



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2020		31	08	2021

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	Simon Howard	Treasurer		
2	Paul Thornley			
3	Andrew Stephenson	Chairman		
4	David Friend			
5	John Wood		20 th November 20 - On	
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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 third 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 facility 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 2020 has been the challenges around the COVID 19 crisis, operating in a safe way whilst keeping engagement with the members and wider public.

It must be noted that a few members of the society continued in so many ways to freely give their time and in some cases money to progress the refurbishment of the observatory.

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objectives 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 was unable to hold in person public events which the rules around Social Distancing were in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

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

Membership of the society is open to all with standard and concession annual membership fees (£30 and £15) with under 16's free however due to the lack of face-to-face meetings we reduced the membership fee (£15 and £7.50) until September 2021. In providing online events the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit arising from these activities. The society will return to 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

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 21 online meeting/lectures and donations for attending the meetings were requested. The meetings proved to be very well attended with some having 40 plus attendees, made up of members and event subscribers.

The Online lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and PHD Students. The membership of the Society remained strong with 72 members.

In August 2021 we held a Crescent Moon Watch from Sutton Bank which was attended by 10 people and raised £15. Also in August we assisted in the Beetle Bank Farm Camping weekend by opening up the Observatory to visitors to showcase the refurbished facility.

Sadly, all public outreach events between August 2020 and July 2021 inclusive were cancelled.

A small socially distanced group of members met weekly for observing sessions when lockdown restrictions allowed.

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)

Andrew Stephenson

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Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Chair

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Date

10/10/2021

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2020

To

31/08/2021

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					
Donations	210	-	-	210	-
Sale of Generator	30	-	-	30	-
Sutton Bank collections	15	-	-	15	-
Members Subscriptions	978	-	-	978	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
A3 Payments					
Equipment for Observatory	907	-	-	907	-
Observatory Rental	1,470	-	-	1,470	-
Observatory Insurance	591	-	-	591	-
Electrician Fee for observatory	204	-	-	204	-
BAA Subscriptions	51	-	-	51	-
FAS Renewal	58	-	-	58	-
Group IO fee 20 US dollars	15	-	-	15	-
Lecture Fees	160	-	-	160	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,455	-	-	3,455	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,455	-	-	3,455	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,222	-	-	- 2,222	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,937	-	-	3,937	-
Cash funds this year end	1,715	-	-	1,715	-

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	1,685	-	-
		30	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,715	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	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
		Andrew Stephenson	
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