

UK-St Helena Heritage Trust

England & Wales · Charity number 1185952

Details

Other names	BRITISH NAPOLEONIC BICENTENARY TRUST, British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2019-10-23
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC SITES OF CULTURAL, HISTORICAL AND/OR ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE IN THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORY OF SAINT HELENA (THE SITES), IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY:(A) PROMOTING PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE AND APPRECIATION OF THE HISTORY OF THE SITES;(B) ADVANCING EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE GEORGIAN ERA (1714-1837) IN THE BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORY OF SAINT HELENA, WITH A PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE NAPOLEONIC ERA (1799-1815) AND NAPOLEON BONAPARTEÆS INTERNMENT ON THE ISLAND (1815-1821); AND(C) PROMOTING AND SUPPORTING THE RENOVATION, PRESERVATION AND ENHANCEMENT OF THE SITES FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT.

Activities: The UK-St Helena Heritage Trust exists to promote public education on, and preservation of, the heritage of the British Overseas Territory of St Helena.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Other Finance, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** OVERSEAS
- Saint Helena
- Throughout England

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£90,040	£89,876	-	-
2024-03-31	£705	£7,444	-	-
2023-03-31	£28	£83,120	-	-
2022-03-31	£94,237	£2,676	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,089	£0	-	-

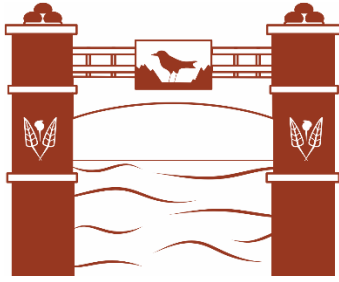
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kedell Worboys MBE		2019-11-07
MICHAEL BINYON OBE		2019-11-07
Oni Oviri		2020-08-18
PHILIP DAVIES		2019-11-07
Peter Hicks		2020-08-18
Philip John Sharman		2023-01-18
Professor Alan Forrest		2019-11-07
Thomas Peregrine Stansfeld Bryant		2023-01-18
Viscountess Penelope Cobham CBE		2020-08-18

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**UK-ST HELENA
HERITAGE
TRUST**

UK-St Helena Heritage Trust

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

1 April 2024

to

31 March 2025

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number: 1185952**

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Charity Information

Trustees	Sir Brian Unwin KCB (Chair; resigned April 2024) Michael Binyon OBE (Chair from April 2024) Penelope, Viscountess Cobham CBE (Vice Chair from April 2024) Oni Oviri (Treasurer) Thomas Peregrine Stansfeld Bryant Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks MBE Dan Cruickshank (resigned April 2024) Philip Davies OBE Professor Alan Forrest Dr Peter Hicks Philip John Sharman Kedell Worboys MBE
Patron	Jean-Christophe Napoleon Bonaparte
Executive Director	Martyn Weeds (until 31 December 2024) Katherine Prior (from 1 January 2025)
Address	c/o St Helena Government UK Office Alliance House 12 Caxton Street London SW1H 0QS
Website	www.uk-sthelenaheritagetrust.org
Charity Number	1185952
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

Trustees' Report

1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025

Structure, Governance and Management

The UK-St Helena Heritage Trust (the 'Charity') – formerly the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust – is constituted under the terms of its governing document ('Constitution'), revised and adopted by special resolution of the Board of Trustees on 5th July 2023. The Constitution is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The members of the CIO are its Trustees. Trustees are appointed for a term of two years by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. There were three meetings of the Trustees during the reporting period, and an informal get together in January 2024 to welcome the new Executive Director.

At the beginning of the reporting period, the Trust's founding Chair, Sir Brian Unwin, stood down. He was succeeded in the role by the then Vice Chair, Michael Binyon OBE, and in his place Viscountess Cobham agreed to serve as Vice Chair. Trustee Dan Cruickshank also resigned as a Trustee during the reporting period. The Trustees would like to record their thanks and appreciation of the contributions of both Sir Brian and Dan to the founding and evolution of the Trust over the past five years.

The objects of the Charity are to advance education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena (the 'Sites'), in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) promoting public knowledge and appreciation of the history of the Sites;
- b) advancing education of the public in the historical significance of the Georgian era (1714-1837) in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, with a particular emphasis on the Napoleonic era (1799-1815) and Napoleon Bonaparte's internment on the island (1815-1821); and
- c) promoting and supporting the renovation, preservation and enhancement of the Sites for the public benefit.

