

BISHOP AUCKLAND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1172061

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2022

B.A.A.S. Trustees are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2022.

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

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

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

Structure Governance and Management:

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

Summary of objectives:

The objectives of the CIO 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; to 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. We now also provide Solar observing sessions with specialised equipment, primarily for schools and other youth groups.

Activities undertaken for Public Benefit:

The 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 charity commission.

Since the general re-opening after the national lockdowns:

The charity: Can again hold "Moonwatch" events which will be open to the general public.

Helps scout groups to acquire their "Space" badges.

Expand our Solar observing sessions for schools and youth groups, via the recent acquisition of Solar telescopes with highly specialised solar filters, which we have now commenced to roll out to school groups.

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

Helped a number of schools in fun and educational ways with 'Space Camp' events, in conjunction with the Stephen Hawking Foundation.

Achievements and performance:

After the worldwide coronavirus pandemic, the charity has been able to re-commence our usual outreach/educational activities, as well as our monthly meetings, as mentioned above. We continue to support the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England and Wales' (AONB) "Dark Sky Initiative" program, and the National Nature Reserves in England (NNR) with regard to future dark sky events on their properties.

Financial Reserves Policy:

The charity intends to hold sufficient funds to purchase future equipment as determined by the Trustees from time to time and to have enough funds to sustain the society in its activities for twelve months. Trustees regularly devise plans to generate the necessary funds, often holding 'tombola' events at public shows, while showing filtered telescope views of the Sun to members of the public.

At the year end, the charity holds £1,750.

Future Plans:

We plan to use our funded specialist Solar telescopes to continue our Solar observing sessions for those that cannot observe the sky during the night, particularly schools and other youth groups. Now that social distancing rules have been relaxed, the society will continue our usual outreach activities and monthly meetings.

Society Details:

Registered Address; 11 Wykes Close, Sedgefield, TS21 2DY

Accountant: S M Lowery -. Certified Accountant and Registered Auditor, Great Lumley, Co Durham.

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc. Spennymoor, Co Durham.

Trustees of the Charity:

Mr. Duane Cox (Chair) - Mr. Karl Jennings (Vice-chair)

Mrs. Lynda Cox (Treasurer) - Ms. Maureen Parkin-Magson (Secretary)

Persons entitled to appoint new trustees: Current Trustees, by unanimous vote only.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Jennings', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

23rd June, 2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society

No (if any)
1172061

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/2021

To

Period end date
31/03/2022

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					
	-	-	-	-	-
Events	872	-	-	872	120
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	872	-	-	872	120
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	872	-	-	872	120
A3 Payments					
Cost of Events	241	-	-	241	-
Office Costs	75	-	-	75	30
Insurance	96	-	-	96	-
Other	40	-	-	40	265
Accountancy	120	-	-	120	240
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	572	-	-	572	535
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	572	-	-	572	535
Net of receipts/(payments)	300	-	-	300	415
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,570	-	-	1,570	-
Cash funds this year end	1,870	-	-	1,870	415

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	1,801	-	-
	Cash in Hand	69	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,870	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))			

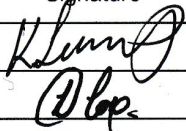
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Telescopes	Unrestricted	3,333	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Accountant	unrestricted	120	Now
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Karl Jennings	24-10-22
	Duane Cox	24-10-22