

BISHOP AUCKLAND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1172061

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2023

B.A.A.S. Trustees are pleased to present our Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2023.

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

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

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

Structure Governance and Management:

B.A.A.S. is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), we use the foundation model constitution as the basis for our governing document. The CIO has no paid employees, the trustees do all the work of the organisation and are not paid, nor 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 arrange astronomy/space themed talks for the general public, schools and other organisations, including those with special needs. We now also provide Solar observing sessions with specialised equipment, primarily for (but not limited to) 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.

The charity: Holds occasional observing events which are open to the general public.

Helps scout groups to acquire their "Space" badges

Has expanded our Solar observing sessions for schools and youth groups, via the acquisition of Solar telescopes with highly specialised solar filters. Now that we have satisfied the original funding criteria we are continuing to use the equipment for further events.

Give educational and/or entertaining talks to many other groups, which include 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:

Since re-commencing activities after the coronavirus pandemic, the charity has continued our usual outreach/educational work, as well as our monthly meetings. 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).

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 at least 12 months. This includes occasional '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 £2,059.

Future Plans:

We are pleased to announce that now social distancing rules no longer need to be strictly observed, the society will continue our usual outreach activities and monthly meetings as normal.

Announcement:

It is with great sadness that we must announce the passing of our long standing Trustee and Secretary Maureen Parkin-Magson. 'Mo' will be hugely missed, both personally, and for her outstanding contribution to the society.

In light of this sad loss we have appointed 2 new Trustees – Mrs. Karen Susan Walker, who is also our new secretary, and Mr. Jeffrey 'Alan' Dickinson.

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

Accountant: Jane Ascroft - Certified Accountant – Enterprise House, Barnard Castle.

Bank: Lloyds Bank plc. Spennymoor, Co Durham.

Trustees of the Charity:

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

Mrs. Karen Susan Walker (Secretary) - Mr. Jeffrey Alan Dickinson

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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

29th June, 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society

1172061

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2022

To

31/03/2023

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	1,460	-	-	1,460	872
Donations	110	-	-	110	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</i>	1,570	-	-	1,570	872
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,570	-	-	1,570	872
A3 Payments					
Cost of events	541	-	-	541	241
Office costs	37	-	-	37	75
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Accountancy	120	-	-	120	120
Tombola prizes	98	-	-	98	-
Members' Shirts	335	-	-	335	-
Other costs	154	-	-	154	40
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	1,381	-	-	1,381	572
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sub total</i>	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,381	-	-	1,381	572
<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	189	-	-	189	300
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,870	-	-	1,870	1,570
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	2,059	-	-	2,059	1,870

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	Bank	1,817	-	-
	Cash	242	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,059	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

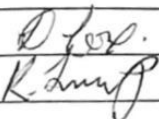
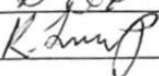
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	DUANE COX	29-6-23
	KARL JENNINGS	29-6-23