

NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1174745

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-09-20

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

Contact

Address 23 Grange Park
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE PUBLIC INTEREST AND EDUCATION IN THE SCIENCE OF ASTRONOMY AND RELATED SUBJECTS, TO FURTHER THE KNOWLEDGE OF ITS MEMBERS, TO PROMOTE AND CONDUCT RESEARCH AND OBSERVATIONS, AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION.

Activities: The Nottingham Astronomical Society provides venues for its members to attend lectures, undertake practical activities and work with the public on a range of outreach activities.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Nottingham City
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£7,329	£11,263	-	-
2024-09-30	£4,119	£3,173	-	-
2023-09-30	£4,325	£3,195	-	-
2022-09-30	£6,025	£9,318	-	-
2021-09-30	£2,879	£2,785	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Julian Paul Onions	Chair	2021-01-07
James Dawson		2021-01-07
Leigh Edward Blake		2017-12-07
Richard Thomas Severn		2018-11-01
William Roy Gretton		2017-12-07

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2024 Period start date
To 30/09/2025 Period end date

Charity name: Nottingham Astronomical Society

Charity registration number:1174745

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance public interest and education in the science of astronomy and related subjects, to further the knowledge of its members, to promote and conduct research and observations, and to provide facilities for active participation in astronomical observation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society provides venues for its members to attend lectures, undertake activities and work with the public on a range of outreach activities. Meetings are advertised to the public, and various outreach activities undertaken e.g. Support for school courses on Astronomy, events with 'Beavers' groups in the area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in relation to the activities of the society, we consider public engagement, and publicise our events; plus have consideration re risks when undertaking these.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	There is no formal policy on grant making as these do not form part of the operation of the society activities or considerations. No requests have been received.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No requirement for such policy.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Members of the society regularly assist with meetings, presenting on topics, support, management and development of the 'observatory' site etc.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The society has held regular public events each month (excluding August) when speakers are arranged to give presentations on various topics across the wide field of astronomy and space exploration etc. These are attended by a good proportion of the membership of the society and there has been an increase in the number of visitors (general public) attending these events.</p> <p>In addition we also hold Monthly, more informal meetings, to support members (and visitors) with a more generalist 'feel' than the more formal presentation meeting cycle.</p> <p>Various events held at the society observatory site for members.</p> <p>We have a provided support to sessions on astronomy/telescopes at various Beaver club events etc.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Other than adherence to the meeting schedules and speaker arrangements, including observatory management, re its use and for planned events, no other objectives tracked.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable/non set as funds are subscription and donations based.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable other than bank interest.
Other		N/A

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Treasurer provides a yearly update to members and in year updates to the Society committee/trustees.</p> <p>The year ending September 2025 saw revenue rise due to increase in membership fees and donations. Expenses increased due to increases in in meeting costs and major observatory development items.</p> <p>In general the society holds sufficient cash reserves and income (subscription and donations) to maintain normal level of activities following higher membership income for FY 2025/26.</p> <p>As will be seen in the Balance Sheet, post the yearly activity we have had a decrease in our non 'cash in hand' reserves, which is a result of the expenditure on the observatory development activities.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves' - which in our case relates to all our 'cash' balances at the bank, is maintained to facilitate Observatory development, accommodate impacts of increased costs for events etc., subject to impacts on yearly membership numbers/rates applied.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£11,394
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>In the 2024/25 year funding majority of funding provided by:</p> <p>Subscriptions 31%</p> <p>Donations 41%</p> <p>Gift Aid 13%</p> <p>Other 13% (Visitors, Interest etc.)</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No 'investments' are held, other than simply interest bearing bank accounts, for which interest recorded and used in balances for day to day activities. These are split between an Instant Access account and a short term Notice account.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>There are no specific, identifiable, immediate risks being considered but we are always aware of the following:</p> <p><u>Membership Numbers:</u> - whilst accepting that there will be always some drop out from some membership cohorts, but we are not seeing <u>major</u> changes year on year.</p> <p><u>Inflation:</u> - again whilst aware of price rises the most impacting on our activities are room hire rates at venues etc. These are considered at renewal times etc. and options considered by the Trustees if needed.</p>
Other		N/A

NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2024-25

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution - as part of the CIO registration, and defines the Society Objects, Powers, Trustees, Membership, Meeting and other areas of its operation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Registration 20th September 2017
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<p>Trustees are selected by vote at AGM (December) for next year (all trustees/positions are elected/re-elected every year) and some specific appointed to hold various positions e.g. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary etc., and who also form the Executive Committee of the society.</p> <p>The various functions, duties and eligibility, number of, appointment, meetings etc. are all covered in the Constitution.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Constitution advises on information to be supplied to new trustees (it should be noted that Trustees are usually long serving). In addition Charity Commission documents are advised for review.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>There is an Executive Committee of Trustees, and these hold positions of:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chair (and Vice Chair) Secretary Treasurer and Membership Secretary</p> <p>and other operational aspect roles e.g. Observatory Director IT/Webmaster Journal Editor Other generalist Committee/Trustee members.</p> <p>There are no other specific wider 'working' networks.</p>

