

# **CRAYFORD MANOR HOUSE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY DARTFORD**

**Financial Accounts for the year ended  
31 August 2023**

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# CRAYFORD MANOR HOUSE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY DARTFORD

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

#### Introduction

At the Annual General Meeting of 9 November 2023, and in accordance with clauses 16, 13(2) and 13(3) of the Society's constitution, Mr Martin Crow, Mr Simon Dawes and Mr John Howarth retired as trustees. The retirees were then-elected as trustees by majority vote of those members present at the same meeting.

Below is a table of the details of the last three year elections of all the current trustees.

Trustee	Role	Retired	Elected
Mr Martin Crow	Technical Adviser	9 Nov 2023	5 Nov 2023
Mr Simon Dawes	Trustee & Webmaster	9 Nov 2023	5 Nov 2023
Mr John Howarth	Trustee	9 Nov 2023	5 Nov 2023
Mr Keith Rickard	Treasurer	10 Nov 2022	10 Nov 2022
Ms Rita Whiting	Programme Administrator	10 Nov 2022	10 Nov 2022
Mr John Archer	Chair	4 Nov 2021	4 Nov 2021
Dr Michael Rushton	Secretary	4 Nov 2021	4 Nov 2021

The Society's membership during the year remained at 61 members as at 31 August 2023 - 7 members joined and 7 members left during the year.

The Society is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1156678 in England and Wales.

#### Society's Activities.

Society members were able to meet at the Sutton at Hone pavilion as normal, receive 28 lectures, and carry out a number of outreach activities including schools and Hall Place events promoting astronomy to beginners.

Society members Keith Rickard, Martin Crow, Steve Floodgate and Andy Barber successfully motorised the dome of the Society's Dick Chambers Observatory. It now tracks and slews to where the 16" Meade LX200 telescope is pointing and allows members to control the telescope with a smart phone, tablet or PC. The impetus of this project was due to the formation of the Exo-planet Group where members could use the observatory to carry out exo-planet observations.

Our meteor camera team continued to carry out diligent work in reviewing video capture files of detected meteors and providing excellent scientific data for Nemetode project.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 1 June 2024:

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Rickard". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Keith Rickard, Trustee and Treasurer**

# CRAYFORD MANOR HOUSE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY DARTFORD

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Crayford Manor House Astronomical Society Dartford

I report on the accounts of CMHASD for the year ended 31st August 2023.

### **Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

### **Basis of this report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material aspect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met



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24 June 2024

**CRAYFORD MANOR HOUSE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY DARTFORD**  
**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023**

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		<b>Year ended 31 Aug 2023</b>	<b>Year ended 31 Aug 2022</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Subscription Income		4,413.33	3,745.33
Donations		-	-
Gift Aid		560.51	-
Other Income		10.00	10.00
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<u>4,983.84</u>	<u>3,755.33</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Venue Hire		1,497.95	709.93
Broadband & Telephone		776.38	726.24
Lecturers' expenses		829.00	894.20
Public Liability Insurance		32.00	28.00
Magazines, Journals & Subscriptions		217.20	204.95
Refreshments		160.00	200.00
Promotion		93.55	-
Projects & Equipment		621.38	306.44
Miscellaneous		-	-
Bank charges		100.08	90.08
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<u>4,327.54</u>	<u>3,159.84</u>
<b>NET INCOME</b>		<u>656.30</u>	<u>595.49</u>
<b>MOVEMENT ON FUNDS</b>			
	<b>1 Sep 2022</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>31 Aug 2023</b>
Accumulated Fund	7,390.77	656.30	8,047.07
Core Fund	3,000.00	-	3,000.00
	<u>10,390.77</u>	<u>656.30</u>	<u>11,047.07</u>