

**UK-ST HELENA
HERITAGE
TRUST**

UK-St Helena Heritage Trust

Trustee's Report and Financial Statements

1 April 2023

to

31 March 2024

Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Charity Number: 1185952

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Charity Information

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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

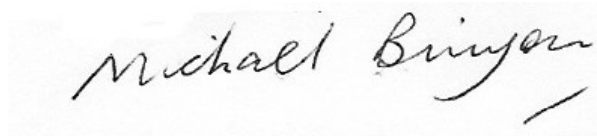
The main focus of activity in 2024-25 is expected to be supporting the restoration of 'No. 1 Building', the single surviving structure from the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley, and the development of an interpretation centre focusing on St Helena's role in the ending of the trans-Atlantic 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:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Binyon", with a short horizontal stroke at the end.

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

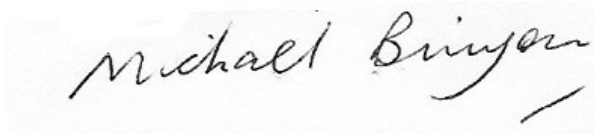
Statement of Assets and Liabilities

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

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

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



Michael Binyon OBE
Chair

Notes to the Financial Statements

Period Ending 31 March 2024

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.