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		ALL Trustees are unpaid
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Society is a member of:</p> <p><u>Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS)</u>, although this is not engaged with the management of the society, simply a support organisation for -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Access to Public Liability Insurance for societies * Resource Centre containing documents providing a common framework for astronomical societies and their outreach activities. * Newsletter where societies can feature their events and information.
Other		Observatory site is leased from Severn Trent Water plc, and we have a long standing relationship from 1980's when site acquired (99 year lease) - again no impact with society management other than terms of lease re site maintenance and use etc.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nottingham Astronomical Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1174745
Charity's principal address	c/o 23 Grange Park West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 6HW

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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	Julian Paul Onions	Chair		
2	Christine Margaret Sneddon	Secretary		
3	Andrew Charles Green	Treasurer	Until 19/12/24	
4	Richard Thomas Severn	Treasurer/Membership Secretary	Treasurer From 19/12/24	
5	James Dawson	Vice Chair/Observatory Director	Vice Chair From 19/12/24	
6	Leigh Edward Blake	Webmaster		
7	William Roy Gretton	Journal Editor		
8	- vacant -			
9	- vacant -			
10	- vacant -			
11	- vacant -			
12	- vacant -			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	NONE	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
No land/property titles		

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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None		

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None



NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2024-25

Declarations

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)

Julian Paul Onions	Richard Thomas Severn
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Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair	Treasurer
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Date

31 December 2025

NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No: 1174745
 Founded in 1946 for all interested in astronomy.
 Affiliated to the British Astronomical Association, Member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies,
 Supporter of the Commission for Dark Skies



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

	2023/2024			2024/2025			Changes from
	£	£	%	£	£	%	2023/2024
INCOME							
Membership subscriptions	2,055.00		50%	2,305.00		31%	12%
Donations	1,035.00		25%	3,030.00		41%	193%
Gift Aid	630.00		15%	947.50		13%	50%
Visitors	99.00		2%	146.00		2%	47%
Business Reserve (savings) Interest	172.25		4%	49.62		1%	-71%
Liquidity Manager 35 day (Savings) Interest	48.10		1%	202.31		3%	321%
Other income	79.59		2%	649.00		9%	715%
TOTAL INCOME		4,118.94	100%		7,329.43	100%	78%
EXPENDITURE							
MEETING COSTS							
Room hire	1,180.80			1,453.20			23%
Speakers' expenses	378.74			295.34			-22%
Refreshments (meetings)	187.64			164.67			-12%
Audio Equipment	-			195.00			
Sherwood Observatory Visit	-			649.00			
		1,747.18	42%		2,757.21	38%	58%
OBSERVATORY COSTS							
Observatory maintenance	23.00			-			
Observatory development	549.90			7,924.32			1341%
Annual BBQ Refreshments	86.71			83.71			-3%
		659.61	16%		8,008.03	109%	1114%
ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER COSTS							
Website and internet	195.14			187.20			-4%
Accountant's fees	100.00			100.00			0%
Subscriptions and insurance	471.10			211.00			-55%
Stationery	-			-			
Miscellaneous	-			-			
		766.24	19%		498.20	7%	-35%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,173.03	77%		11,263.44	154%	255%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		945.91	23%		-3934.01	-54%	-516%

Notes:

NOTE ON CASH MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

This note does not form part of the Accounts

	£		£	£
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 1st October 2024	1,076.45	Excess of Income over Expenditure		-3934.01
Cash in Reserve Acc Bank at 1st October 2024	6,679.86			
Cash in Liquidity Acc Bank at 1st October 2024	7,548.10			
Cash in Hand at 1st October 2024	24.00	CASH ADJUSTMENTS 2024/2025		
		Add back:	0.00	
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 30th September 2025	2,970.51	Add back:	0.00	
Cash in Reserve Acc Bank at 30th September 2025	649.48			0.00
Cash in Liquidity Acc Bank at 30th September 2025	7,750.41	Cash movements from 2023/2024 Balance Sheet:		
Cash in Hand at 30th September 2025	24.00	Subtract amount: NONE APPLICABLE	0.00	
				0.00
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	-3,934.01	Cash movement		-3934.01



BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2025

<u>LIABILITIES</u>				<u>ASSETS</u>			
2023/2024		2024/2025		2023/2024		2024/2025	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
		ACCUMULATED FUND					
14,382.50		15,328.41					
						CURRENT ASSETS	
945.91		-3934.01					
	15,328.41		11,394.40	1,076.45		2,970.51	
				6,679.86		649.48	
				7,548.10		7,750.41	
				24.00		24.00	
					15,328.41		11,394.40
						DEBTORS	
				0.00		0.00	
0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00	
	0.00		0.00		0.00		0.00
							0.00
	15,328.41		11,394.40		15,328.41		11,394.40

We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the records of the Society produced to us, together with further information supplied, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Independent Auditor *Jeremy Shears*

Richard Severn
Treasurer, Nottingham Astronomical Society
2024/25

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NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2023-24



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/10/2023** Period start date

To **30/09/2024** Period end date

Charity name: **Nottingham Astronomical Society**

Charity registration number: **1174745**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
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Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society provides venues for its members to attend lectures, undertake activities and work with the public on a range of outreach activities. Meetings are advertised to the public, and various outreach activities undertaken e.g. Support for school courses on Astronomy, events with 'Beavers' groups in the area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in relation to the activities of the society, we consider public engagement, and publicise our events; plus have consideration re risks when undertaking these.