On a day-to-day basis, the Charity is run by a part time Executive Director, supported by the Trustees. The position of Executive Director is remunerated by the St Helena Government as part of their support of the Charity.

Martyn Weeds resigned as Executive Director at the end of 2024, and was succeeded in the role by Katherine Prior, an historian and fundraiser in the heritage sector. The Trustees are very grateful to Martyn for steering the Trust through its transition period from the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust to its new identity as the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust, and have extended a warm welcome to his successor, Katherine Prior.

Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Objects of the Charity

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting and reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the Charity's future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity continues to meet the Charity Commission's guidelines with regard to carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.

Following the public launch of the Trust's new identity as the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust in January 2024, the 2024-25 reporting period was in part a time of transition.

The Trust continued to support the restoration of Jacob's Ladder, with the transfer to the St Helena Government (SHG) in February of a final £28,000 from Lord Ashcroft's donation to support the cost of new lighting for the repaired monument, the total cost of which is likely to be £40,000. The Trust remains grateful to Lord Ashcroft for his generous funding to repair Jacob's Ladder, and also to Trustee Peregrine Bryant, who has helped advise SHG on the lighting design. Devising appropriate lighting that meets both safety standards and Dark Sky criteria, while also being aesthetically pleasing, has been challenging. The approved design, comprising 46 small grey bollard LED lights on each side of the ladder, is scheduled for installation in early 2026.

The Trust continues to work in partnership with the St Helena National Trust and Liberated African Advisory Committee to record and restore the 'No. 1 Building', constructed in 1865 as an accommodation block to house up to 80 former slaves in the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, St Helena. The site of the Liberated African Establishment and the nearby burial grounds is of global significance and of vital importance for understanding St Helena's role in the ending of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. It has been described by the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool as 'one of the most important archaeological finds of recent times in one of the most remote places on earth'.

In June 2024, the Trust helped the St Helena National Trust secure a grant of £10,000 from the Headley Trust, one of the Sainsbury Family Trusts, for development work on the No. 1 Building project. The Headley Trust was able to pay the grant direct to the St Helena National Trust, so the transaction does not appear in the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust accounts. The preparatory work for this project is ongoing and the Trust wishes to record its thanks to Trustee Peregrine Bryant for his pro bono services as a conservation architect advising the project, and also to Trustee Philip Davies who has helped the St Helena National Trust secure funding from the Commonwealth Heritage Forum for both the No. 1 Building project and a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Jamestown. Peregrine has also offered pro bono services in researching and drafting the CMP.

A public webinar featuring Louis Sarkozy in conversation with Trustee Professor Alan Forrest about the books in Napoleon's library unfortunately had to be cancelled at the last minute owing to its clash with the General Election on 4 July 2024. The Trust has since hosted three more webinars promoting St Helena's history and heritage, which will be covered in more detail in next year's annual report.

Three e-newsletters were issued to the Trust's 400 subscribers in 2024-25. In April 2024, the recording of the 'Breaking the Chain' webinar was posted to the Trust's YouTube channel and has since accrued over 240 views.

Financial Review

The Charity's total receipts were £90,040, of which £90,000 comprised a second generous donation from Lord Ashcroft KCMG, PC towards the restoration of Jacob's Ladder and other built heritage-related projects on St Helena. Unrestricted income was £40. As the Charity has no debts, liabilities, or recurring costs beyond those associated with maintenance of the website, the end of year unrestricted £5,621 cash at bank is considered sufficient reserves for the time being.

The Charity's expenditure in the same period was £89,876, representing transfers to the St Helena Government from Lord Ashcroft's donation for the restoration of Jacob's Ladder.

There was no expenditure on website costs in the reporting period; currently they are incurred only once every two years.

Future Plans

The main focus of activity in 2025-26 is expected to be fundraising for and promotion of the restoration of the No. 1 Building, the single surviving structure from the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, and the development of an interpretation centre focusing on St Helena's role in the ending of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. This project is nearing the end of its development phase, and securing substantial funds for the initial capital works will be a priority for the next year.

