

# SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1198498

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-04-04

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT IN THE LIFE AND WORKS OF SIR JOSEPH BANKS OF REVESBY (1743-1820) IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY PROVIDING A MUSEUM AND IN SUCH OTHER WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES SEE FIT.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,792	£32,407	-	-
2024-03-31	£36,617	£26,493	-	-
2023-03-31	£1,910	£500	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Paul Anthony Scott</b>	Chair	2022-04-04
DAVID ALEXANDER DOUGLAS		2023-01-24
George Davison Fussey		2025-09-08
HEATHER SLATER		2023-01-24
Jacob Andrew Sandbach		2025-05-10
Jacqueline Rayner Goodall		2023-01-24
John Stuart Earl Crooks		2022-04-04
Julian Edwin Charles Cousins		2024-07-08
Kenneth John Richard		2023-01-24
Robert St Barbe Wayne		2022-04-04

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# Accounts

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**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

**Charity no. 1198498**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 APRIL 2024**

**TO**

**31st MARCH 2025**

# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

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# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

Charity Number: 1198498

Principal Office: 11 Bridge Street  
Horncastle  
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Trustees: Paul Anthony Scott (Chairman)  
John Stuart Earl Crooks (Vice Chairman)  
Julian Edwin Charles Cousins (appointed 8/7/2024)  
David Alexander Douglas (Treasurer)  
Jacqueline Rayner Goodall  
Kenneth John Richard  
Heather Slater  
Robert St Barbe Wayne

Bankers: Lloyds Bank  
Victoria Branch  
PO Box 1000  
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# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025**

### **Trustees Report:**

The Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO (charity registered in England no. 1198498: "the CIO") was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022. These accounts cover the period 1 April 2024 - 31 March 2025.

### Objects

The objects of the Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO are the advancement of education for the public benefit in the life and works of Sir Joseph Banks of Revesby (1743-1820) in particular but not exclusively by providing a museum and in such other ways as the trustees see fit.

### Activities

The principal activities of the Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO are:

- Provision and management of a museum
- Maintenance of the Tribute Garden at the CIO's headquarters
- Management of the collections
- Digitization of collection data and images
- Maintenance of a library and archives
- Lectures, talks and seminars
- The Love Lincs Plants Project
- Dissemination of public information
- Recruitment of non-voting members
- Publications, including a twice-yearly Magazine
- Fostering links with the Pacific region, particularly Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia

### Public Benefit

The main activities undertaken are to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit and the trustees have had due regard for the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit

### Achievements and Performance

The Society has been successful in obtaining grant funding from funders such as Garfield Weston, East Lindsey District Council and Museum Development East Midlands. We also held 6 field trips, open to families, covering botany, rivers, geology, and parkland. We have also delivered 15 talks on Sir Joseph Banks to various groups around Lincolnshire, and have held 3 major exhibitions in our centre, which have attracted lots of visitors to our museum.

Trustees have also launched a fundraising appeal to purchase the building we currently occupy on a leasehold. To date, almost half of the purchase price has been secured or promised.

### Museum development

The museum and natural science centre based at the Sir Joseph Banks Centre in Horncastle has continued to develop with the aid of grants and a large volunteer input. The focus of the displays and collections provided by the CIO is the town's connection with Sir Joseph, who owned the nearby estate of Revesby and who had a townhouse in Horncastle. A timeline of his life highlights his voyages of exploration, plant collecting, links with Australia and New Zealand, and the foundation of Kew Gardens.

Our core collections include the Lincolnshire Herbarium, insect specimens, fossils and objects associated with Sir Joseph Banks and his travels. There is also a Melanesian collection with artefacts illustrating the region's cultural and historical riches explored by Banks on the Endeavour voyage. This year, we have accessioned a nationally important Joseph Banks letter dated 1773, which describes the Polar expedition of that year.

The CIO safeguards some remarkable collections of Victorian botanical watercolour paintings, prominent among which are the large works of May Lane-Clayton (1872-1964) of Wyberton, reproductions of which are displayed in one of the galleries and are available for purchase, and the works of Dr J T Burgess (1879-1915) of Spilsby.