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	There is no formal policy on grant making as these do not form part of the operation of the society activities or considerations. No requests have been received.

NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2023-24

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No requirement for such policy.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Members of the society regularly assist with meetings, presenting on topics, support, management and development of the 'observatory' site etc.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The society has held regular public events each month (excluding August) when speakers are arranged to give presentations on various topics across the wide field of astronomy and space exploration etc. These are attended by a good proportion of the membership of the society and there has been an increase in the number of visitors (general public) attending these events.</p> <p>In addition we also hold Monthly, more informal meetings, to support members (and visitors) with a more generalist 'feel' than the more formal presentation meeting cycle.</p> <p>Various events held at the society observatory site for members.</p> <p>We have a provided support to sessions on astronomy/telescopes at various Beaver club events etc., and whilst previously supported Emmanuel School in West Bridgford in support of their A level Astronomy course, this was not required in 2024.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Other than adherence to the meeting schedules and speaker arrangements, including observatory management, re its use and for planned events, no other objectives tracked.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable/non set as funds are subscription and donations based.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable other than bank interest.
Other		N/A

NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2023-24

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Treasurer provides a yearly update to members and in year updates to the Society committee/trustees.</p> <p>The year ending September 2024 saw revenue drop due to lower membership income etc., but was offset partly by an increase in bank interest receipts. Expenses remained about the same but saw increases in meeting costs and observatory development items but again offset by lower admin and insurance cost items. There was however still a year on year of contribution available to balances.</p> <p>In general the society holds sufficient cash reserves and income (subscription and donations) to maintain normal level of activities and although costs are rising, in 2024 the membership rates remained as is, these are however being modified for 2025.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves' - which in our case relates to all our 'cash' balances at the bank, is maintained to facilitate Observatory development, accommodate impacts of increased costs for events etc., subject to impacts on yearly membership numbers/rates applied.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15328
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>In the 2023/24 year funding majority of funding provided by:</p> <p>Subscriptions 50%</p> <p>Donations 25%</p> <p>Gift Aid 15%</p> <p>Other 10% (Visitors, Interest etc.)</p>
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<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>No 'investments' are held, other than simply interest bearing bank accounts, for which interest recorded and used in balances for day to day activities. These are split between an Instant Access account and a short term Notice account.</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>There are no specific, identifiable, immediate risks being considered but we are always aware of the following:</p> <p><u>Membership Numbers:</u> - whilst accepting that there will be always some drop out from some membership cohorts, but we are not seeing <u>major</u> changes year on year.</p> <p><u>Inflation:</u> - again whilst aware of price rises the most impacting on our activities are room hire rates at venues etc. These are considered at renewal times etc. and options considered by the Trustees if needed.</p>
<p>Other</p>		<p>N/A</p>

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution - as part of the CIO registration, and defines the Society Objects, Powers, Trustees, Membership, Meeting and other areas of its operation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Registration 20th September 2017
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected by vote at AGM (December) for next year (all trustees/ positions are elected/re-elected every year) and some specific appointed to hold various positions e.g. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary etc., and who also form the Executive Committee of the society. The various functions, duties and eligibility, number of, appointment, meetings etc. are all covered in the Constitution.

Additional information (optional)

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	There is an Executive Committee of Trustees, and these hold positions of: Chair (and Vice Chair) Secretary Treasurer and other operational aspect roles e.g. Membership Secretary Observatory Director IT/Webmaster Journal Editor Other generalist Committee/Trustee members. There are no other specific wider 'working' networks. ALL Trustees are unpaid

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Society is a member of:</p> <p><u>Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS)</u>, although this is not engaged with the management of the society, simply a support organisation for -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Access to Public Liability Insurance for societies * Resource Centre containing documents providing a common framework for astronomical societies and their outreach activities. * Newsletter where societies can feature their events and information. <p><u>British Astronomical Association (BAA)</u> again not involved with management of society and we are simply an affiliated member as closely associated aims such as scientific observation, a mutual help relationship - many of our society members/trustees are also BAA individual members.</p>
Other		<p>Observatory site is leased from Severn Trent Water plc, and we have a long standing relationship from 1980's when site acquired (99 year lease) - again no impact with society management other than terms of lease re site maintenance and use etc.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nottingham Astronomical Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1174745
Charity's principal address	c/o 23 Grange Park West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 6HW

NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2023-24

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	Julian Paul Onions	Chair		
2	Christine Margaret Sneddon	Secretary		
3	Andrew Charles Green	Treasurer	Until 19/12/24	
4	Richard Thomas Severn	Treasurer/ Membership Secretary	Treasurer From 19/12/24	
5	James Dawson	Vice Chair/ Observatory Director	Vice Chair From 19/12/24	
6	Leigh Edward Blake	Webmaster		
7	William Roy Gretton	Journal Editor		
8	- vacant -			
9	- vacant -			
10	- vacant -			
11	- vacant -			
12	- vacant -			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	NONE	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
No land/property titles		

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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None		

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None

NAS Trustees' Annual Report for 2023-24

Declarations

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)	Julian Paul Onions	Richard Thomas Severn
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date	31 December 2024
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NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation No: 1174745

Founded in 1946 for all interested in astronomy.

