

The
British Napoleonic
Bicentenary Trust



**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)
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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

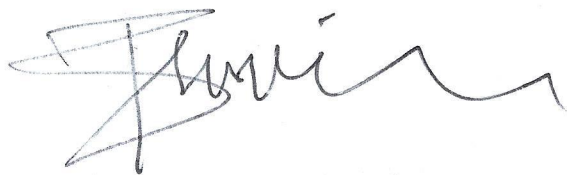
The Charity's priorities for the coming year are to oversee completion of the Jacob's Ladder Restoration project and commence the Toby's Cottage Restoration Project. A third project – involving the development of a Heritage Trail on the island of St Helena with public signage, educational materials, 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Brian Unwin', with a stylized, sweeping flourish at the end.

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.

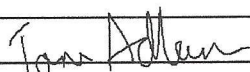
Independent examiner's statement

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

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

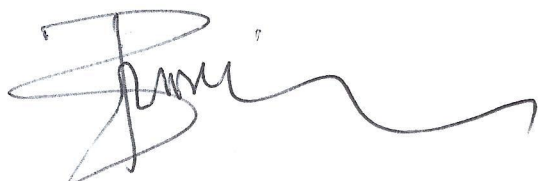
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total Funds (£)	Previous Year (£)
Receipts				
Donations	2,974	90,943	93,917	4,089
Grants	-	-	-	-
Income from Events	319	-	319	-
Sales	-	-	-	-
Bank Interest	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts	3,294	90,943	94,237	4,089
Payments				
Fundraising Costs	165	-	165	-
Event Costs	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

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.