

YORK ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1174488

Details

Other names YAS

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-04

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE PUBLIC EDUCATION AND INTEREST IN THE SCIENCE OF ASTRONOMY AND IT'S RELATED SCIENCES, IN THE YORKSHIRE REGION, IN PARTICULAR BY THE EDUCATION, ENCOURAGEMENT AND PURSUIT OF ASTRONOMICAL KNOWLEDGE AND OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY, AND BY SUCH MEANS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY DETERMINE.

Activities: Advancing public education and interest in the science of astronomy and its related sciences in the Yorkshire region.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- City Of York
- East Riding Of Yorkshire
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£4,595	£4,568	-	-
2024-08-31	£3,482	£3,695	-	-
2023-08-31	£4,785	£2,813	-	-
2022-08-31	£4,203	£3,744	-	-
2021-08-31	£1,233	£3,455	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Stephenson		2018-10-22
David Friend		2018-10-22
John Nancarro-Wood		2019-10-04
Paul Thornley		2017-12-01
Simon Howard		2017-12-04

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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The York Astronomical Society help in person public events this year.

We held Management Committee and Trustee meetings as needed . The Management Committee meetings included significant Trustee presence.

Membership of the society is open to all with standard and concession annual membership fees (£35 and £20) with under 16's free. We introduced a family membership of £50.

The held a programme of paid events to raise funds for rent, infrastructure, and equipment in support of the charitable objects. As well as events primarily for the inspiration and education of the public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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The York Astronomical Society has held 29 meeting/lectures at Beetle Bank Farm except for the AGM which we held at Priory Street Centre.

The lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and professional speakers.

The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with 62 members.

On the 28th of February we collaborated with St Peters School York for their annual Astronomy evening, by putting on a Starparty in the grounds of St Peters.

We published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website. The publication is called What's Up! And we would like to thank Steve Sawyer for putting this excellent resource together for us each month.

On the 25th and 26th January we hosted a resident's weekend at Beetle bank farm introducing Astronomy to young families through activities and displays.

The observatory was maintained and is in good working order.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No significant reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

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Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Andrew Stephenson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	17/10/2025
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1/9/2024	To	31/8/2025
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subs	1,337	-	-	1,337	1,154
Sponsorship	500	-	-	500	198
Event Entry Fees/Donations	-	-	-	-	198
YAS Meet Door Fees	1,806	-	-	1,806	1,531
Raffle	429	-	-	429	298
Donations (Assorted)	423	-	-	423	300
Just Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	80	-	-	80	1
Misc	20	-	-	20	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total/(Gross income for AR)	4,595	-	-	4,595	3,482
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,595	-	-	4,595	3,482
A3 Payments					
Observatory Rental	1,638	-	-	1,638	1,638
Observatory Insurance 23-24	-	-	-	-	710
Observatory Insurance 25-26	743	-	-	743	725
Technical Observatory Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Meeting Venue Hire	1,188	-	-	1,188	396
Guest Speaker Fees	201	-	-	201	120
Association Fees	85	-	-	85	83
Observatory Maintenance missed 2019	505	-	-	505	-
Zoom	-	-	-	-	1
Misc	101	-	-	101	15
Bank Charges	64	-	-	64	61
advertising	-	-	-	-	137
Zettle Fees	42	-	-	42	24
Event Costs	-	-	-	-	508
Sub total	4,568	-	-	4,568	4,420
A4 Asset and investment					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,568	-	-	4,568	4,420
Net of receipts/(payments)	27	-	-	27	938
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,148	-	-	3,148	4,086
Cash funds this year end	3,175	-	-	3,175	3,148

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Account	3,173	-	-
	Cash in hand	3	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	3,176	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets		Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		Fund to which asset	Cost (optional)	Current value
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities		Fund to which	Amount due	When due
	Delayed Payment of 22/23 Insurance	Unrestricted funds	710	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of _____ Signature _____ Print Name _____ Date of approval _____

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5	Richard Sweeting		20 th October 2023	AGM
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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 22 meeting/lectures at Beetle Bank Farm except for the AGM which we held at Priory Street Centre.

The lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and professional speakers.

The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with 62 members.

On 2nd September York Astronomical Society belatedly celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a full day event at the Priory Street Centre in York which was a great success and open to the General Public

We published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website. The publication is called What's Up! And we would like to thank Steve Sawyer for putting this excellent resource together for us each month.

On Saturday 28th October we put on a Star Party and talk at Boroughbridge Allotments to help them with their fundraising.