Affiliated to the British Astronomical Association, Member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies,
Supporter of the Commission for Dark Skies



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

	2022/2023			2023/2024			Changes from
	£	£	%	£	£	%	2022/2023
INCOME							
Membership subscriptions	2,390.00		55%	2,055.00		50%	-14%
Donations	1,047.00		24%	1,035.00		25%	-1%
Gift Aid	686.50		16%	630.00		15%	-8%
Visitors	141.00		3%	99.00		2%	-30%
Business Reserve (savings) Interest	7.61		0%	172.25		4%	2163%
Liquidity Manager 35 day (Savings) Interest	0.00		0%	48.10		1%	100%
Other income	52.44		1%	79.59		2%	52%
TOTAL INCOME		4,324.55	100%		4,118.94	100%	-5%
EXPENDITURE							
MEETING COSTS							
Room hire	1,266.00			1,180.80			
Speakers' expenses	117.03			378.74			
Meetings & AGM refreshments	188.14			187.64			
		1,571.17	36%		1,747.18	42%	11%
OBSERVATORY COSTS							
Observatory maintenance	60.75			23.00			
Observatory development	287.12			549.90			
BBQ expenses	63.25			86.71			
		411.12	10%		659.61	16%	60%
ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER COSTS							
Website and internet	216.00			195.14			
Accountant's fees	100.00			100.00			
Subscriptions and insurance	555.98			471.10			
Stationery	29.98			0.00			
Miscellaneous	310.26			0.00			
		1,212.22	28%		766.24	19%	-37%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		3,194.51	74%		3,173.03	77%	-1%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		1,130.04	26%		945.91	23%	-16%

Notes:

1) Negative monetary values are shown in brackets throughout

NOTE ON CASH MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2024

This note does not form part of the Accounts

	£		£	£
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 1st October 2023	2,955.89	Excess of Income over Expenditure		945.91
Cash in Savings Acc Bank at 1st October 2023	11,507.61			
Cash in Hand at 1st October 2023	24.00	CASH ADJUSTMENTS 2023/2024		
		Add back: TBA		
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 30th September 2024	1,076.45	Add back: TBA		
Cash in Reserve Acc Bank at 30th September 2024	6,679.86			
Cash in Liquidity Acc Bank at 30th September 2024	7,548.10			
Cash in Hand at 30th September 2024	24.00	Cash movements from 2022/2023 Balance Sheet:		
		Subtract amount paid to Burnside Memorial Hall	33.00	
		Subtract amount paid to Emmanuel School	72.00	
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	840.91	Cash movement		840.91

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/10/2022 Period start date

To 30/09/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Nottingham Astronomical Society

Charity registration number:1174745

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance public interest and education in the science of astronomy and related subjects, to further the knowledge of its members, to promote and conduct research and observations, and to provide facilities for active participation in astronomical observation.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The society provides venues for its members to attend lectures, undertake activities and work with the public on a range of outreach activities. Meetings are advertised to the public, and various outreach activities undertaken e.g. Support for school courses on Astronomy, events with 'Beavers' groups in the area.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commissions guidance on Public Benefit and in relation to the activities of the society, we consider public engagement, and publicise our events; plus have consideration re risks when undertaking these.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	There is no formal policy on grant making as these do not form part of the operation of the society activities or considerations. No requests have been received.

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Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No requirement for such policy.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Members of the society regularly assist with meetings, presenting on topics, support, management and development of the 'observatory' site etc.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The society has held regular public events each month (excluding August) when speakers are arranged to give presentations on various topics across the wide field of astronomy and space exploration etc. These are attended by a good proportion of the membership of the society and there has been an increase in the number of visitors (general public) attending these events.</p> <p>In addition we also hold Monthly, more informal meetings, to support members (and visitors) with a more generalist 'feel' than the more formal presentation meeting cycle.</p> <p>Various events held at the society observatory site for members.</p> <p>We have attended Emmanuel School in West Bridgford, Nottingham to assist with a session in their A level Astronomy course; plus also provided support to session on astronomy/telescopes at various Beaver club events.</p>

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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Other than meeting schedules, and observatory management, use and events, no other objectives tracked.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Not applicable/non set as funds are subscription and donations based.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not applicable other than bank interest.
Other		N/A

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Treasurer provides a yearly update to members and in year updates to the Society committee/trustees.</p> <p>The year ending September 2023 saw revenue drop due to lower donations, and some lower Gift Aid, sales. The expenditure was however 'flat', but expenses at observatory site were lower and hence increase year on year of contribution available to balances.</p> <p>In general the society holds sufficient cash reserves and income (subscription and donations) to maintain normal level of activities and although costs are rising, we have maintained the subscription rates again for next years membership.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves' - which in our case relates to cash balances, is maintained to facilitate Observatory development, maintain subscriptions at current rates, and accommodate increase costs for events, subject to impacts on yearly membership numbers/rates applied.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Bank balance £14487
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>In the 2022/23 year funding majority of funding provided by:</p> <p>Subscriptions 55%</p> <p>Donations 24%</p> <p>Gift Aid 16%</p> <p>Other 4% (Visitors, Interest etc.)</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investments are held other than simply interest bearing, easy access bank account, for which interest recorded and used in balances for day to day activities.

