



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2021		31	03	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name World Heritage UK

Other names charity is known by WH UK

Registered charity number (if any) 1163364

Charity's principal address World Heritage UK
c/o The Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust
Coach Road, Coalbrookdale, Telford, Shropshire
Postcode TF8 7DQ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Tony Crouch	Chair		
2	Ian Wray	Vice-Chair		
3	Sam Rose	Treasurer and Founding Chair		
4	Gillian Clarke	Secretary		
5	Jane Gibson			
6	Max Bryant			
7	Lesley Garlick			
8	Don Gobbett			
9	David Holroyd			
10	Graham U'ren		From April to December	
11	Stephen Ratcliffe			
12	Justin Scully		From December 2021	
13	Jane Masters		From December 2021	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	The Trustees are elected by the membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote the conservation and protection of the UK's World Heritage Sites for the benefit of the public, defined as those places considered by the United Nations Educational Cultural and Scientific Organisation (UNESCO) as having such Outstanding Universal Value that they warrant being inscribed on the World Heritage List through the powers of the international Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, 1972, in particular but without limitation to the following:-

- Supporting for the benefit of the public the development of

World Heritage Site nominations for the UK's Tentative List Sites, defined as Sites on the UK Government's official Tentative List for nomination for World Heritage Status;

- **Advancing the education of the public in general in respect of the significance and values of the UK's World Heritage Sites and Tentative List Sites, as defined above;**
- **Undertaking effective advocacy at all levels for the joint benefit of the UK's World Heritage Sites and for the World Heritage Convention;**
- **Facilitating and encouraging networking between organisations and individuals that play a role in the management of the UK's 28 WH Sites, and Tentative List Sites (as defined in the objects) be that at the Site, agency, NGO, government, corporate or individual level, for the collective benefit of the Sites' management. This may involve: bringing people together; sharing good practice; exchanging information;**
- **Dissemination of information;**
- **Undertaking joint project and initiatives;**
- **Providing a platform for partners to access the UK World Heritage Community;**
- **Linking internationally, where appropriate, and**
- **Promoting the UK's World Heritage Sites, in collaboration with key partner agencies, to a national and international audience so as to allow more people to experience the Sites in ways that are appropriate to their different situations and pressures, and which enable the general public to better find out about, experience, access and enjoy them."**

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In April 2021 we saw the beginning of the easing of the Pandemic restrictions on numbers meeting together and social distancing. WH UK remained pragmatic and cautious however and continued to hold all meetings on-line. Board meetings continued regularly as well as general and network meetings. In spite of these restrictions WH UK has been able to build on its stated aims of Advocacy, Learning and Engagement and Promotion of World Heritage ideals. At all times the Charity Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit.

The NHLF funded resilience project which started in 2020 has been completed with all the deliverables achieved and is a good example of the fund providing vital and timely support.

The revised website re - presents the World Heritage of the UK. It provides a members section enabling improved interaction and networking between members-

The Business Plan in particular highlighted ways to improve the efficiency of the organisation and as a result we have appointed a General Manager, a post with enhanced responsibilities building on the previous post of the Operations Director.

The Resilience Project has also resulted in an increase in the breadth of the organisation and to cope with the expanded activity new sub committees have been set up dealing with Risk and Resources, Events planning, and Funding opportunities.

Our links with other related organisations in the field of world heritage have been strengthened. In February a Memorandum of Understanding between WHUK and ICOMOS UK was signed, an action designed to improve collaboration and avoid duplication.

Our newsletter has been a great benefit in this period of restrictions on meeting and has been continued on a regular basis. It not only informs readers of World Heritage news but also brings together news from other relevant sources including the Heritage Alliance, Association of Leading Visitor Attractions and the Royal Town Planning Institute.

Professional development has continued with the important and successful series of member-focused Co-ordinator meetings. These ensure that Site managers can keep in touch with colleagues and share best practice. These meetings are supported by regular attendance of representatives from the national heritage agencies, Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the UK National Commission for UNESCO who all helped to keep us up to date with the latest high level information from their perspectives. A total of four such meetings were held during the year, interspersed with open meetings.

We held three webinars during the year. In May Dr David Jaques, a landscape historian and conservationist who was instrumental in revising the Unesco criteria to include cultural landscapes, presented a lecture titled 'The Changing Nature of World Heritage Designed Landscapes'. Feedback was positive with some 40 attendees.