The CIO has also teamed up with the Horncastle History & Heritage Society to develop an archive and some exhibition space, which celebrates the town's rich history.

### Tribute Garden

The living plant collection continues to attract visitors to the centre. The garden contains plants specifically linked to Sir Joseph Banks and is unique to Lincolnshire.

### Communications

The CIO operates a website and is active on social media. It publishes two magazines per year, and also a monthly e-newsletter.

### Library & Archive

Cataloguing and indexing of the contents has continued. Several new items have been added. Including a significant gift of over 100 specialist books donated by a well-known author.

### Membership

Membership at the end of the financial period stood at 270.



## Volunteering

Our museum and society are run entirely by a large contingent of volunteers, managed and supported by hands-on trustees. Our volunteers also work on our collections and receive specialist training as required.

## Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, as the trustees believe that the CIO has sufficient reserves to continue its activities.

## Financial Overview

Ordinary income and expenditure shows a deficit of £3096, leaving free reserves of £3009. Much of the Society's work relies on restricted income.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The CIO was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022 and is governed by its constitution, which may be viewed on the CIO's website. Printed copies can also be supplied on request.

## Method to Recruit Trustees

Potential trustees have been approached, where it is believed they have the skills that can support the CIO's charitable objectives. Trustees are sought when it is necessary to fill any skills gaps. The Trustee's report was approved by the Trustees on 1 December 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



P A Scott  
Chairman

# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

**Charity no. 1198498**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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 applicable directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) 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 gives me cause to believe that the accounts are not a true and fair view of the charity's financial position in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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 my examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to ensure a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO (Charity no. 1198498)**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2025**

	2024/25		2024/25		2024/25		2023/24		2023/24	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
<b>INCOME</b>										
Memberships	3,960	-	3,960	-	3,960	2,070	-	2,070	-	2,070
Donations & Grants	9,053	4,410	13,463	-	13,463	5,506	7,902	13,407	-	13,407
Sales of prints and books	2,637	-	2,637	-	2,637	1,191	-	1,191	-	1,191
Room hire & rents	5,620	-	5,620	-	5,620	4,560	-	4,560	-	4,560
Contribution to overheads from restricted projects	2,026	-	2,026	-	2,026	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer of petty cash balance	-	-	0	-	0	62	-	62	-	62
Transfer of PayPal balance	-	-	0	-	0	87	-	87	-	87
Transfers from old Society	86	-	86	-	86	14,612	628	15,240	-	15,240
	<u>23,382</u>	<u>4,410</u>	<u>27,792</u>		<u>27,792</u>	<u>28,088</u>	<u>8,529</u>	<u>36,617</u>		<u>36,617</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>										
Insurance	2,136	-	2,136	-	2,136	2,103	-	2,103	-	2,103
Rent & rates	7,080	-	7,080	-	7,080	5,500	-	5,500	-	5,500
Magazine	150	500	650	-	650	832	-	832	-	832
Water & Electricity	11,036	-	11,036	-	11,036	10,086	-	10,086	-	10,086
IT	345	-	345	-	345	85	-	85	-	85
Telephone & broadband	1,346	-	1,346	-	1,346	267	-	267	-	267
Printing, postage and stationery	659	-	659	-	659	326	-	326	-	326
Marketing/advertising/PR	-	-	-	-	-	205	-	205	-	205
Tribute Garden	148	-	148	-	148	142	-	142	-	142
Museum, collections & exhibitions	171	3,402	3,573	-	3,573	465	2,000	2,465	-	2,465
Repairs & cleaning	1,814	-	1,814	-	1,814	676	-	676	-	676
Love Lincs Plants	-	-	-	-	-	500	-	500	-	500
Special Projects	-	-	-	-	-	388	1,101	1,488	-	1,488
PayPal charges	9	-	9	-	9	9	-	9	-	9
Retail costs	541	-	541	-	541	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	1,044	2,026	3,070	-	3,070	1,809	-	1,809	-	1,809
	<u>26,479</u>	<u>5,928</u>	<u>32,407</u>		<u>32,407</u>	<u>23,392</u>	<u>3,101</u>	<u>26,493</u>		<u>26,493</u>
Surplus (deficit) of income over expenses:	(3,097)	(1,518)	(4,615)		(4,615)	4,696	5,428	10,124		10,124
Cash brought forward:			11,534		11,534					1,410
Cash carried forward:			<u>6,919</u>		<u>6,919</u>			<u>11,534</u>		<u>11,534</u>

**Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO (Charity no. 1198498)**

**Balance Sheet**

**As at 31 March 2025**

	<b>2024/2025</b>		<b>2023/24</b>	
	£	£	£	£
Accumulated Fund (unrestricted) brought forward	6,105.59		1,410.00	
Unrestricted Funds surplus / (deficit)	<u>(3,096.28)</u>		<u>4,695.59</u>	
Total Unrestricted Funds		3,009.31		6,105.59
Restricted Funds		<u>3,910.00</u>		<u>5,428.35</u>
Balance at 31 March		<u><u>6,919.31</u></u>		<u><u>11,533.94</u></u>

**Represented by**

**Current Assets**

Lloyds bank account balance	6,292.70		11,071.45	
PayPal balance	44.04		292.98	
Petty Cash balance	<u>582.57</u>		<u>169.51</u>	
Net Current Assets		<u><u>6,919.31</u></u>		<u><u>11,533.94</u></u>

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# Accounts

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**Charity no. 1198498**

**ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 APRIL 2023**

**TO**

**31st MARCH 2024**

# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

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**1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

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Kenneth John Richard  
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# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

## **ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD**

**1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024**

Trustees Report:

The Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO (charity registered in England no. 1198498: “the CIO”) was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022. These accounts cover the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 – 31 March 2024.

Objects

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Activities

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- Dissemination of public information
- Recruitment of non-voting members
- Publications, including a twice-yearly Magazine
- Fostering links with the Pacific region, particularly Vanuatu, New Zealand and Australia

Public Benefit

The main activities undertaken are to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit and the trustees have had due regard for the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit

Achievements and Performance

The Society has been successful in obtaining grant funding for several important projects; amongst them is a Royal Society Grant to research a C18th/C19th person called Richard Hill, whose family originated from

Horncastle and as well as being a contemporary of Sir Joseph Banks was also a naturalist and more importantly a person who played a major part in the abolition of slavery in Jamaica.

### Museum development

The museum and natural science centre based at the Sir Joseph Banks Centre in Horncastle has continued to develop with the aid of grants and a large volunteer input. The focus of the displays provided by the CIO is the town's connection with Sir Joseph, who owned the nearby estate of Revesby and who had a townhouse in Horncastle. A timeline of his life highlights his voyages of exploration, plant collecting, links with Australia and New Zealand, and the foundation of Kew Gardens.

Other displays illustrate the work of the CIO in conserving natural history collections including the new Lincolnshire Herbarium housed in the building, insect specimens, fossils and objects associated with Sir Joseph and his travels. There is a Melanesian collection with artefacts illustrating the region's cultural and historical riches.

The CIO safeguards some remarkable collections of Victorian botanical watercolour paintings, prominent among which are the large works of May Lane-Clayton (1872-1964) of Wyberton, reproductions of which are displayed in one of the galleries and are available for purchase, and the works of Dr J T Burgess (1879-1915) of Spilsby.

The CIO has also teamed up with the Horncastle History & Heritage Society to develop an archive and some exhibition space, which celebrates the town's rich history.

### Tribute Garden

The living plant collection continues to attract visitors to the centre. The garden contains plants specifically linked to Sir Joseph Banks and is unique to Lincolnshire.

### Communications

The CIO's website will need to be upgraded shortly, and we are currently working on designs and costings to achieve that. It will include additional resources, including more detailed information about the collections, library, and the work of the society.