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A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>There are no specific, identifiable, immediate risks being considered but we are always aware of the following:</p> <p><u>Membership Numbers:</u> - whilst accepting that there will be always some drop out from some membership cohorts, but we are not seeing major changes year on year.</p> <p><u>Inflation:</u> - again whilst aware of price rises the most impacting on our activities are room hire rates at venues etc. These are considered at renewal times etc. and options considered by the Trustees if needed.</p>
Other		N/A

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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution - as part of the CIO registration, and defines the Society Objects, Powers, Trustees, Membership, Meeting and other areas of its operation.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO Registration 20th September 2017
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are selected by vote at AGM (December) for next year (all trustees/ positions are elected/re-elected every year) and some specific appointed to hold various positions e.g. Chair, Treasurer, Secretary etc., and who also form the Executive Committee of the society. The various functions, duties and eligibility, number of, appointment, meetings etc. are all covered in the Constitution.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	The Constitution advises on information to be supplied to new trustees (it should be noted that Trustees are usually long serving). In addition Charity Commission documents are advised for review.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	There is an Executive Committee of Trustees, and these hold positions of: Chair (and Vice Chair) Secretary Treasurer and other operational aspect roles e.g. Membership Secretary Observatory Director IT/Webmaster Journal Editor Other generalist Committee/Trustee members. There are no other specific wider 'working' networks. ALL Trustees are unpaid

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Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<p>The Society is a member of:</p> <p><u>Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS)</u>, although this is not engaged with the management of the society, simply a support organisation for -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Access to Public Liability Insurance for societies * Resource Centre containing documents providing a common framework for astronomical societies and their outreach activities. *Newsletter where societies can feature their events and information. <p><u>British Astronomical Association (BAA)</u> again not involved with management of society and we are simply an affiliated member as closely associated aims such as scientific observation, a mutual help relationship - many of our society members/trustees are also BAA individual members.</p>
Other		<p>Observatory site is leased from Severn Trent Water plc, and we have a long standing relationship from 1980's when site acquired (99 year lease) - again no impact with society management other than terms of lease re site maintenance and use etc.</p>

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Nottingham Astronomical Society
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1174745
Charity's principal address	c/o 3 Hoopers Close Bottesford Nottingham NG130FH

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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	Julian Paul Onions	Chair		
2	Christine Margaret Sneddon	Secretary		
3	Andrew Charles Green	Treasurer		
4	Richard Thomas Severn	Vice Chair and Membership Secretary		
5	James Dawson	Observatory Director		
6	Leigh Edward Blake	Webmaster		
7	William Roy Gretton	Journal Editor		
8	- vacant -			
9	- vacant -			
10	- vacant -			
11	- vacant -			
12	- vacant -			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name	NONE	
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
No land/property titles		

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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None		

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

None

Other optional information

None

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Declarations

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)	Julian Paul Onions	Andrew Charles Green
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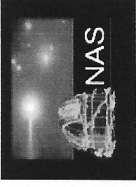
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
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Date	17th June 2024
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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

LIABILITIES

2021/2022

£ ACCUMULATED FUND

14,945.34 Balance at 1st October

-1,692.88 Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year

13,252.46

CURRENT LIABILITIES

30.00 Amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall

72.00 Amount due to Emmanuel School

30.00

13,282.46

2022/2023

£ £

13,252.46

1,130.04

14,382.50

11,667.46

0.00

15.00

11,682.46

1,600.00

1,600.00

13,282.46

ASSETS

2022/2023

£ £

2,955.89

11,507.61

24.00

14,487.50

CURRENT ASSETS

Current Account

Saving Account

Cash in hand

Amount due from University of Warwick

0.00

14,487.50

We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the records of the Society produced to us, together with further information supplied, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Ian Lewis
 Lewis Accounting Ltd
 Chartered Accountants


 Andrew Green
 Treasurer, Nottingham-Astronomical Society
 11/10/2023
 2022/23

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

	2021/2022			2022/2023			Changes from
	£	£	%	£	£	%	2021/2022
INCOME							
Membership subscriptions	2,342.50		31%	2,390.00		55%	2%
Donations	2,454.00		32%	1,047.00		24%	-57%
Sale of 24" telescope	1,600.00		21%				
Gift Aid	1,081.63		14%	686.50		16%	-37%
Visitors	47.00		1%	141.00		3%	200%
Business Reserve (savings) Interest	0.00		0%	7.61		0%	0%
Other income	100.00		1%	52.44		1%	-48%
TOTAL INCOME		7,625.13	100%		4,324.55	100%	-43%
EXPENDITURE							
MEETING COSTS							
Room hire	906.00			1,266.00			
Speakers' expenses	458.65			117.03			
Meeting refreshments	184.38			188.14			
		1,549.03	20%		1,571.17	36%	1%
OBSERVATORY COSTS							
Observatory maintenance	515.50			60.75			
Observatory development	6,091.52			287.12			
BBQ expenses	64.35			63.25			
		6,671.37	87%		411.12	10%	-94%
ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER COSTS							
Website and internet	216.00			216.00			
Accountant's fees	100.00			100.00			
Zoom fees	100.73			0.00			
Subscriptions and insurance	522.69			555.98			
Stationery	46.20			29.98			
Miscellaneous	111.99			310.26			
		1,097.61	14%		1,212.22	28%	10%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		9,318.01	122%		3,194.51	74%	-66%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		-1,692.88	-22%		1,130.04	26%	-167%

