

BISHOP AUCKLAND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1172061

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021

B.A.A.S. Trustees are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2021.

The charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 15th March 2017 and officially commenced activities on the 1st April 2017.

The charity replaced, and has continued the work of the unregistered organisation 'Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society'.

All assets and liabilities were transferred to the registered charity on that date.

Structure Governance and Management:

The charity is set up as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), using the foundation model constitution as the basis for its governing document. The charity employs no staff, the trustees do all of the work of the charity and are unpaid, along with volunteer society members.

Summary of objectives:

The objectives of the charity are: To bring astronomy to people of all ages and abilities, primarily in and around the Bishop Auckland and Weardale areas; To host monthly meetings with speakers, organise and conduct astronomical observing events, and to give astronomy/space themed talks to the general public, schools and other organisations, including those with special needs; To provide Solar observing sessions with specialised equipment, primarily for schools and other youth groups.

Activities undertaken for Public Benefit:

The charity trustees have complied with their duty in section 4 of the 2006 act to have due regard to guidance on public benefit published by the commission.

Prior to the national lockdowns:

The charity: Held regular "Moonwatch" events which were open to the general public.

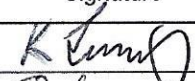
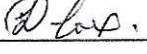
Helped scout groups to acquire their "Space" badges.

Expanded our Solar observing sessions for schools and youth groups, via the acquisition of Solar telescopes with highly specialised solar filters, which we look forward to using as soon as social distancing rules allow.

Gave educational talks to many groups, which included The W.I. and Salvation Army youth groups.

Helped schools in a fun and educational way with after school clubs and 'Space Camp' events, in conjunction with the Stephen Hawking Foundation.

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	Cash at bank	1,450	-	-
	Cash in hand	120	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,570	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds 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)
	Accountant	Unrestricted	120	Now
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Karl Jennings	11/12/2021	
		Duane Cox	11/12/2021	