### Library & Archive

Cataloguing and indexing of the contents has continued. Several new items have been added. Including important Lincolnshire Enclosure Act records.

## Membership

Membership at the end of the financial period stood at 263.

## Volunteering

Many volunteers take part in all aspects of the CIO's work. The roles range from practical work on garden maintenance and herbaria management to museum development, data logging, financial management and administration. We are currently working with East Mercia Rivers Trust on a citizen science project testing water quality on our two rivers which are actually chalk streams.

## Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, as the trustees believe that the CIO has sufficient reserves to continue its activities. Financial Overview Ordinary income and expenditure show a deficit of £12580 because most assets have been transferred to the new CIO.

## Structure, Governance and Management

The CIO was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022 and is governed by its constitution which may be viewed on the CIO's website. Printed copies can also be supplied on request.

## Method to Recruit Trustees

Potential trustees have been approached where it is believed they have the skills that can support the CIO's charitable objectives. Trustees are sought when it is necessary to fill any skills gaps. The Trustee's report was approved by the Trustees on 16 May 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



P A Scott  
Chairman

# SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO

Charity no. 1198498

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ending 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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(5)(b) of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable directions issued 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 gives me cause to believe that in, any material

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011;
- 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 the requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered in the course of an independent examination.

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

**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO (Charity no. 1198498)**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024**

	2023/24		2023/24		2022/23		2022/23	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds
	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
<b>INCOME</b>								
Memberships	2,070	-	2,070	-	180	-	180	-
Book and print sales	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donations & Grants	5,506	7,902	13,407	7,902	430	-	430	-
Sales of prints and books	1,191	-	1,191	-	-	-	-	-
Room hire & rents	4,560	-	4,560	-	1300	-	1300	-
Transfer of petty cash balance	62	-	62	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer of PayPal balance	87	-	87	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers from old Society	14,612	628	15,240	628	-	-	-	-
	<u>28,088</u>	<u>8,529</u>	<u>36,617</u>	<u>8,529</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>								
Insurance	2,103	-	2,103	-	-	-	-	-
Rent & rates	5,500	-	5,500	-	500	-	500	-
Magazine & website	832	-	832	-	-	-	-	-
Water & Electricity	10,086	-	10,086	-	-	-	-	-
IT	85	-	85	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone & broadband	267	-	267	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, postage and stationery	326	-	326	-	-	-	-	-
Marketing/advertising/PR	205	-	205	-	-	-	-	-
Tribute Garden	142	-	142	-	-	-	-	-
Museum, collections & exhibitions	465	2,000	2,465	2,000	-	-	-	-
Repairs & cleaning	676	-	676	-	-	-	-	-
Love Lincs Plants	500	-	500	-	-	-	-	-
Special Projects	388	1,101	1,488	1,101	-	-	-	-
PayPal charges	9	-	9	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry costs	1,809	-	1,809	-	-	-	-	-
	<u>23,392</u>	<u>3,101</u>	<u>26,493</u>	<u>3,101</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>
Surplus of income over expenses:	4,696	5,428	10,124	5,428	-	-	1410	-
Cash brought forward:			1,410					
Cash carried forward:			<u>11,534</u>				<u>1410</u>	

**Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO (Charity no. 1198498)**

**Balance Sheet**

**As at 31 March 2024**

	<b>2023/2024</b>		
	£	£	£
Accumulated Fund (unrestricted) brought forward	1,410		
Unrestricted Funds surplus	<u>4,696</u>		
Total Unrestricted Funds		6,106	
Restricted Funds		5,428	
Balance at 31 March			<u><u>11,534</u></u>

**Represented by**

Current Assets

Lloyds bank account balance	11,071		
PayPal balance	293		
Petty Cash balance	170		
Net Current Assets			<u><u>11,534</u></u>

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# Accounts

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**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD

25 JANUARY 2023

TO

31st MARCH 2023

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**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO  
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## SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO

### ACCOUNTS

#### **Trustees Report:**

The Sir Joseph Banks Society CIO (charity registered in England no. 1198498: “the CIO”) was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022 with the intention that it should be the successor body to the Sir Joseph Banks Society (charity registered in England no. 1127728: “the Old Society”). The constitution of the CIO allows it to hold property and to operate similarly to incorporated bodies which the Old Society is unable to do. The CIO will take over the functions of the Old Society and its membership. The CIO did not begin to take on its responsibilities until 25 January 2023 when it was able to open a bank account. These accounts therefor cover the period 25 January 2023 – 31 March 2023.

