



# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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|-------------|-----|-------------------|------|-----------|-----------------|-------|------|
|             |     | Period start date |      |           | Period end date |       |      |
| <b>From</b> | Day | Month             | Year | <b>To</b> | Day             | Month | Year |
|             | 01  | 09                | 2022 |           | 31              | 08    | 2023 |

## Section A Reference and administration details

**Charity name**

**Other names charity is known by**

**Registered charity number (if any)**

**Charity's principal address**

|                   |  |
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| 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   | Andrew Stephenson | Chairman                                 |                                   |   |
| 2   | David Friend      |  |                                   |   |
| 3   | John Wood         |  |                                   |   |
| 4   | Simon Howard      | Secretary                                |                                   |   |
| 5   | Paul Thornley     |  |                                   |   |
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| <b>Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)</b> |                   |  |                                   |   |
|   | <b>Name</b>       | <b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b> |                                   |   |
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**Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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**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**

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

**Additional governance issues (Optional information)**

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| <p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.</li> </ul> | <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 society is in the fifth year of a minimum 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 &amp; toilets) the use of outside areas for observing sessions and option to hire café area and other areas for fundraising events.</p> <p>There is no major risk to the society during 2023, membership numbers have been maintaining and the attendance of the meetings has good.</p> |
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**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 able to hold in person public events this year.

We held Management Committee and Trustee meetings as . 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.

The Society received a generous donation of £500 from Everything Voice, Hull.

The society returned to a programme of paid events to raise funds for rent, infrastructure, and equipment in support of the charitable objects. As well as events primarily for the inspiration and education of the public.

**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, experience, and their own equipment to share the awe of astronomical observation.

**Section D**

**Achievements and performance**

## Section D

## Achievements and performance

### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 20 meeting/lectures at Beetle Bank Farm except for the AGM which we held at Priory Street Centre.

The lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and professional speakers.

The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with xx members (down from 72 the previous year).

We published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website.

In March we again collaborated with York RI Brass Band for a concert to raise funds and increase public awareness of the society, held at York St John's University, and raised over £800 for the society.

At the request of Sutton Bank National Park, we put on an Astronomy event with a talk for the education of the public and to raise society funds. We arranged events at Beetle Bank farm for the Scout and Beaver groups.

St Peters...

In September York Astronomical Society celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a full day event at the Priory Street Centre in York which was a great success and open to the General Public

## 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.

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**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

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
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|--------------|-------------------|--|
| Full name(s) | Andrew Stephenson |  |
|--------------|-------------------|--|

|                                     |       |  |
|-------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair |  |
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|------|------------|
| Date | 18/10/2023 |
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

York Astronomical Society

No (if any)

## Receipts and payments accounts

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|---------------------|------------|----|------------|
| For the period from | 01/09/2022 | To | 31/08/2023 |
|---------------------|------------|----|------------|

### Section A Receipts and payments

|   | Unrestricted funds<br>to the nearest<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>to the nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to the nearest £ | Total funds<br>to the nearest £ | Last year<br>to the nearest £ |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>A1 Receipts</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Membership Subs                                       | 1,412                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,412                           | 1,665                         |
| Sponsorship   | 500                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 500                             | 800                           |
| Event Entry Fees/Doantions                            | 965                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 965                             | 790                           |
| YAS Meet Door Fees                                    | 1,335                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,335                           | 654                           |
| Raffle  | 323                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 323                             | 157                           |
| Donations (Assorted)                                  | 43  | -                                    | -                                   | 43                              | 82                            |
| Just Giving   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 24                            |
| Sales   | 8   | -                                    | -                                   | 8                               | 31                            |
| Misc  | 200                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 200                             | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>                | <b>4,785</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>4,785</b>                    | <b>4,203</b>                  |
| <b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total receipts</b>                                 | <b>4,785</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>4,785</b>                    | <b>4,203</b>                  |
| <b>A3 Payments</b>                                    |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
| Observatory Rental                                    | 1,658                                     | -                                    | -                                   | 1,658                           | 1,475                         |
| Observatory Insurance                                 | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 684                           |
| Technical Observatory Equipment                       | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 659                           |
| Meeting Venue Hire                                    | 630                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 630                             | 270                           |
| Guest Speaker Fees                                    | 105                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 105                             | 150                           |
| Association Fees                                      | 116                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 116                             | 109                           |
| Observatory Maintenance                               | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | 106                           |
| Zoom  | 43  | -                                    | -                                   | 43                              | 130                           |
| Misc  | 45  | -                                    | -                                   | 45                              | 113                           |
| Bank Charges  | 55  | -                                    | -                                   | 55                              | 49                            |
| Zettle Fees   | 27  | -                                    | -                                   | 27                              | -                             |
| Event Costs   | 134                                       | -                                    | -                                   | 134                             | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>2,813</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>2,813</b>                    | <b>3,744</b>                  |
| <b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b> |   |                                      |                                     |                                 |                               |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
|   | -   | -                                    | -                                   | -                               | -                             |
| <b>Sub total</b>                                      | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>Total payments</b>                                 | <b>2,813</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>2,813</b>                    | <b>3,744</b>                  |
| <b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>                     | <b>1,972</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>1,972</b>                    | <b>459</b>                    |
| <b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>                     | <b>-</b>                                  | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>-</b>                        | <b>-</b>                      |
| <b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>                    | <b>2,174</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>2,174</b>                    | <b>3,937</b>                  |
| <b>Cash funds this year end</b>                       | <b>4,146</b>                              | <b>-</b>                             | <b>-</b>                            | <b>4,146</b>                    | <b>1,715</b>                  |

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

| Categories           | Details  | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B1 Cash funds</b> | HSBC Account   | 4,116                              | -                                | -                               |
|                      | Cash Box   | 30                                 | -                                | -                               |
|                      |  | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                      | <b>Total cash funds</b>                                | <b>4,146</b>                       | <b>-</b>                         | <b>-</b>                        |
|                      | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK                                 | OK                               | OK                              |

| Categories                      | Details | Unrestricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Restricted funds<br>to nearest £ | Endowment funds<br>to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>B2 Other monetary assets</b> |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |
|                                 |         | -                                  | -                                | -                               |

| Categories                  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B3 Investment assets</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|                             |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories  | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| <b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b> |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |
|   |         |                             | -               | -                        |

| Categories            | Details                            | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| <b>B5 Liabilities</b> | Delayed Payment of 22/23 Insurance | Unrestricted funds              | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                    |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                    |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                    |                                 | -                     |                     |
|                       |                                    |                                 | -                     |                     |

|   |           |            |                  |
|---|-----------|------------|------------------|
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|   |           |            |                  |
|   |           |            |                  |