



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2019		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

21 Lord Drive	
Pocklington	
York	
Postcode YO42 2PB	

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	01/09/19 – 19/08/19	
2	Simon Howard	Treasurer		
3	Gerry Fisher		01/09/19 – 02/03/20	
4	Paul Thornley			
5	Rupert Powell		01/09/19 – 04/10/19	
6	Martin Whillock		01/09/19 – 04/10/19	
7	Paul Buglass		01/09/19 – 04/10/19	
8	Mark Baldwyn		01/09/19 – 04/10/19	
9	Andrew Stephenson	Chairman		
10	David Friend			
11	John Wood			AGM
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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)

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

- 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.

Trustees are provided with Charity Commission Trustee guidance, a copy of the current constitution and a copy of last full year financial accounts.

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.

The society is in the second year of a five-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.

The major risk to the society during 2019 has been the challenges around the COVID 19 crisis, operating in a safe way whilst keeping engagement with the members. A second risk has been the resignation of Trustees, including the Charity's Secretary.

The society received £500 sponsorship from a Yorkshire based company called Everything Voice.

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, as in previous years we have received substantial donations to the society in the form of telescopes 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 its 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 several 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 continued with 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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 19 public meeting/lectures this year with 13 meetings in central York where an entrance fee was payable to cover room rental/lecture fees and 6 meeting held online over zoom which were free to all with a request for donations. We held 7 public Star Parties on York Knavesmire which are free, stopping on the 5th March due to COVID 19 medical guidance.

We attended with telescopes for public events held by the following: St Peters School, York, Brimham Rocks, North York Moors National Park Sutton Bank and Fountains Abby and received donations.

We attended with telescopes and gave talks on astronomy for the following: Boothferry Primary School, Kyle Valley Beavers, Huby Beavers and attended an event at University of York Astro Campus.

We held a number of public events at Beetle Bank Open Farm to raise funds for the society. These events included ticketed events and the free York Residents Weekend event in January.

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)

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

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Date

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2019	To	31/08/2020
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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	2	-	-	2	-
Calendar Sales	14	-	-	14	-
Crescent Moon Sales	245	-	-	245	-
Donation from Bucket	13	-	-	13	-
Donations for Online Meetings	210	-	-	210	-
Everthing Voice Sponsorship	500	-	-	500	-
From Osset Cubs	20	-	-	20	-
JustGiving - Donations for Online Meetings	72	-	-	72	-
Kyle Valley Beavers Fee	20	-	-	20	-
lunar lander competition	80	-	-	80	-
Monthly Subs - John Roberts	60	-	-	60	-
National Trust - talk at NT	80	-	-	80	-
Pencil Sales	5	-	-	5	-
Raffle	175	-	-	175	-
Room Takings	446	-	-	446	-
Sale of Books	25	-	-	25	-
Sale of Lunar Calendars	26	-	-	26	-
Sale of Pencils	1	-	-	1	-
Sale of Pens	2	-	-	2	-
Sale of Space man wool toys	105	-	-	105	-
Sale of Sundials/Planetspheres	11	-	-	11	-
Sale of Night Scenes magazines	60	-	-	60	-
Subscriptions	763	-	-	763	-
Takings taken at Fylingdales talk	20	-	-	20	-
Ticket Source Ticket Sales	380	-	-	380	-
York Council Covid Grant	2,500	-	-	2,500	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,832	-	-	5,832	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,832	-	-	5,832	-
A3 Payments					
BAA Subscription Fee	51	-	-	51	-
Bank Fees on card takings	5	-	-	5	-
Beginners Guide to Astro BBF fee	80	-	-	80	-
FAS Subscription	58	-	-	58	-
Ink used by Derek Farmer	30	-	-	30	-
Just giving- Lime Tree	50	-	-	50	-
Leaflet Printing	49	-	-	49	-
Postage fee for Derek Farmer	3	-	-	3	-
Purchase of 10 Night Scenes Book	43	-	-	43	-
CVS Room Fee	490	-	-	490	-
Speakers Costs	310	-	-	310	-
Curtain Fabric for Observatory	13	-	-	13	-
Handrail material at Observatory	37	-	-	37	-
Observatory Insurance	541	-	-	541	-
Observatory Mobile Phone	15	-	-	15	-
Cake/plates fo observatory opening	18	-	-	18	-
Observatory Rental	1,458	-	-	1,458	-
Paint for Observatory	18	-	-	18	-
Power Supply box for Observatory	106	-	-	106	-
Snap Spring for Observatory	3	-	-	3	-
Timber for Observatory	39	-	-	39	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,417	-	-	3,417	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
CCXX R1 accounts (SS)	-	1	-	-	13/11/2020

	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,417	-	-	3,417	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,415	-	-	2,415	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,522	-	-	1,522	-
Cash funds this year end	3,937	-	-	3,937	-

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	HBSC Account	-	-	-
	Cash Account	3,907	-	-
		30	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,937	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
CCXX R2 accounts (SS)	2		13/11/2020	