



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bishop Auckland Astronomical Society

1172061

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

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	433	-	-	433	1,009
Donations	-	-	-	-	136
Sale of merchandise	-	-	-	-	271
Grant from County Durham Community Foundation	-	-	-	-	1,700
Tombola/raffle income	296	-	-	296	-
Other income	49	-	-	49	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	778	-	-	778	3,116
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	778	-	-	778	3,116
A3 Payments					
Cost of events	29	-	-	29	211
Office costs	13	-	-	13	218
Insurance	96	-	-	96	96
Accountancy	120	-	-	120	120
Tombola prizes	104	-	-	104	284
Members' Shirts	67	-	-	67	-
Gazebo	-	-	-	-	2,007
Other costs	126	-	-	126	272
Display tables	111	-	-	111	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	666	-	-	666	3,208
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	666	-	-	666	3,208
Net of receipts/(payments)	112	-	-	112	92
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,967	-	-	1,967	2,059
Cash funds this year end	2,079	-	-	2,079	1,967

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	2,079	-	-
	Cash	-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,079	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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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)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

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

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

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 £2079.

We are proud to announce

Our youngest member Mr James Morland in June 2025 was awarded Durham Universities young Physicist of the year.

Societies Registered Address; 11 Wykes Close, Sedgfield, TS21 2DY

Accountant: Jane Ascroft – Certified Accountant – Enterprise House, Barnard castle.

Bank: Lloyds Bank Plc.

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 'D Cox', is written over a faint circular stamp.

1st August, 2025

BISHOP AUCKLAND ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 1172061

Trustees Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2025

B.A.A.S. Trustees are happy to present our Annual Report for the year ending 31st March 2025.

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 and volunteer society members do all the work of the organisation and are not paid.

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, help scout groups to acquire their "Space" badges. Also expanded our Solar observing sessions for schools and youth groups via our Solar telescopes with **specialised solar filters**.

Help schools in fun and educational ways with "space camp" events in conjunction with the Stephen Hawking Foundation.

Also, we are now running workshops and observing sessions at 'The Locomotion' railway museum in Shildon, these are free to the public on the museum's grounds.

Achievements and performance

The charity continues with our usual outreach/educational work, as well as our monthly meetings. We continue to support the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in England (AONB/National Landscapes) "Dark Sky Initiative" program, and the National Nature Reserves in England (NNR). The Society has recently presented Astronomical talks to the W.I and have enquiries from the U3A.