On 24th November, we held an Astronomy event for Selby Scouts at Beetlebank Observatory.

On the 27th and 28th January we hosted a resident's weekend at Beetle bank farm introducing Astronomy to young families through activities and displays.

On the 29th of January we collaborated with St Peters School York for their annual Astronomy evening, by putting on a Telescope exhibition due to unfavourable weather for observing. The speaker that evening was Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell

At the request of Sutton Bank National Park, on the 10th February we put on an Astronomy event with a talk for the education of the public and to raise society funds.

On the 30th August we held a star party for campers at Beetle Bank farm and opened the observatory for tours

We arranged events at Beetle Bank farm for the Dringhouses Scout packs, on the 29th February, 5th March and 8th March.

The observatory was maintained and is in good working order, work has been carried out on the Main AE Telescope and the mirror has been resilvered by kind donation from Martin Dawson.

Neil Moss – Neil and Facebook

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No significant reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

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Section F Other optional information

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Andrew Stephenson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	17/10/2024
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1/9/2023	To	31/8/2024
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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					
Membership Subs	1,154	-	-	1,154	1,412
Sponsorship	-	-	-	-	500
Event Entry Fees/Donations	198	-	-	198	965
YAS Meet Door Fees	1,531	-	-	1,531	1,335
Raffle	298	-	-	298	323
Donations (Assorted)	300	-	-	300	43
Just Giving	-	-	-	-	-
Sales	1	-	-	1	8
Misc	-	-	-	-	200
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	3,482	-	-	3,482	4,785
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,482	-	-	3,482	4,785
A3 Payments					
Observatory Rental	1,638	-	-	1,638	1,658
Observatory Insurance	710	-	-	710	-
Technical Observatory Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Meeting Venue Hire	396	-	-	396	630
Guest Speaker Fees	120	-	-	120	105
Association Fees	83	-	-	83	116
Observatory Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-
Zoom	1	-	-	1	43
Misc	15	-	-	15	45
Bank Charges	61	-	-	61	55
advertising	137	-	-	137	-
Zettle Fees	24	-	-	24	27
Event Costs	508	-	-	508	134
Sub total	3,695	-	-	3,695	2,813
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,695	-	-	3,695	2,813
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 213	-	-	- 213	1,972
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,086	-	-	4,086	2,114
Cash funds this year end	3,873	-	-	3,873	4,086

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				
	HSBC Account	3,751	-	-
	Cash in hand	122	-	-
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Total cash funds

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to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £

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)
Delayed Payment of 22/23 Insurance	Unrestricted funds	710	
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Signature	Print Name	Date of approval

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The Society received a generous donation of £500 from Everything Voice, Hull.

The society returned to a programme of paid events to raise funds for rent, infrastructure, and equipment in support of the charitable objects. As well as events primarily for the inspiration and education of the public.

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The lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and professional speakers.

The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with xx members (down from 72 the previous year).

We published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website.

In March we again collaborated with York RI Brass Band for a concert to raise funds and increase public awareness of the society, held at York St John's University, and raised over £800 for the society.

At the request of Sutton Bank National Park, we put on an Astronomy event with a talk for the education of the public and to raise society funds. We arranged events at Beetle Bank farm for the Scout and Beaver groups.

St Peters...

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Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Andrew Stephenson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	18/10/2023
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Receipts and payments accounts

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Membership Subs	1,412	-	-	1,412	1,665
Sponsorship	500	-	-	500	800
Event Entry Fees/Doantions	965	-	-	965	790
YAS Meet Door Fees	1,335	-	-	1,335	654
Raffle	323	-	-	323	157
Donations (Assorted)	43	-	-	43	82
Just Giving	-	-	-	-	24
Sales	8	-	-	8	31
Misc	200	-	-	200	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,785	-	-	4,785	4,203
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,785	-	-	4,785	4,203
A3 Payments					
Observatory Rental	1,658	-	-	1,658	1,475
Observatory Insurance	-	-	-	-	684
Technical Observatory Equipment	-	-	-	-	659
Meeting Venue Hire	630	-	-	630	270
Guest Speaker Fees	105	-	-	105	150
Association Fees	116	-	-	116	109
Observatory Maintenance	-	-	-	-	106
Zoom	43	-	-	43	130
Misc	45	-	-	45	113
Bank Charges	55	-	-	55	49
Zettle Fees	27	-	-	27	-
Event Costs	134	-	-	134	-
Sub total	2,813	-	-	2,813	3,744
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	2,813	-	-	2,813	3,744
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,972	-	-	1,972	459
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,174	-	-	2,174	3,937
Cash funds this year end	4,146	-	-	4,146	1,715