Notes:

1) Negative monetary values are shown in brackets throughout

NOTE ON CASH MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2023

This note does not form part of the Accounts

	£		£	£
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 1st October 2022	11,667.46	Excess of Income over Expenditure		1,130.04
Cash in Savings Acc Bank at 1st October 2022	0.00			
Cash in Hand at 1st October 2022	15.00	Add back amount due to Emmanuel School		72.00
		Add back amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall		33.00
Cash in Current Acc Bank at 30th September 2023	2,955.89			
Cash in Savings Acc Bank at 30th September 2023	11,507.61			
Cash in Hand at 30th September 2023	24.00	Cash movements from 2021/2022 Balance Sheet:		
		Subtract amount paid to Burnside Memorial Hall	30.00	
		Add back amount received from Warwick University		1,600.00
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	2,805.04	Cash movement		2,805.04

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England & Wales - Charity number 1174745

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Nottingham Astronomical Society Annual General Meeting: 15th December 2022

Treasurer's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen

Please find attached to this report an audited Income and Expenditure Account for Nottingham Astronomical Society's financial year from 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022, together with an audited Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2022. Values for the previous financial year are shown for comparative purposes and a note on cash movements for the current financial year is also shown. Percentage amounts, both relative to total income for each year and as changes relative to the previous year, are shown on the Income and Expenditure Account for information.

Please note that the adjustment to the Society's accounting policy agreed by the Committee last year has resulted in a restatement of both the 2020-2021 Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet to remove depreciation.

The two sheets show that:

- Income from membership subscriptions remained essentially unchanged from last year. The Committee would like to thank all members for their continuing loyalty to the Society and welcomes those who have either joined for the first time or have re-joined after the COVID-19 lockdown;
- A number of members made significant donations to the Society, principally to support the development of the Society's Observatory site at Cotgrave Reservoir. These financial contributions are in addition to the many hundreds of hours of labour and very significant donations of expertise and materials (including two telescopes and a GoTo mount) to the Observatory's development, for which the Society should be profoundly grateful;
- Gift Aid income significantly increased as a result of the financial donations mentioned above. Members are reminded that Gift Aid adds 25% to the Society's subscription and donation income, so they are strongly urged to sign the appropriate form (available from the Membership Secretary) if they can do so;
- The sale of the dismantled 24" telescope to the University of Warwick was an unexpected and welcome boost to the Society's finances: the Committee fully expected to realise little or no financial gain from its disposal, based on other society's experiences. The 24" telescope has found a good home: it will be reassembled and used to support future developments of the University's much larger telescope at their La Palma Observatory;
- £100 was remitted to the Society's bank account by NatWest Bank as a result of an error on their part;
- Meeting costs (including room hire and refreshments) increased substantially due to the resumption of face-to-face meetings after the COVID-19 lockdown: speakers' expenses were fractionally lower, however. The relocation of the Society's main meetings to Nottingham Emmanuel School from Gotham Memorial Hall has proved to be extremely popular, which fully justifies the extra hire charges for this new venue;
- Observatory costs rose dramatically, reflecting the investments made to bring the Cotgrave site up to an acceptable standard. These included the purchase of materials and hire of equipment for the installation of a roadway, the purchase of a Portaloo, the purchase of a 10' shipping container for extra storage space and the purchase of paint and equipment hire to refurbish the Observatory's dome. As mentioned above, these costs are only a fraction of the material and other contributions that a number of extremely dedicated members have made to the Society's largest asset. The Committee would like to thank those members who have put so much of their time and personal resources into the maintenance and development of the Cotgrave site;
- Administration costs increased, due principally to purchasing insurance to cover the risks that buildings and contents at the Society's Cotgrave site are exposed to and the liabilities that the Society's Trustees bear. Obtaining proper insurance cover for these risks and liabilities fixes a long-standing omission in the Society's management. Zoom fees reduced as a result of the lifting of restrictions on face-to-face meetings;
- Other costs consisted of the purchase of a bookcase to house the Society's library of books that members can borrow and the acquisition of a device that enables the Society to accept credit and debit card payments;
- The large increases in expenditure mentioned above were countered to a great extent by the very large increase in donations and the proceeds from the sale of the 24" telescope, resulting in a manageable deficit;
- The Society's financial position remains strong: end-of-2022 assets of nearly £13,300 give the Society a solid foundation for further progress as we all recover from the COVID-19 lockdown and look to the future.

The auditor is entirely happy with the Society's accounts and financial management: I therefore recommend that these accounts are accepted by the membership.

