



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2018		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2019

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

41 The Old Village
Huntington
York
Postcode YO32 9RA

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Derek Farmer	Secretary		
2	Simon Howard	Treasurer		
3	Gerry Fisher			
4	Paul Thornley			
5	Rupert Powell			
6	Martin Whillock			
7	Paul Buglass			
8	Mark Baldwyn		5/10/18 -31/08/19	AGM
9	Andrew Stephenson	Chairman	22/10/18-31/08/19	Trustees
10	David Friend		22/10/18-31/08/19	Trustees
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)				
	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year		

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election at AGM and appointment by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Trustees are provided with Charity Commission Trustee guidance, a copy of the current constitution and a copy of last full year financial accounts.</p> <p>The Charity Trustees maintain overall control and responsibility, however delegate limited financial decisions (£500) and day to day operation of Charity in terms of Observatory Management and Events to a Management Committee.</p> <p>The Charity leased a small part of an operational Gliding Club for the location of an Astronomical Observatory however, during the course of 2018, the society were given notice to quit the site. The first part of this year saw the society seeking planning permission to relocate the observatory to another site still within the Green Belt. This was approved by York City Council on September 13th 2018. The only condition applied was that the facility can only be used for astronomy.</p> <p>Intensive planning then continued to arrange the physical relocation of two former shipping containers from one side of the city to the other. On October 8th the containers were successfully moved.</p> <p>The society has entered into a 5 year lease for the land at Beetle Bank Open Farm on which the observatory is located along with access to a facilities building for meetings (café & toilets) the use of outside areas for observing sessions and option to hire café area and other areas for fundraising events.</p> <p>The major risk to the society during 2018 was raising funds for and completion of the move and its refurbishment of the Astronomical Observatory.</p> <p>The society received £500 sponsorship from a Yorkshire based company called Everything Voice.</p>
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There is a risk associated with a formal lease.

It has to be noted that many members of the society stepped forward in so many ways, giving freely of their time and in some cases money to progress the move and refurbishment of the observatory.

In addition a member of the public has made a substantial donation to the society in the form of a telescope and associated equipment.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance public education and interest in the science of astronomy and it's related sciences, in the Yorkshire region, in particular by the education, encouragement and pursuit of astronomical knowledge and observational astronomy, and by such means as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The York Astronomical Society held a number of free events and assisted with events for which a donation was received. All the events are supported by society members bringing their own telescopes and receiving no financial reward.

We held Management Committee meetings, and Trustee meetings as needed. The Management Committee meetings included significant Trustee presence.

Membership of the society is open to all with standard and concession annual membership fees (£25 and £12.50) with under 16's free. In providing these events the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit arising from these activities.

The society has started a programme of paid events to raise funds for infrastructure and equipment in support of the charitable objects.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The society works on a totally voluntary basis. Members receive no expenses or refund of transport costs. Members give willingly of their time and experience to share the awe of astronomical observation.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 22 public meeting/lectures in central York – an entrance fee was payable to cover room rental/lecture fees. The year kicked off with a free public meeting at St Peters School to celebrate the 1000th meeting of YAS. Over 400 members of the public attended.

We held 8 public Star Parties on York Knavesmire which are free.

We attended with telescopes for public events held by the following: Rievaulx Terrace (National Trust), St Peters School, York, The Yorkshire Arboretum, North York Moors National Park Sutton Bank and received donations.

We attended with telescopes and gave talks on astronomy for the following: Boothferry Primary School, Derwenthorpe Community Centre, Huby Beavers and attended the York Festival of Ideas for which no payment was received.

We held a number of public events at Beetle Bank Open Farm to raise funds for the society. These events included several Crescent Moon Watch events to support the local Islamic community.

Some members gave talks to groups of individuals and some community groups for which donations were received.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No significant reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**


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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Derek Farmer	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Secretary	
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Date

4/10/19



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	01/09/2018	To	31/08/2019
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Book sales	16	-	-	16	-
Calendar sales	143	-	-	143	-
Collection at Knavesmire	58	-	-	58	-
Donations	486	-	-	486	-
Just Giving	2	-	-	2	-
Key Ring sales	6	-	-	6	-
Money received for Night Scenes	50	-	-	50	-
Monthly Subs - John Roberts	50	-	-	50	-
Moon Watches	233	-	-	233	-
Payment from Castle Howard	50	-	-	50	-
Raffle	262	-	-	262	-
Room Takings	538	-	-	538	-
Sale of Batteries	127	-	-	127	-
Sale of YAS Chairs	50	-	-	50	-
Sponsorship from Everything Voice	500	-	-	500	-
St Peter's - Purchase of Calendars	30	-	-	30	-
Subscriptions	1,190	-	-	1,190	-
Ticketsource Ticket Sales	114	-	-	114	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	3,904	-	-	3,904	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,904	-	-	3,904	-
A3 Payments					
Electrical Cable for Observatory	602	-	-	602	-
Expanding Foam for Observatory	18	-	-	18	-
Insurance on Observatory	541	-	-	541	-
Screws for Observatory	14	-	-	14	-
Stairs for Observatory	163	-	-	163	-
Timber for Observatory	343	-	-	343	-
Pen and Scissors for Observatory	18	-	-	18	-
Observatory Rental	1,440	-	-	1,440	-
FAS Renewal	58	-	-	58	-
BAA Subs	51	-	-	51	-
Card Fees	10	-	-	10	-
Lecture Fees for speakers	349	-	-	349	-
Moon Watch fee to BB	95	-	-	95	-
Purchase of 10 Night Scenes	34	-	-	34	-
Purchase of 2019 Calendars	36	-	-	36	-
Purchase of Flyers	50	-	-	50	-
Raffle Prizes purchases	6	-	-	6	-
Priory Street Room Fees	805	-	-	805	-
Key for Knavesmire	18	-	-	18	-
TicketSource Cancellation Fee	2	-	-	2	-
Two Receipt Books	11	-	-	11	-
Sub total	4,663	-	-	4,663	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,663	-	-	4,663	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 759	-	-	- 759	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,281	-	-	2,281	-
Cash funds this year end	1,522	-	-	1,522	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		-	-	-
	HSBC	1,492	-	-
	Cash	30	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,522	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Derek Farmer	04/10/2019	