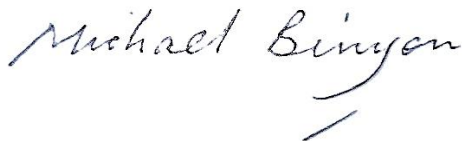
The Trust is also keen to secure the advice of an appropriately qualified structural engineer to devise stabilisation repairs for High Knoll Fort and other at-risk batteries and fortifications on St Helena, including Banks Battery and Munden's Battery.

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.

The financial statements have been drawn up in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's Constitution.

Approved by the Trustees on 13 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

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Michael Binyon OBE
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	UK-St Helena Heritage Trust		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	Charity no (if any)	1185952
Set out on pages	9 to 12 of this Trustees' Report and Financial Statements		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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


Independent examiner's statement I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:



Date: 12/1/2026

Name: ANDREW JOHN WOODWARD

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Associate of the Chartered Institute of Bankers - ACIB

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

N/A

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Receipts				
Donations	40	90,000	90,040	705
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from Events	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	40	90,000	90,040	705
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-
Event Costs	-	-	-	-
Website Costs	-	-	-	277
Rebranding Costs	-	-	-	300
Restoration Projects	-	89,876	89,876	6,867
Total Payments	-	89,876	89,876	7,444
Net Receipts (Payments)	40	124	164	(6,739)

Statement of Fund Movements

For the period from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Balance brought forward	5,581	238	5,819	12,558
Receipts	40	90,000	90,040	705
Payments	0	89,876	89,876	7,444
Balance carried forward	5,621	362	5,983	5,819

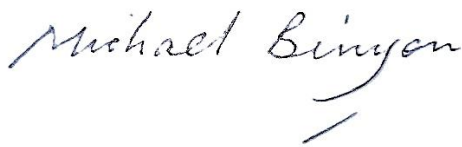
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 March 2025

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Assets				
Cash at Bank	5,621	362	5,983	5,819
Non-monetary Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Assets	5,621	362	5,983	5,819
Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The notes on page 11 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 13 January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Michael Binyon OBE
Chair

Notes to the Financial Statements

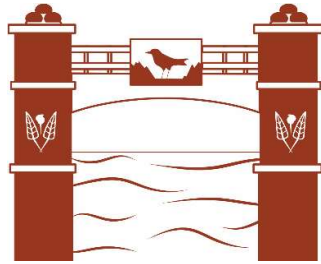
Period Ending 31 March 2025

1. These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.
2. No remuneration or expenses were paid to any Trustee.
3. Since the income for the year ended 31 March 2025 exceeds £25,000 the Trustees arranged for the accounts to be examined by an Independent Examiner appointed accordance with Section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and Guidance for Trustees issued by the Charities Commission.

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Trustee's Report

1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024

Structure, Governance and Management

The UK-St Helena Heritage Trust (the 'Charity') – formerly the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust – is constituted under the terms of its governing document ('Constitution'), revised and adopted by special resolution of the Board of Trustees on 5th July 2023. The Constitution is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The members of the CIO are its Trustees. Trustees are appointed for a term of two years by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. There were five meetings of the Trustees during the reporting period.

The objects of the Charity are to advance education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena (the 'Sites'), in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) promoting public knowledge and appreciation of the history of the Sites;
- b) advancing education of the public in the historical significance of the Georgian era (1714-1837) in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, with a particular emphasis on the Napoleonic era (1799-1815) and Napoleon Bonaparte's internment on the island (1815-1821); and
- c) promoting and supporting the renovation, preservation and enhancement of the Sites for the public benefit.

On a day-to-day basis, the Charity is run by a part time Executive Director, supported by the Trustees. The position of Executive Director is remunerated by the St Helena Government as part of their support of the Charity.

Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Objects of the Charity

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting and reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the Charity's future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity continues to meet the Charity Commission's guidelines with regard to carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.

After a period of reflection and strategic review of the Charity's priorities and future activities following the passing of the bicentenary of Napoleon's death, the Trustees resolved to formally change the name of the Charity from the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust to the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust. This resolution was passed on 5th July 2023, and publicly announced on 30th January 2024 along with the launch of a new logo, website and visual identity.