Dr Michael Provost: Treasurer, Nottingham Astronomical Society

P.S. Since this report was written and signed off by the auditor, the dismantled 24" telescope has been removed from the Observatory site and the money has been received from the University of Warwick. Thanks are due to everyone who helped with the dismantling of the telescope (carefully documenting the process with words and photos as they did so), the loading of the parts into the University's van (both processes demanding a great deal of heavy lifting!) and the support that they gave to the Treasurer's sales campaign.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

	2020/2021			2021/2022			Changes from 2020/2021
	£	£	%	£	£	%	%
INCOME							
Membership subscriptions	2,387.50		83%	2,342.50		31%	-2%
Donations				2,454.00		32%	
Sale of 24" telescope				1,600.00		21%	
Gift Aid	461.33		16%	1,081.63		14%	134%
Visitors				47.00		1%	
Other income	30.00		1%	100.00		1%	233%
TOTAL INCOME	2,878.83		100%	7,625.13		100%	165%
EXPENDITURE							
MEETING COSTS							
Room hire	30.00			906.00			
Speakers' expenses	471.34			458.65			
Meeting refreshments	38.88			184.38			
		540.22	19%		1,549.03	20%	187%
OBSERVATORY COSTS							
Observatory maintenance	256.52			515.50			
Observatory development	265.20			6,091.52			
BBQ expenses	255.05			64.35			
		776.77	27%		6,671.37	87%	759%
ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER COSTS							
Website and internet	216.00			216.00			
Accountant's fees	100.00			100.00			
Zoom fees	172.68			100.73			
Subscriptions and insurance	108.50			522.69			
Stationery				46.20			
Miscellaneous				111.99			
		597.18	21%		1,097.61	14%	84%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,914.17		66%	9,318.01		122%	387%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	964.66		34%	(1,692.88)		-22%	-275%

Notes:

- 1) 2020/2021 figures have been restated to exclude depreciation and add Gift Aid interest (£0.08)
- 2) Negative monetary values are shown in brackets throughout

NOTE ON CASH MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

This note does not form part of the Accounts

	£		£	£
Cash in Bank at 1st October 2021	14,514.01	Excess of Income over Expenditure		(1,692.88)
Cash in Hand at 1st October 2021	0.00	Subtract amount due from University of Warwick	1,600.00	
Cash in Bank at 30th September 2022	11,667.46	Add back amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall		30.00
Cash in Hand at 30th September 2022	15.00	Cash movements from 2020/2021 Balance Sheet:		
		Subtract amount paid to Burnside Memorial Hall	30.00	
		Add back amount received from HMRC		461.33
Increase/(Decrease) in Cash	(2,831.55)	Cash movement		(2,831.55)

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2020/2021	2021/2022
	£	£	£	£
ACCUMULATED FUND				
Balance at 1st October	13,980.68	14,945.34		
Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year	964.66	(1,692.88)	14,514.01	11,667.46
	14,945.34		0.00	15.00
			14,514.01	11,682.46
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall	30.00	30.00		
Amount due from HMRC			461.33	1,600.00
Amount due from University of Warwick			461.33	1,600.00
	30.00	30.00		
	<u>14,975.34</u>	<u>13,282.46</u>	<u>14,975.34</u>	<u>13,282.46</u>

We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the records of the Society produced to us, together with further information supplied, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Ian Lewis
 Lewis Accounting Ltd
 Chartered Accountants

Dr Michael J Provost
 Treasurer, Nottingham Astronomical Society
 2021/2022

Michael Provost 7/10/22

NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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Nottingham Astronomical Society Annual General Meeting: 6th January 2022

Treasurer's Report

Ladies and Gentlemen

Please find attached to this report an audited Income and Expenditure Account for Nottingham Astronomical Society's financial year from 1st October 2020 to 30th September 2021, together with an audited Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2021. Values for the previous financial year are shown on each sheet for comparative purposes and a note on cash movements for the current financial year is also shown. Percentage amounts, both relative to total income for each year and as changes relative to the previous year, are shown on the Income and Expenditure Account for information.

Please note that the Committee has agreed to move the Income and Expenditure Account for future years from a Profit & Loss basis closer towards a Cash Flow basis by removing depreciation of the Society's assets from the Accounts. This is felt to be more appropriate for a Society such as ours, which lives or dies financially on cash, not profit (an accounting concept that is more relevant to a company than a charity): it also makes financial calculations easier to both carry out and understand and removes anomalies that emerge when some of the Society's assets are being depreciated and some are not. However, this adjustment to the Society's accounting policy has resulted in a one-off increase in the current year's depreciation charge to fully 'unwind' the remaining depreciation allowance.

The two sheets show that:

- Membership subscriptions and Gift Aid remained essentially unchanged from last year. The Committee would like to thank all members for their continuing loyalty to the Society despite the enforced curtailment of many of its activities;
- A donation of £30 made by one of our members was very welcome;
- Members are reminded that Gift Aid adds 25% to the Society's subscription and donation income, so they are strongly urged to sign the appropriate form (available from the Membership Secretary) if they can do so;
- Meeting costs decreased by nearly 40%, due principally to the continued absence of face-to-face meetings as the result of the COVID-19 lockdown. Speakers' expenses were higher principally because of payment of the October 2021 Gotham meeting speaker's travelling and accommodation expenses just before these accounts were finalised. Note that a £30 payment made in August 2020 to the Trustees of Burnside Memorial Hall, Plumtree, occurred because of an error in invoicing the Society: as a result, no room hire charge was levied for the first face-to-face Social and Practical Astronomy meeting after lockdown was lifted;
- Observatory costs increased by nearly 350% (admittedly from a very low level), due to the costs of holding a BBQ on the Cotgrave site in August 2021 (the Society's first face-to-face event after the COVID-19 lockdown had been lifted), costs of maintenance of the Cotgrave Observatory building (not possible during the lockdown) and the costs of submitting a planning application to Rushcliffe Borough Council ahead of procuring a shipping container for on-site storage. The Committee would like to thank those members who have put so much of their time and personal resources into the maintenance and development of the Cotgrave site;
- Administration increased by nearly 20%, due principally to Zoom fees paid throughout the year and payment of the Society's British Astronomical Association (BAA) subscription (not collected last year due to an administrative error by the BAA), offset by printing, postage and stationery costs dropping to zero. Zoom has proved to be a particularly good investment for keeping both Society activities and Committee meetings going throughout the COVID-19 lockdown and positively contributing to the Society's profile nationwide (if not globally): the Committee would like to thank those members who have put considerable time and effort into setting up and running online meetings during lockdown;
- Other costs increased by 70%, due principally to the one-off accounting policy change discussed above;
- Despite the net increases in expenditure mentioned above, a small surplus was recorded in 2020/21;
- The financial position remains strong: the Society's end-of-year bank balance was over £14,000, giving the Society a healthy balance sheet which lays a solid foundation for its future development.

The auditor is entirely happy with the Society's accounts and financial management: I therefore recommend that these accounts are accepted by the membership.

Michael Provost 6th October 2021

Dr Michael Provost: Treasurer, Nottingham Astronomical Society



NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

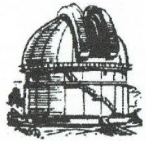
	2019/2020			2020/2021			Changes from
	£	£	%	£	£	%	2019/2020
INCOME							
Membership subscriptions		2,352.50	83%		2,387.50	83%	1%
Gift Aid		468.13	16%		461.25	16%	-1%
Other income		30.00			30.00		0%
TOTAL INCOME		2,850.63	100%		2,878.75	100%	1%
EXPENDITURE							
MEETING COSTS							
Room hire	360.00			30.00			
Speakers' expenses	272.35			471.34			
Meeting refreshments	253.91			38.88			
		886.26	31%		540.22	19%	-39%
OBSERVATORY COSTS							
Observatory maintenance				256.52			
Observatory development				265.20			
BBQ expenses				255.05			
RCAN Subscription	114.00						
Rent: 2020-79	60.00						
		174.00	6%		776.77	27%	346%
ADMINISTRATION							
Printing, postage and stationery	33.16						
Website and internet	216.00			216.00			
Accountant's fees	100.00			100.00			
Computer hardware/software	9.99						
Zoom fees	86.34			172.68			
Subscriptions and insurance	58.00			108.50			
		503.49	18%		597.18	21%	19%
OTHER COSTS							
Miscellaneous	40.00						
Equipment depreciation (see Note)	472.28			870.86			
		512.28	18%		870.86	30%	70%
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2,076.03	73%		2,785.03	97%	34%
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR		774.60	27%		93.72	3%	-88%

Note: 2020/21 depreciation figure includes £398.59 of depreciation from 2021 to 2024, included to move accounts back towards a cash flow basis. This has been done to simplify the accounting calculations and produce a more appropriate picture of the Society's financial position.

NOTE ON CASH MOVEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

This note does not form part of the Accounts

	£		£	£
Cash in Bank at 1st October 2020	13,980.68	Excess of Income over Expenditure		93.72
Cash in Bank at 30th September 2021	14,514.01	Subtract amount due from HMRC	461.25	
Cash in Hand at 30th September 2021	0.00	Add back amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall		30.00
		Add back Equipment depreciation		870.86
Increase in Cash	533.33	Cash movement		533.33



NOTTINGHAM ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th SEPTEMBER 2021

<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>2020/21</u>		<u>2019/2020</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>2020/2021</u>	
£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
ACCUMULATED FUND						FIXED ASSETS			
14,076.94	Balance at 1st October	14,851.54		3,894.38		Equipment		4,044.38	
					150.00	FIXED ASSETS PURCHASED			
	Add: Excess of income over expenditure for the year				4,044.38	Finderscope		4,044.38	
<u>774.60</u>		<u>93.72</u>			<u>3,173.52</u>	Less total depreciation		<u>4,044.38</u>	
	14,851.54		14,945.26			870.86 Net Fixed Assets			0.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES						CURRENT ASSETS			
					13,980.68	Current account		14,514.01	
					0.00	Cash in hand		<u>0.00</u>	
						13,980.68			14,514.01
	Amount due to Burnside Memorial Hall	<u>30.00</u>				Amount due from HMRC		<u>461.25</u>	
			30.00						461.25
		<u><u>14,851.54</u></u>		<u><u>14,975.26</u></u>		<u><u>14,851.54</u></u>		<u><u>14,975.26</u></u>	

We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the records of the Society produced to us, together with further information supplied, and certify the same to be in accordance therewith.

Ian Lewis
Lewis Accounting Ltd
Chartered Accountants

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6th October 2021

Michael Provost 6th October 2021

Dr Michael J Provost
Treasurer, Nottingham Astronomical Society
2020-2021