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	HSBC Account	4,116	-	-
	Cash Box	30	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	4,146	-	-
	<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	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)
	Delayed Payment of 22/23 Insurance	Unrestricted funds	-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	

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England & Wales - Charity number 1174488

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	09	2021		31	08	2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

21 Lord Drive
Pocklington
York
Postcode YO42 2PB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Andrew Stephenson	Chairman		
2	David Friend			
3	John Wood			
4	Simon Howard	Secretary		
5	Paul Thornley			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Election at AGM and appointment by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees are provided with Charity Commission Trustee guidance, a copy of the current constitution and a copy of last full year financial accounts.

The Charity Trustees maintain overall control and responsibility, however delegate limited financial decisions (£500) and day to day operation of Charity in terms of Observatory Management and Events to a Management Committee.

The society is in the fourth year of a five-year lease for the land at Beetle Bank Open Farm on which the observatory is located along with access to a facility building for meetings (café & toilets) the use of outside areas for observing sessions and option to hire café area and other areas for fundraising events.

The major risk to the society during 2021 has been maintaining the membership numbers and having enough speakers and volunteers for meetings and events in the wake of the COVID 19 crisis.

Due to the efforts of a few members of the society, the observatory refurbishment is complete and available for public events.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the CIO are to advance public education and interest in the science of astronomy and its related sciences, in the Yorkshire region, in particular by the education, encouragement and pursuit of astronomical knowledge and observational astronomy, and by such means as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The York Astronomical Society was able to hold in person public events this year.

We held Management Committee and Trustee meetings as needed over Zoom. The Management Committee meetings included significant Trustee presence.

Membership of the society is open to all with standard and concession annual membership fees (£30 and £15) with under 16's free. In providing online and in person events the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit arising from these activities.

The Society received a generous donation of £800 from Anything Voice, Hull.

The society returned to a programme of paid events to raise funds for rent, infrastructure, and equipment in support of the charitable objects. As well as events primarily for the inspiration and education of the public.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The society works on a totally voluntary basis. Members receive no expenses or refund of transport costs. Members give willingly of their time, experience, and their own equipment to share the awe of astronomical observation.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 8 online meeting/lectures and donations for attending the meetings were requested. The meetings proved to be very well attended made up of members and event subscribers.

From January 2022 we returned to holding in person events at Priory Street Centre and Beetle Bank Farm. During the year we held 4 meetings which were also shown online and a further 8 meetings which were in person only. The lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and professional speakers.

The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with 71 members (down from 72 the previous year).

Between September and May we published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website.

In October we collaborated with York RI Brass Band for a concert to raise funds and increase public awareness of the society, held at York St John's University and raised £518 for the society.

At the request of Sutton Bank National Park, we put on an Astronomy event with a talk for the education of the public and to raise society funds. We arranged events at Beetle Bank farm for the National Women's Register and Murton Scouts.

In January we collaborated with Beetle Bank farm to be part of the York Residents weekend which was a free event for the residents of York and attended by 82 adults and 73 children.

York Astronomical Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary next year and we were the BBC Sky at Night magazines "Society in Focus" in the September 2022 edition.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No significant reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
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Full name(s)	Andrew Stephenson	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
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Date	18/10/2022
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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

York Astronomical Society

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2021	To	31/08/2022
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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					
Membership Subs	1,665	-	-	1,665	978
Sponsorship	800	-	-	800	
Event Entry Fees/Doantions	790	-	-	790	15
YAS Meet Door Fees	654	-	-	654	
Raffle	157	-	-	157	
Donations (Assorted)	82	-	-	82	210
Just Giving	24	-	-	24	-
Sales	31	-	-	31	30
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,203	-	-	4,203	1,233
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	4,203	-	-	4,203	1,233
A3 Payments					
Observatory Rental	1,475	-	-	1,475	1,470
Observatory Insurance	684	-	-	684	591
Technical Observatory Equipment	659	-	-	659	907
Meeting Venue Hire	270	-	-	270	-
Guest Speaker Fees	150	-	-	150	160
Association Fees	109	-	-	109	109
Observatory Maintenance	106	-	-	106	204
Zoom	130	-	-	130	
Misc	113	-	-	113	15
Bank Charges	49	-	-	49	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,744	-	-	3,744	3,455
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,744	-	-	3,744	3,455
Net of receipts/(payments)	459	-	-	459	- 2,222
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,715	-	-	1,715	3,937
Cash funds this year end	2,174	-	-	2,174	1,715