The summer meeting explored the very topical issue 'Reopening of WHSs to New and Existing Audiences'. The meeting was supported by the Lake District National Park Authority and hosted by Steve Ratcliffe from the Lake District and WHUK Board. Speakers included representatives from Derwent Valley Mills, the Wordsworth Trust and the National Trust. WHUK is very grateful to the help and support from Mairi Lock and Jamie Lund from the Lake District.

The main event of the year was the ambitious three-day Conference on 'Climate Change and World Heritage (September 21-23). It was supported by Cadw and Heritage Environment Scotland. Speakers were informative and varied, presenting on the climate emergency at all levels. We are grateful to the Climate Change group chaired by Don Gobbett (Board member) and Chris Mahon (Operations Director).

A meeting of WH Steering Group Chairs was held in November and our President, Chris Blandford, is now planning to approach some of the Chairs individually to potentially recruit them as influential 'Champions' for World Heritage UK.

WHUK also supported and contributed to Newcastle University's "World Heritage and Peace" project.

Work on advocacy and promotion of World Heritage with Government is still a priority, but it has been difficult to engage with the focus still on Covid issues. We look forward to resuming face-to-face meetings which can be much more productive.

Finally, we are currently seeking to spread our membership outside the immediate heritage interests. WHUK secured funding from 'Steps to Sustainability' a NHLF funded project to research potential new audiences from within defined sectors, in particular of tourist boards, local enterprise partnerships and the Universities.

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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

World Heritage UK would not survive without the volunteer effort of the Trustees and the President.

We do not currently give grants

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

World Heritage UK has continued the aim to promote the conservation of the UK's world heritage sites through education and advocacy.

Outreach and networking with Site co-ordinators has been maintained and enhanced by organising on-line meetings dealing with technical matters, and engagement with the national heritage agencies.

Our open meetings have covered a broad range of topics, from Climate Change and its impacts on heritage, the place of designed landscapes in World Heritage, and the issues arising from greater numbers visiting World Heritage sites following the strictures of the pandemic.

Resulting from the NHLF Resilience project we have a more streamlined organisation. A General Manager has been appointed and a comprehensive Business Plan is in place. We have an improved website and overhauled the accounting systems to be more efficient.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to hold £15,000 in reserves at the end of each financial year

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Tony Crouch	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	07 December 2022	

World Heritage UK

Accounts

1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of World Heritage UK

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of World Heritage UK for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of World Heritage UK you are responsible for the preparations of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trustee's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examinations I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examinations. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed



Andrew Chappell - FCA

**Chappell Associates Ltd
Chartered Accountants
Westfield House
Bratton Road
Westbury
Wiltshire
BA13 3EP**

24/06/2022

World Heritage UK
Income & Expenditure Account
1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	28,183	27,506
Historic England	-	1,000
Historic Environmental Scotland	1,000	-
Cadw	1,000	-
Meeting support	2,500	-
Conference income	2,297	-
Meeting income	176	20
Miscellaneous	703	175
Donations	794	5
Gift Aid on donations	135	
Interest receivable	5	16
WH:UK review	-	300
Charitable Activities / WHUK Map	2,142	
Membership fee 2022-23	-	630
NLHF Resilience grant	10,000	40,000
Restricted grant (website)	-	1,000
Heritage Emergency Fund Grant	-	23,300
Cultural Recovery Fund Grant	1,670	15,030
	<u>50,605</u>	<u>108,982</u>
Expenditure		
Staff costs	35,983	14,000
Recruitment	-	550
Board member and meeting expenses	-	87
Volunteer appreciation	-	19
Conference expenditure	1,590	-
Meeting expenditure	-	144
Insurance and accounting	759	595
Marketing and publicity	773	20
Office expenses	2,318	
Other professional expenses	1,335	
Membership	575	565
Charitable Activities	300	
Research Agenda	-	-
Miscellaneous	706	205
Bank charges	108	75
World Heritage review	-	-
NHLF Resilience Grant	384	70,600
Heritage Emergency Fund Grant	-	23,467
Cultural Recovery Fund Grant	1,871	16,310
	<u>46,702</u>	<u>126,636</u>
Surplus / (Deficit) for the period	3,903	<u>(17,654)</u>

World Heritage UK
Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2022

Current Assets

Sundry Debtors	-	-
Cash at Bank	33,916	29,080
Payroll creditors	(933)	-
Total Net Assets	32,983	29,080