In furtherance of its objective to advance education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of St Helena, the Charity continued its support of the restoration of Jacob's Ladder, a Grade I listed monument adjacent to St Helena's capital, Jamestown. On-site activity commenced in August 2022 and involved repair works being undertaken on the steps, metal structure and inclined plane, lime pointing of the adjoining 'halfway' wall, and repairs to a small 'tunnel' section of the inclined plane which adjoins the historic footpath across the hillside approximately a quarter of the way up the Ladder. Restoration work was completed and the Ladder re-opened to the public on 20th April 2023. The Trustees would

like to express their thanks to Lord Ashcroft whose generous donation funded the restoration works.

Also in furtherance of its objects, the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust is working in partnership with the St Helena National Trust and Liberated African Advisory Committee to record and restore 'No. 1 Building', constructed in 1865 as an accommodation block to house up to 80 former slaves in the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, St Helena. The site of the Liberated African Establishment and the nearby burial grounds is of global significance and of vital importance for understanding St Helena's role in the ending of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. It has been described by the International Slavery Museum in Liverpool as 'one of the most important archaeological finds of recent times in one of the most remote places on earth'.

In connection with the above, the Trust organised its first public webinar as the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust, entitled 'Breaking the Chain: St Helena and the Ending of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade'. This event was attended by 66 individuals online via Teams, joined by in-person attendees at St Helena Museum. Presenters included UK-St Helena Heritage Trust Chair Sir Brian Unwin, St Helena National Trust Director Helena Bennett, and archaeologist Dr Andrew Pearson. A recording of this event can be found on the Trust's YouTube channel.

Financial Review

The Trust commenced fundraising activities in connection with the Liberated African Establishment project, and as a result of the webinar (see above) and other activities had raised £296 at the end of the reporting period.

The Charity's total receipts were £705, of which £296 is restricted to heritage projects on the island of St Helena. Unrestricted income was £409. As the Charity has no debts, liabilities, or recurring costs beyond those associated with maintenance of the website, the current unrestricted £5,581 cash at bank is considered sufficient reserves for the time being.

The Charity's expenditure in the same period was £7,444, of which £6,867 related to the Jacob's Ladder Restoration Project. This sum was taken from the £90,000 generously donated by Lord Ashcroft KCMG, PC towards the restoration of the Ladder and other built heritage-related projects on St Helena. Of the remainder, £300 was paid in connection with the design of the new logo and visual identity, using funds donated by retiring Chair Sir Brian Unwin KCB, and £277 related to maintenance of the Charity's website.

Future Plans

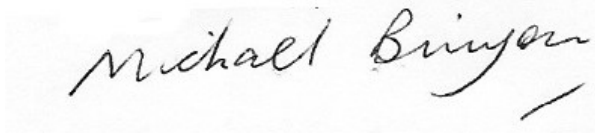
The main focus of activity in 2024-25 is expected to be supporting the restoration of 'No. 1 Building', the single surviving structure from the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, and the development of an interpretation centre focusing on St Helena's role in the ending of the trans-Atlantic slave trade. The Charity will continue to work with St Helena National Trust and the Liberated African Advisory Committee on this important initiative. A new programme of activities – including public education webinars and fundraising events – is envisaged to promote the widening of focus and raise awareness of specific projects. Subject to the receipt of funds, the Charity also intends to support the replacement of the lighting on Jacob's Ladder, in order to increase safety and sustainability, comply with Dark Sky criteria, and better illuminate and present this important monument.

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.

The financial statements have been drawn up in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's Constitution.

Approved by the Trustees on 6 November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

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Michael Binyon OBE
Chair

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Receipts				
Donations	409	296	705	28
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from Events	-	-	-	-
Sales	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	409	296	705	28
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	-
Event Costs	-	-	-	-
Website Costs	277	-	277	12
Rebranding Costs	300	-	300	-
Restoration Projects	-	6,867	6,867	83,108
Total Payments	577	6,867	7,444	83,120
Net Receipts (Payments)	(168)	(6,571)	(6,739)	(83,092)

Statement of Fund Movements

For the period from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Balance brought forward	5,749	6,809	12,558	95,650
Receipts	409	296	705	28
Payments	577	6,867	7,444	83,120
Balance carried forward	5,581	238	5,819	12,558

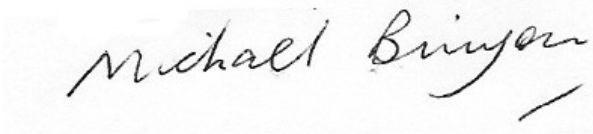
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As at 31 March 2024

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Assets				
Cash at Bank	5,581	238	5,819	12,558
Non-monetary Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Assets	5,581	238	5,819	12,558
Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

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3. Since total revenues in the year were below £25,000 the Trustees are exempted from the requirement to request an independent examination of the financial statements.

