

Chairman's report to 2023 AGM on 23 October 2023

The year under review (September 2022 to August 2023) is our first full "post Covid" year. With the reduced capacity following the replacement of the old seating, and the previously reported improvement of air flow through the auditorium, audience numbers were restored to full capacity. Various upgrades of equipment have been made including to the audio and video presentation equipment, a new spherical (quarter sphere) mirror has been acquired and installed and further modification of the controls for the Spitz A5 projector has been carried out. Also, before and during the summer shut, the controls for the planetarium audio-visual equipment, digital and analogue, were moved to a desk in the office and the equipment rack re-located in the office. To make room a bulky filing cabinet was moved out of the office and currently sits against the North wall of the Planetarium. The Planetarium general lighting has been updated, replacing the failing low voltage rail mounted lights with up to date mains powered strip and LED lighting. There is a noticeable improvement in the lighting available in the auditorium - which should make meeting much easier. Adding dimming for these lights remains to be done. Discussions with Stockton Council on renewing the Lease have continued and we believe we are close to completing these satisfactorily. Until formalisation of the revised Lease, we have continued under the previously noted interim agreement was made with Stockton to continue the old lease pending the signature of the new one and in practice we are operating on the basis of the agreed terms of the new lease for activities outside the Planetarium. The Trustees have kept possible future development of the Planetarium in mind, but active development on this has been deferred until the new lease is signed with Stockton Council. Of course the Trustees thanks go to the members and volunteers who directly support operation of the Planetarium and Observatory throughout the year.

J W Roberts, Chairman TASC September 2023



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Receipts and payments accounts				
For the period from	Period start date Jun-22	To	Period end date Jun-23	

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					
Show Receipts	5,037			5,037	1,103
Special Interest					
Cadas room fee					
Member's Subs	120			120	
Donations	210			210	
Small Business Grant					2,667
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,367			5,367	3,770
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sub total					
Total receipts					
A3 Payments					
Insurance for Trustees and Volunteers	294			294	292
Travel Expenses for Volunteers	712			712	347
Building Insurance & Utilities	492			492	492
Equipment (Projectors PC Software)	2,985			2,985	823
Misc. Building Maintenance	965			965	500
Covid compatible seats	2,752			2,752	2,250
Sub total	8,200			8,200	4,704
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Sub total					
Total payments	8,200			8,200	4,704
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,833			2,833	- 934

A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

21,591
18,758

21,591
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22,525
21,591