Accumulated Fund


as at 1 April 2021	29,080	46,735
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	3,903	(17,655)
	32,983	29,080

Unrestricted funds	31,073	28,450
Restricted funds	1,910	630
	32,983	29,080

For the year in question, World Heritage UK was entitled to exemption from an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees have not required World Heritage UK to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

Signed 

Date: 16-09-2022

Trustee Name: GILLIAN CLARKE

Signed



Date:

Trustee Name: SAM ROSE

19/9/22

Signed



Date: 3/10/22

Trustee Name: TONY CROUCH

Treasurer's Report

1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 World Heritage UK is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was registered with the Charity Commission (charity number 1163364) on 1 September 2015.
- 1.2 This report details the Income and Expenditure Account from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.
- 1.3 An Independent Examiner's report has been carried out by Andrew Chappell FCA MIMgt of Chappell Associates Ltd as required by the Charity Commission for those charities with gross incomes greater than £25,000 per annum.
- 1.4 Trustees as of 31 March 2022
 - Max Bryant
 - Gillian Clarke (Secretary)
 - Tony Crouch (Chair)
 - Lesley Garlick
 - Penelope Jane Gibson
 - Don Gobbett
 - David Holroyd
 - Jane Masters (Appointed December 2021)
 - Steven Ratcliffe
 - Sam Rose (Treasurer)
 - Justin Scully (Appointed December 2021)
 - Graham U'ren (retired December 2021)
 - Ian Wray (Vice-Chair)

2.0 Income and Expenditure Account from 1 April 2021 - 31 March 2022

Income

- 2.1 World Heritage UK is heavily reliant on its members for its income. The Board of Trustees is pleased that World Heritage UK retained all but one of its Voting Members during 2021/22. This reflects the work undertaken in the previous year to review its membership scheme and provide the infrastructure such as the revised website and members area to demonstrate value for money and relevance to those working to support World Heritage Sites in the UK. Unfortunately, the removal of Maritime Liverpool from the World Heritage List at the 44th World Heritage Committee in June 2021 meant that Liverpool City Council did not renew its membership of World Heritage UK.
- 2.2 The continued restrictions due to the Coronavirus Pandemic in 2021-22 and the uncertainty these caused meant that all events remained online. Income from events therefore remained low compared to pre-pandemic levels although this was offset by the lower cost of holding events online.
- 2.3 The accounts for 2021-22 include £11,670 of grants which were the final payments of the Cultural Recovery Grant (£1,670) and National Lottery Heritage Fund Resilient Heritage Grant (£10,000). Most of the expenditure to which this relates was in the previous financial year.

- 2.4 The Trustees of World Heritage UK recognises that it needs to diversify its income streams and is working in 2022-23 on strategies to improve this situation.

Expenditure

- 2.5 The majority of expenditure relates to staffing and administration costs of the small team that carry out the work of World Heritage UK. In addition to this over 700 hours of professional level volunteer hours are given by the members of the Board to support the work of the Trust which would equate to an additional £35,000 of staff time using National Lottery Heritage Fund rates.
- 2.6 Other costs are kept to a minimum and regularly scrutinised by the Trustees to ensure best use of its members resources.

Balance

- 2.6 At the end of the financial year 2021-22 WHUK held total funds of £33,916. £1,910 of which are held as restricted funds as subscriptions paid in advance for 2022-23.

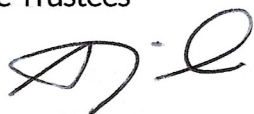
3.0 Reserves Policy

The Trustees of World Heritage UK have reviewed their financial commitments and have agreed to hold a reserve sum of £15,000. At the time of writing, this is the equivalent of approximately 5 months of core operating costs. In the event of an unexpected loss of income or the trustees determining that WHUK is no longer a going concern, this sum would provide the funds to continue paying the monthly operating costs until either the CIO is wound up or alternative sources of funding are found.