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Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Objects of the Charity

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Following the period of heightened activity connected to the bicentenary of Napoleon's death in 2021, the Trustees' efforts in the 2022-2023 financial year were focused on supporting the implementation of the Jacob's Ladder Restoration Project (see below) and reviewing the Charity's longer-term priorities and activities. The Trust was also without an Executive Director between the departure of Gordon Ackroyd in June following an extended period of illness and the recruitment of Martyn Weeds in late September.

In furtherance of its objective to advance education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of St Helena, the Charity's main activity in the reporting period was sponsoring the restoration of Jacob's Ladder, a Grade I listed monument adjacent to St Helena's capital, Jamestown. 99.9% of the Charity's expenditure in the reporting period was in furtherance of this objective. On-site activity commenced in August 2022 and involved repair works being undertaken on the steps, metal structure and inclined plane, lime pointing of the adjoining 'halfway' wall and repairs to a small 'tunnel' section of the inclined plane which adjoins the historic footpath across the hillside approximately a quarter of the way up the Ladder. Following slight delays, mainly due to difficulties sourcing appropriate materials,

the fact that some sections of the Ladder were in a worse state of repair than originally thought and the unexpected need to repair the ‘tunnel’ passing under the Ladder, work was completed and the Ladder re-opened to the public in April 2023.

To further promote public knowledge and appreciation of the history of the site of Jacob’s Ladder, the Trust shared regular updates on the restoration work via its Twitter and Facebook social media channels. A [blog post](#) was also written for the Trust’s website, and the Director contributed an [article](#) on the project to the St Helena Independent. Updates were also shared via the Trust’s [e-newsletter](#).

During a visit to St Helena in February/March, new Executive Director Martyn Weeds was able to attend a meeting of the Jacob’s Ladder Working Group and take part in a site visit. He was also able to visit Toby’s Cottage and discuss the planned restoration work with local stakeholders. Martyn also visited many of the important heritage sites on the island, and held productive meetings with several local groups – including St Helena Heritage Society, the Liberated African Advisory Committee and St Helena National Trust. It is hoped that the Charity will work closely with these stakeholders in the future.

Financial Review

No fundraising initiatives were undertaken during the reporting period. The Charity’s receipts were £28, £4 of which is restricted to heritage projects on the island of St Helena. Unrestricted income was £24. As the Charity has no debts, liabilities, or recurring costs beyond those associated with maintenance of the website, the current unrestricted £5,749 cash at bank is considered sufficient reserves for the time being.

The Charity’s expenditure in the same period was £83,120, £83,108 of which related to the Jacob’s Ladder Restoration Project. This sum was taken from the £90,000 generously donated and a further £210,000 pledged by Lord Michael Ashcroft KCMG, PC towards the restoration of the Ladder and other built heritage-related projects on St Helena.

Future Plans

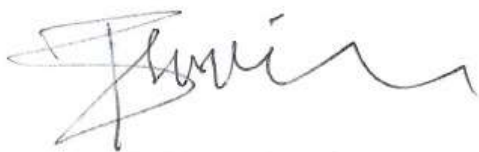
Following the passing of the bicentenary year and a period of reflection and review, the Trustees decided that the Charity would reduce its specific emphasis on Napoleon and the Napoleonic area whilst retaining its overall focus on advancing education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of St Helena. In addition to the restoration of Toby’s Cottage – which subject to funding will commence in 2023-24 – the Trust intends to explore possibilities for collaboration with groups on the island, for example to restore the only surviving building from the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert’s Valley and develop it as an interpretation centre focusing on St Helena’s role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade. A new programme of activities – including public education webinars and fundraising events – is envisaged to promote the widening of focus and raise awareness of specific projects. In furtherance of this, the Charity will attempt to recruit one or more volunteers to assist with web and social media activities.

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.

The financial statements have been drawn up in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity’s Constitution.

