

# **SIR JOSEPH BANKS SOCIETY CIO**

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD

25 JANUARY 2023

TO

31st MARCH 2023

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ACCOUNTS**

Charity Number:	1198498
Principal Office:	11 Bridge Street Horncastle Lincolnshire LN9 5HZ
Trustees:	Paul Anthony Scott (Chairman) John Stuart Earl Crooks (Vice Chairman) David Alexander Douglas (Treasurer) Jacqueline Rayner Goodall Trevor Michael Olsson Kenneth John Richard Heather Slater Robert St Barbe Wayne
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank Victoria Branch PO Box 1000 BX1 1LT

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## 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**

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**

#### 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:

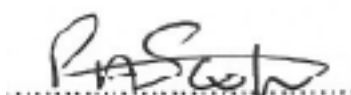
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Antony Scott', is written over a horizontal line.

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

**Dated: 4 September 2023**

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE PERIOD 25 JANUARY 2023**  
**TO 31ST MARCH 2023**

	£	£
	2023	
	Unrestricted	
	funds	
<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**