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	HSBC Account	2,144	-	-
	Cash Box	30	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	2,174	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

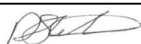
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	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
	Andrew Stephenson	14/11/2022

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2020		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

21 Lord Drive
Pocklington
York
Postcode YO42 2PB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Simon Howard	Treasurer		
2	Paul Thornley			
3	Andrew Stephenson	Chairman		
4	David Friend			
5	John Wood		20 th November 20 - On	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)				
	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year		

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

CIO

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Election at AGM and appointment by Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Trustees are provided with Charity Commission Trustee guidance, a copy of the current constitution and a copy of last full year financial accounts.

The Charity Trustees maintain overall control and responsibility, however delegate limited financial decisions (£500) and day to day operation of Charity in terms of Observatory Management and Events to a Management Committee.

The society is in the third year of a five-year lease for the land at Beetle Bank Open Farm on which the observatory is located along with access to a facility building for meetings (café & toilets) the use of outside areas for observing sessions and option to hire café area and other areas for fundraising events.

The major risk to the society during 2020 has been the challenges around the COVID 19 crisis, operating in a safe way whilst keeping engagement with the members and wider public.

It must be noted that a few members of the society continued in so many ways to freely give their time and in some cases money to progress the refurbishment of the observatory.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objectives of the CIO are to advance public education and interest in the science of astronomy and its related sciences, in the Yorkshire region, in particular by the education, encouragement and pursuit of astronomical knowledge and observational astronomy, and by such means as the trustees may determine.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The York Astronomical Society was unable to hold in person public events which the rules around Social Distancing were in place to prevent the transmission of COVID-19.

We held Management Committee meetings, and Trustee meetings as needed over Zoom. The Management Committee meetings included significant Trustee presence.

Membership of the society is open to all with standard and concession annual membership fees (£30 and £15) with under 16's free however due to the lack of face-to-face meetings we reduced the membership fee (£15 and £7.50) until September 2021. In providing online events the trustees have paid due regard to the public benefit arising from these activities. The society will return to a programme of paid events to raise funds for infrastructure and equipment in support of the charitable objects.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The society works on a totally voluntary basis. Members receive no expenses or refund of transport costs. Members give willingly of their time and experience to share the awe of astronomical observation.

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The York Astronomical Society has held 21 online meeting/lectures and donations for attending the meetings were requested. The meetings proved to be very well attended with some having 40 plus attendees, made up of members and event subscribers.

The Online lectures were amongst others presented by society members, university lecturers and PHD Students. The membership of the Society remained strong with 72 members.

In August 2021 we held a Crescent Moon Watch from Sutton Bank which was attended by 10 people and raised £15. Also in August we assisted in the Beetle Bank Farm Camping weekend by opening up the Observatory to visitors to showcase the refurbished facility.

Sadly, all public outreach events between August 2020 and July 2021 inclusive were cancelled.

A small socially distanced group of members met weekly for observing sessions when lockdown restrictions allowed.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

No significant reserves

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F**Other optional information**

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Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

Andrew Stephenson

Position (eg Secretary, Chair,
etc)

Chair

Date

10/10/2021



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/09/2020

To

31/08/2021

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					
Donations	210	-	-	210	-
Sale of Generator	30	-	-	30	-
Sutton Bank collections	15	-	-	15	-
Members Subscriptions	978	-	-	978	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,233	-	-	1,233	-
A3 Payments					
Equipment for Observatory	907	-	-	907	-
Observatory Rental	1,470	-	-	1,470	-
Observatory Insurance	591	-	-	591	-
Electrician Fee for observatory	204	-	-	204	-
BAA Subscriptions	51	-	-	51	-
FAS Renewal	58	-	-	58	-
Group IO fee 20 US dollars	15	-	-	15	-
Lecture Fees	160	-	-	160	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,455	-	-	3,455	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,455	-	-	3,455	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 2,222	-	-	- 2,222	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	3,937	-	-	3,937	-
Cash funds this year end	1,715	-	-	1,715	-

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	HBSC Account	-	-	-
	Cash Account	1,685	-	-
		30	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,715	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

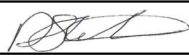
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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
	Andrew Stephenson	21/11/2021
		21/11/2021