Approved by the Trustees on 5 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Unwin', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

Sir Brian Unwin KCB
Chair

Statement of Receipts and Payments

For the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Receipts				
Donations	24	4	28	93,917
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from Events	-	-	-	319
Sales	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	24	4	28	94,237
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	-	-	-	165
Event Costs	-	-	-	1,210
Website Costs	12	-	12	271
Restoration Projects	-	83,108	83,108	1,030
Total Payments	12	83,108	83,120	2,676
Net Receipts (Payments)	12	(83,104)	(83,092)	91,561

Statement of Fund Movements

For the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Balance brought forward	5,737	89,913	95,650	4,089
Receipts	24	4	28	94,237
Payments	12	83,108	83,120	2,676
Balance carried forward	5,749	6,809	12,558	95,650

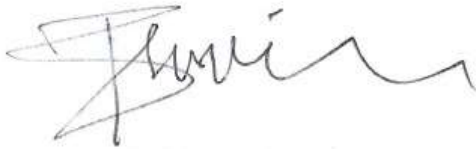
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 March 2023

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Assets				
Cash at Bank	5,749	6,809	12,558	95,650
Non-monetary Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Assets	5,749	6,809	12,558	95,650
Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The notes on page 9 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 5 July 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Sir Brian Unwin KCB
Chair

Notes to the Financial Statements

Period Ending 31 March 2023

1. These financial statements are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.
2. No remuneration or expenses were paid to any Trustee.
3. Since total revenues in the year were below £25,000 the Trustees are exempted from the requirement to request an independent examination of the financial statements.

UK-St Helena Heritage Trust

England & Wales - Charity number 1185952

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The
British Napoleonic
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**British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust
(BNBT)**

Trustee's Report and Financial Statements

1 April 2021

to

31 March 2022

**Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number: 1185952**

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Charity Information

Trustees	Sir Brian Unwin KCB (Chair) Michael Binyon OBE (Vice Chair) Oni Oviri (Treasurer) Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks MBE (Appointed April 2021) Viscountess Penelope Cobham CBE Dan Cruickshank Philip Davies Professor Alan Forrest Peter Hicks Kedell Worboys MBE
Patrons	HRH the Duke of Gloucester (to May 2021) Jean-Christophe Napoleon Bonaparte
Executive Director	James Bramble (to July 2021) Gordon Ackroyd (October 2021 – June 2022) Martyn Weeds (Appointed September 2022)
Address	c/o St Helena Government UK Office Alliance House 12 Caxton Street London SW1H 0QS
Website	www.napoleon200.org
Charity Number	1185952
Independent Examiner	Thomas Adlam FCA 86 Templeton Avenue London E4 6SP
Bankers	The Co-operative Bank PO Box 250 Skelmersdale WN8 6WT

**Trustee's Report
1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022**

Structure, Governance and Management

The British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust (BNBT) (the 'Charity') is constituted under the terms of its governing document ('Constitution') dated 24 September 2019. The Constitution is that of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). The members of the CIO are its Trustees. Trustees are appointed for a term of two years by resolution at a properly convened meeting of the Charity Trustees. There were seven meetings of the Trustees during the reporting period.

The objects of the Charity are to advance education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena (the 'Sites'), in particular but not exclusively by:

- a) promoting public knowledge and appreciation of the history of the Sites;
- b) advancing education of the public in the historical significance of the Georgian era (1714-1837) in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, with a particular emphasis on the Napoleonic era (1799-1815) and Napoleon Bonaparte's internment on the island (1815-1821); and
- c) promoting and supporting the renovation, preservation and enhancement of the Sites for the public benefit.

On a day-to-day basis, the Charity is run by a part time Executive Director, supported by the Trustees and other unpaid volunteers. The position of Executive Director is remunerated by the St Helena Government as part of their support of the Charity.

Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Objects of the Charity

The Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when setting and reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning the Charity's future activities. In particular, the Trustees have considered how planned activities contribute to the aims and objectives that have been set. The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity continues to meet the Charity Commission's guidelines with regard to carrying out its purposes for the public benefit.

The Charity had planned a number of events to mark the bicentenary of Napoleon's death on 5 May 2021, including a main event to be held at Kensal Green Cemetery in London. However, these were cancelled as the Covid pandemic continued to make large gatherings impossible. Instead, online events were organised in furtherance of the Charity's public education remit. These included a live debate and audience Q&A examining the relationship between the exiled Napoleon and St Helena's English Governor Sir Hudson Lowe, as well as an extensive programme of events on 4 and 5 May 2021 to mark the bicentenary itself. Recordings of these and all past BNBT online events remain available via the Charity's website.