Sam Rose
Treasurer

Approved by the Trustees

Signed:



Tony Crouch
Chair

Date: 2 August 2022

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List of Members as of 31 March 2022

World Heritage Site	Member Organisation /Name	Type of Membership
Blaenavon	Torfaen County Borough Council	Voting
Blenheim Palace	Blenheim Palace	Voting
Blenheim Palace	West Oxfordshire District Council	Voting
Canterbury	Canterbury City Council	Voting
Castles of Gwynedd	Gwynedd Council	Voting
City of Bath	Bath and North East Somerset Council	Voting
Cornish Mining	Cornwall Council	Voting
Cornish Mining/Jurassic Coast	Devon County Council	Voting
Derwent Valley	Derbyshire County Council	Voting
Durham WHS	Durham WHS	Voting
Old and New Towns of Edinburgh	Edinburgh City Council	Voting
Flow Country (Tentative Site)	Peatlands Partnership	Voting
Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal	National Trust	Voting
Giants Causeway	National Trust	Voting
Gorham's Cave Complex	The Gibraltar Museum	Voting
Great Spas of Europe	Great Spas of Europe	Voting
Frontiers of the Roman Empire: Hadrian's Wall	Carlisle City Council	Voting
Ironbridge Gorge	Ironbridge Gorge Museum Trust	Voting
Ironbridge Gorge	Telford & Wrekin Council	Voting
Jodrell Bank	University of Manchester	Voting
Jurassic Coast	Jurassic Coast Trust	Voting
Kew	Royal Botanic Gardens Kew	Voting
Lake District	Lake District Park Authority	Voting
Lake District	National Trust	Voting
Maritime Greenwich	Greenwich WHS	Voting
Neolithic Orkney	Orkney Island Council	Voting
New Lanark	New Lanark Trust	Voting
New Lanark	S Lanarkshire Council	Voting
Pontcysyllte	Canal and River Trust	Voting
Pontcysyllte	Wrexham Borough Council	Voting
Saltaire	City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council	Voting
Shetland (Tentative Site)	Shetland Amenity Trust	Voting
Slate Industry	Snowdonia National Park	Voting
St George's Bermuda	St George's Foundation	Voting
St Kilda	National Trust for Scotland	Voting
Stonehenge & Avebury	Wiltshire Council	Voting
Tower of London	Historic Royal Palaces	Voting
Westminster	Westminster City Council	Voting

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Giants Causeway	Causeway Coast and Glens Heritage Trust	Associate Organisation
	ICOMOS UK	Associate Organisation
	Port Sunlight Village Trust	Associate Organisation
	Wirral Council	Associate Organisation
Coralie	Acheson	Individual Member
Ruth	Adams	Individual Member
Bailey	Adie	Individual Member
Anne	Allen	Individual Member
Charlotte	Andrews	Individual Member
Liz	Antonia	Individual Member
Shailja	Bisht	Individual Member
Peter	Blake	Individual Member
Chris	Blandford	Individual Member
Marion	Blockley	Individual Member
Deborah	Boden	Individual Member
Stephen	Broadhead	Individual Member
Mary	Brooks	Individual Member
David	Brough	Individual Member
Jo	Buchanan	Individual Member
Mike	Butler	Individual Member
Gillian	Clarke	Individual Member
Tony	Crouch	Individual Member
Sue	Davies	Individual Member
Meirick	Davies	Individual Member
Lesley	Garlick	Individual Member
Jane	Gibson	Individual Member
Barry	Gilbertson	Individual Member
Don	Gobbett	Individual Member
Janice	Gooch	Individual Member
Jonathan	Goode	Individual Member
Brandi	Hall-Cossgrave	Individual Member
Ian	Herve	Individual Member
David	Holroyd	Individual Member
Michael	Hurlow	Individual Member
William Robert	Lee	Individual Member
Jamie	Lund	Individual Member
John	MacBean	Individual Member
Lesley	MacInnes	Individual Member
Stephanie	Martin	Individual Member
David	Metcalfe	Individual Member
Peter	Metcalfe	Individual Member
Mona	O'Rourke	Individual Member
Henry	Owen John	Individual Member
Barrie	Pennington	Individual Member
Clare	Poulter	Individual Member

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Christopher	Pound	Individual Member
Andy	Raeburn	Individual Member
Sam	Rose	Individual Member
Dawn	Routledge	Individual Member
Russell	Rowley (Severn Gorge Trust)	Individual Member
Jo	Shoebridge	Individual Member
Sarah	Simmonds	Individual Member
Cameron	Taylor	Individual Member
Beth	Thomas	Individual Member
Paul	Tiplady	Individual Member
Graham	U'ren	Individual Member
Humphrey	Welfare	Individual Member
John	Wokersien	Individual Member
Ian	Wray	Individual Member
	Cadw	Observer
	DCMS	Observer
	Historic Environment Scotland	Observer
	Historic England	Observer
	Natural England	Observer