



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

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			
6				
7				
8				
9				
10				
11				
12				
13				

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)

--

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
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The membership of the Society remained reasonably strong with 71 members (down from 72 the previous year).</p> <p>Between September and May we published a monthly update on the Night Sky made available to the public via the Society website.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Section E	Financial review
<p>Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves</p>	<p>No significant reserves</p>
<p>Details of any funds materially in deficit</p>	<p>N/a</p>
<p>Further financial review details (Optional information)</p>	

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


--

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
---	--

Full name(s)

Andrew Stephenson	
-------------------	--

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	
-------	--

Date

18/10/2022



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

York Astronomical Society

No (if any)

CC16a

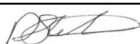
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01/09/2021	To	31/08/2022
------------------------	------------	----	------------

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					
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
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	
		Andrew Stephenson	14/11/2022	