Also in connection with the bicentenary, the BNBT produced educational materials that were distributed via web and social media, notably 'Testimonies From Exile' – six short videos featuring BNBT volunteers playing six of the key individuals who shared Napoleon's final years on Saint Helena: Betsy Balcombe; Rear Admiral George Cockburn; Sir Hudson Lowe, Major Gideon Gorrequer; Dr Barry O'Meara; and the Comte De Jarnac. 6 educational blog posts were also published, on the historic site of Cockburn's Battery, the Briars and Betsy Balcombe, Sir Hudson Lowe, Gideon Gorrequer's diary, Dr Barry O'Meara and the British

Press, and the return of Napoleon's ashes to France. The BNBT's Chair, Vice Chair and Executive Director also participated in a public webinar on the bicentenary organised by the Friends of the British Overseas Territories (Charity Number: 1156763).

Also in furtherance of its Charitable Objects, the Charity collaborated with The Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery (Charity Number: 1106549) to produce and publish 'St Helena at Kensal Green Cemetery', a guide to the connections between the former Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte and the island of St Helena at Kensal Green Cemetery in London, written by Henry Vivian-Neal. On 29 September 2021, BNBT Trustees and guests, along with the President and members of the Friends of Kensal Green Cemetery, made a short tour of the cemetery to visit the graves of a number of individuals buried there who had featured on St Helena during the period of Napoleon Bonaparte's captivity.

In terms of advancing education for the public benefit by the restoration and preservation of historic sites of cultural, historical and/or architectural significance in the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, during the period in question the BNBT engaged in fundraising activities in support of two specific, carefully selected projects: restoring 'Toby's Cottage' – an important site connected to the history of slavery on St Helena – and restoring 'Jacob's Ladder', a Grade I listed monument adjacent to the island's capital, Jamestown. 94% of the Charity's income for 2021-2022 was restricted to these purposes, and will be paid out in furtherance of these purposes in the coming year. The Jacob's Ladder Restoration Project is due to be completed in early 2023, while efforts to restore Toby's Cottage and add interpretation and public education materials is due to commence in 2023.

Financial Review

The Charity's receipts in the period were £94,237, £90,943 of which was restricted to heritage projects on the island of St Helena. Unrestricted income was £3,294. At a meeting on 18 October 2021, the Trustees agreed that reserves covering six months expenditure should be maintained. As the Charity has no debts, liabilities, or recurring costs beyond those associated with Independent Examination, the current unrestricted £5,737 cash at bank is considered sufficient for this purpose for the time being.

Future Plans

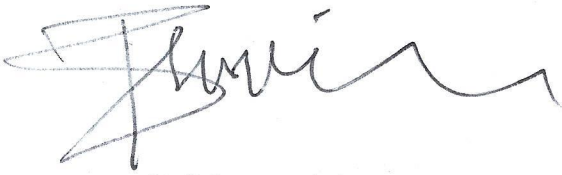
The Charity's priorities for the coming year are to oversee completion of the Jacob's Ladder Restoration project and commence the Toby's Cottage Restoration Project. A third project – involving the development of a Heritage Trail on the island of St Helena with public signage, educational materials, maps and an audio guide – will also be explored. After a period of reduced activity following the bicentenary and the departure of the BNBT's founder James Bramble, the Charity will re-commence its web and social media public outreach and education activities, and embark on a re-evaluation of its priorities and activities now that the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's death has passed.

Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with all revenue and expenses shown on a cash basis.

The financial statements have been drawn up in compliance with the relevant provisions of the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity's Constitution.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Unwin', with a stylized, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Sir Brian Unwin KCB
Chair

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees of

British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1185952

Set out on pages

8 to 10 of this Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2022

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

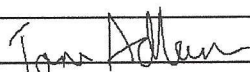
Independent examiner's statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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:



Date:

18 January 2023

Name:

Thomas Adlam

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow, Institute of Chartered Accountants of England and Wales

Address:

86 Templeton Avenue, London E4 6SP

Statement of Receipts and Payments
For the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

