

The British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust



CHARITY INFORMATION

Trustees	Sir Brian Unwin KCB (Chair)	November
2019		
	Michael Binyon OBE	November
2019		
	Philip Davies	November
2019		
	Professor Alan Forrest	November 2019
	Kedell Worboys MBE	November
2019		
	Dan Cruickshank	March 2020
	Viscountess Penelope Cobham CBE	18 August
2020		
	Peter Hicks	18 August 2020
	Oni Oviri	18 August 2020
Director	James Bramble	
Patrons	HRH the Duke of Gloucester Jean-Christophe Napoleon Bonaparte	
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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

Income from Donations	£4,089.00
Expenditure	Nil