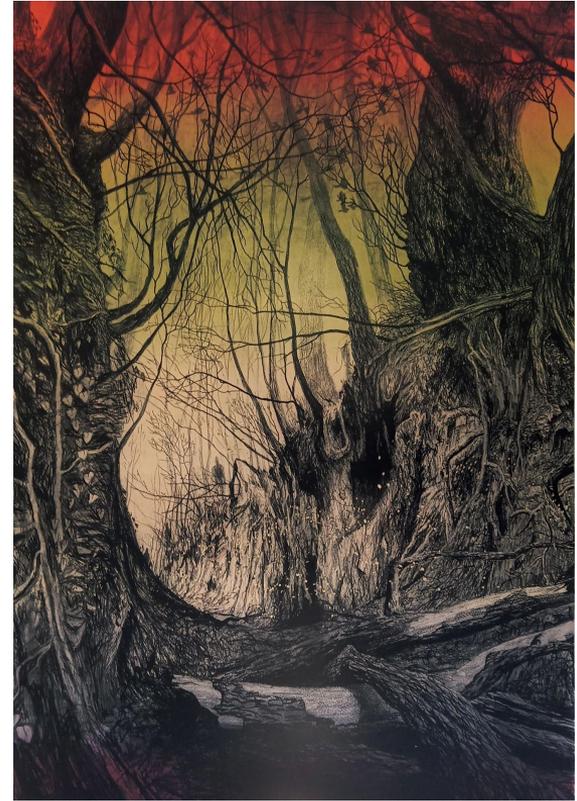


*Soho Beach House Brighton Fundraiser*

\*Some items from the auction are still available for purchase as a creative way to support FWF. [Limited edition t-shirts](#) from Planet Loving Company created for and in collaboration with FWF are also available.



*'Cedars' by Jasper Goodall - minimum bid £2,000*



*'Watching' by Stanley Donwood (limited edition of 10) - £7,000*

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# 04: Events & Fundraising (continued)

## New Business Partners

This year we welcomed new corporate supporters, including many from artistic industries such as Ooosh Tours and AT Collective, to our growing Forest Family.

## Autumn Campaign

Last autumn, we proudly met our fundraising target of £30,000 to fund new tree planting and continued maintenance and monitoring in Romania & the UK.

## Grants

FWF received funding from Cambridge University, the Romanian Cultural Arts Fund, Chalk Cliff Trust, and LUSH, and was shortlisted for the prestigious LUSH Spring Prize for innovative environmental work.

# 05: Mission Update & Future Plans

As we conclude our fourth year, we have reflected on our accomplishments and what distinguishes FWF from other tree-planting and conservation organisations. It is evident that our distinctive approach – harnessing the power of music and art to support and finance the restoration of nature – is a well-received, uplifting, and impactful response to the climate crisis.

To this end, we have reviewed our mission ensuring that all projects embody our guiding principles:

## **RESTORE**

**We plant trees and protect nature**

## **INSPIRE**

**We create music and art**

## **NURTURE**

**We celebrate culture and community**

Our upcoming artistic projects will be developed in Sussex, UK and Bulgaria. Showcasing the talents of local musicians, elders, storytellers, and youth, these creative initiatives will serve the dual purpose of raising awareness for conservation efforts in these regions and providing financial support. Additionally, they will play a crucial role in preserving the distinctive cultural heritage of these areas.

***“Thank you for supporting Forests Without Frontiers these last four years. It’s an exciting time for us as we continue to grow and solidify our unique way of planting protected trees and regenerating nature, whilst using the power of music and arts to engage and educate people of all ages. I’m proud of what we’ve achieved with all your help to date. Please continue to support our important work”***

**Nicoleta Carpineanu, Founder and Director**



# Partners, supporters and major donors

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Cobor Farm

Farm Under the Radar

Springham Grove

C Level / Wild Aligned

Children's Forest

AT Collective

Ooosh Tours

Planet Loving Company

The Ruhemann Family

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Passion Pictures

Plateau Brighton

Olaf Workshops

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WERKS

Cambridge Conservation Initiative

Endangered Landscapes  
Programme

Go Forest

Albion Services

The Tree Art Gallery

Into the Wild Festival

Pharmacie Coffee

Chalkcliff Trust

Amanda Statham

Onca Gallery

Flight Logistics Ltd

Hot Chip

Lougher Contemporary

ContribYOUte

Soho House Brighton

The Resonance Choir

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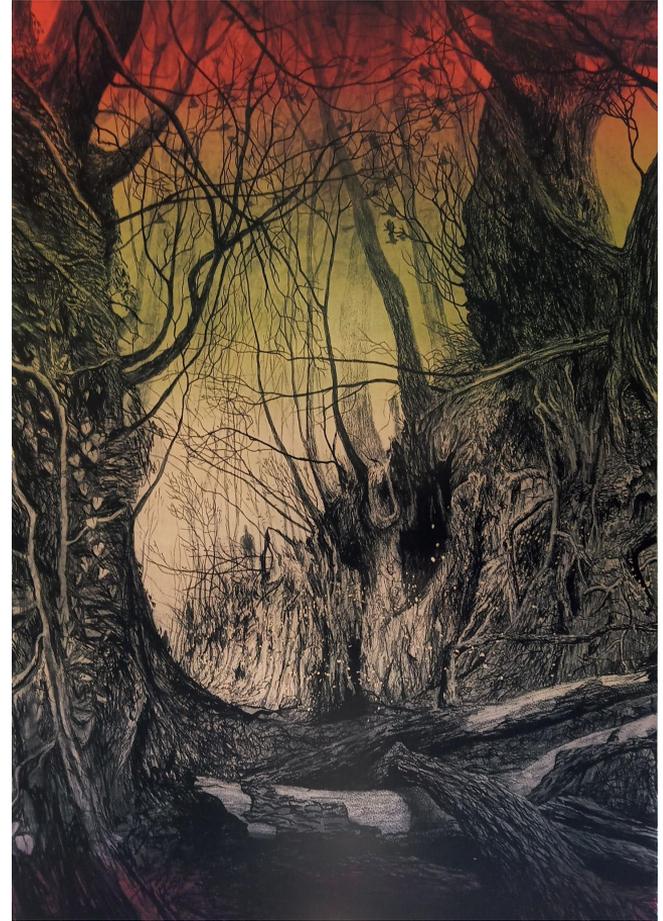
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*'Watching' - Limited Edition print by Stanley Donwood*

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*Beech forest by Marius Sumlea*



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AND PEOPLE BACK TO NATURE

Join us and become the voice of the forest



Become part of our vibrant Forest Family, alongside artists, musicians, ambassadors, conservationists, and earth protectors. Together, we can preserve and regenerate our precious natural landscapes and the people and cultures they inspire.

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