#### **Objects**

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#### **Activities**

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#### **Public Benefit**

The main activities undertaken are to further the charity’s purposes for the public benefit and the trustees have had due regard for the Charities Commission guidance on public benefit

#### **Achievements and Performance**

1. Love Lincs Plants

A part-time education officer has been appointed to be employed by the Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust but to be directed by the CIO.

2. Museum development

The new museum based at the Sir Joseph Banks Centre in Horncastle has continued to develop with the aid of grants and a large volunteer input. The main focus of the displays provided by the CIO is the town’s connection with Sir Joseph who owned the nearby estate of Revesby and who had a town house in Horncastle. A timeline of his life highlights his voyages of exploration, plant collecting, links with Australia and New Zealand, and the foundation of Kew Gardens.

Other displays illustrate the work of the CIO in conserving natural history collections including the new Lincolnshire Herbarium which is housed in the building, insect specimens, fossils and objects associated with Sir Joseph and his travels. There is a Melanesian collection with artefacts illustrating the region’s cultural and historical riches.

The CIO safeguards some remarkable collections of Victorian botanical watercolour paintings, prominent among which are the large works of May Lane-Claypon (1872-1964) of Wyberton, reproductions of which are displayed in one of the galleries and are available for purchase, and the works of Dr J T Burgess (1879-1915) of Spilsby.

The CIO has also teamed up with the Horncastle History & Heritage CIO to develop some aspects of the museum, providing the town with new exhibition space to showcase some remarkable aspects of the town's history. Archaeological artefacts illustrate the Roman and later periods. The background of the hangman William Marwood, who lived in the town, is also covered along with information about Victorian times.

3. Tribute Garden

The plant collection has been supplemented with several new species and replacements for plants that have not survived the harsh winter. Extensive repairs have been undertaken to the walls of the raised beds.

4. Communications

The CIO's website has been improved with additional resources including more detailed information about the collections and library. There are plans to make more information available about the archives and the David Robinson papers.

5. Library & Archive

Cataloguing and indexing of the contents has continued. Several new items have been added.

6. Membership

Membership at the end of the financial period stood at 236.

7. Volunteering

Many volunteers take part in all aspects of the CIO's work. The roles range from practical work on garden maintenance and herbaria management, to museum development, data logging, financial management and administration.

**Going Concern**

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis, as the trustees believe that the CIO has sufficient reserves to continue its activities.

**Financial Overview**

Ordinary income and expenditure shows a deficit of £1410. However, during the reporting period none of the Old Society's assets have been transferred to the CIO. For a fuller picture of our activities the accounts of the Old Society should be read in conjunction with these.

**Structure, Governance and Management**

The CIO was registered as a charity on 4 April 2022 and is governed by its constitution which may be viewed on the CIO's website. Printed copies can also be supplied on request.

**Method to Recruit Trustees**

Potential trustees have been approached where it is believed they have the skills that can support the CIO's charitable objectives. Trustees are sought when it is necessary to fill any skills gaps.

The Trustees report was approved by the Trustees on 4 September 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



**Signed: Paul Antony Scott (Chairman)**

**Dated: 4 September 2023**

**SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 25 JANUARY 2023**  
**TO 31ST MARCH 2023**

	£	£
	<b>2023</b>	
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	
	<b>funds</b>	
<b>INCOME</b>		
Memberships	180	
Room hire & rents	1300	
Donations & grants	430	
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		1910
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Office rent		500
Surplus/ (Deficit) of income over expenses:		1410



**Signed: Paul Anthony Scott (Chairman)**

**Dated: 4 September 2023**