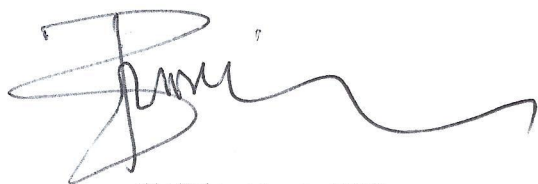
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Receipts				
Donations	2,974	90,943	93,917	4,089
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from Events	319	-	319	-
Sales	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	3,294	90,943	94,237	4,089
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	165	-	165	-
Event Costs	1,210	-	1,210	-
Website Costs	271	-	271	-
Restoration Projects	-	1,030	1,030	-
Total Payments	1,646	1,030	2,676	-
Net Receipts (Payments)	1,648	89,913	91,561	4,089

Statement of Assets and Liabilities
At 31 March 2022

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Assets				
Cash at Bank	5,737	89,913	95,650	4,089
Non-monetary Assets	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Total Assets	5,737	89,913	95,650	4,089
Liabilities	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

The notes on page 10 form part of these financial statements.

Approved by the Trustees on 18 January 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



Sir Brian Unwin KCB
Chair

Notes to the Financial Statements
Period Ending 31 March 2022

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CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees 2019	Sir Brian Unwin KCB (Chair)	November
2019	Michael Binyon OBE	November
2019	Philip Davies	November
2019	Professor Alan Forrest Kedell Worboys MBE	November 2019 November
2020	Dan Cruickshank Viscountess Penelope Cobham CBE	March 2020 18 August
	Peter Hicks Oni Oviri	18 August 2020 18 August 2020
Director	James Bramble	
Patrons	HRH the Duke of Gloucester Jean-Christophe Napoleon Bonaparte	
Address	St Helena Government UK Office Alliance House 12 Caxton Street London, SW1H 0QS	
Website	www.napoleon200.org	
Charity number	1185952	

TRUSTEES' REPORT COVERING THE PERIOD 23 OCTOBER 2019 - 31 MARCH 2021

The British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust (BNBT) (the Charity) is constituted under the terms of its governing document ("Constitution") dated 24 September 2019. The Constitution is that of a Charitable

Incorporated Organisation (CIO). There were eight meetings of the Trustees during the reporting period with the inaugural meeting taking place on 7 November 2019.

The Charity, founded in September 2019, has been set up to preserve the built heritage of the British Overseas Territory of St Helena dating from the Georgian period (1714-1837), with a particular emphasis on the sites built by the British as a result of Napoleon Bonaparte's rule (1799-1815) and subsequent incarceration on the Island of St Helena (1815-21).

The Charity has two main objectives: to **preserve the Island's heritage**, and to **promote new perspectives** on the story of Napoleon on St Helena.

The Charity had planned events in London and Paris for 5 May 2021 (the bicentenary of Napoleon's death), but these were cancelled as the Covid pandemic continued to make large gatherings impossible. Planning for virtual events continued during the reporting period.

Brent Fortenberry, Associate Director, Center for Heritage Conservation, University of Texas visited St Helena in January 2020 to conduct a 3D drone scan of the heritage sites which the Trust will focus on. His time was *pro bono* through the University of Texas with travel and on-island costs covered by the St Helena Government. The outcome was a detailed conservation report with 3D scans, which will help to inform decisions made by the Charity on projects it wishes to support. The 3D scans will be useful in facilitating 'virtual' visits to the island, which will be an important part of fulfilling the Trust's public education remit.

As part of the public education remit six online events were organised:

- Napoleon 200 Launch with Sir Brian Unwin and Dan Cruickshank
- A Tour of St Helena presenting 3D scans of the built heritage of the Island with Brent Fortenberry PhD & Dr Oliver Cox
- Toby, Napoleon and Slavery on St Helena with Prof Dan Yon, Dr Andrew Pearson and Colin Fox
- British Witnesses to Napoleon with Peter Hicks of the Foundation Napoleon
- Napoleon's Last Battle with Prof Alan Forrest and Adam Zamoyski
- Contemplations on Exile with Prof Dan Yon, Prof Hlonipha Mokoena and Will Atkins

Six newsletters were also produced.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 MARCH 2021

ASSETS

Monetary assets	
Cash in the bank	£4,089.00

Non-monetary assets	Nil
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Income from Donations	£4,089.00
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Expenditure	Nil
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