

President's Report AGM 2022

The past 12 months have seen HAS beginning to return to its normal operations.

The easing of pandemic rules has allowed some degree of normality to be possible for meetings and related activities of HAS.

The Trustees of HAS have taken every opportunity to discuss ongoing Society business, in person by both outdoor and indoor gatherings following the pertinent Government mandated rules applicable at the time.

This has resulted in our Society being able to function at almost normal levels of activity.

This has to be put into context that we are still one of the few organisations of our type that have returned to normal operating, whereas others are still undertaking remotely run activities or have ceased operations all-together.

During the past 12 months my normal workload has been impacted by substantial amount of shift-working – and I am grateful for many members being available to run meetings and other activities in my absence.

We have had a small number of invited speakers over the past 12 months, which have been well attended. This is in light of many Universities and related organisations pulling back from offering face-to-face meetings with their researchers, relying instead on remote presentations.

I believe we have taken the right approach over the past year and hope that we will be able to organise more invited speakers and more frequently over the next 12 months. Some time ago I provided Gain with a list of prospective speakers and I hope to see some of them in the near future.

The restart of the Beginners Astronomy Course over the past 12 months has been a major success story for the Society both in terms of stabilising our cash flow and getting a useful influx of new members into the Society. I am indebted to Gain for taking over the organisation of the course.

There are significant challenges ahead but so long as we are careful and thorough in our approach we will be OK.

I sincerely hope that the next 12 months will see the organisation undertaking more of what it has done well in the past, both at HRUFC and at YWT Stirley Farm.

Finally, I would like to formally welcome some new faces to the Society's Committee and group of Trustees and thank them for their participation during the past 12 months. Thank you for your service to our organisation.

Huddersfield Astronomy Society
Account for Year ended 30th June 2022

Income and Expenditure

	2022	2021
Income		
Donations	£1,000.00	£41.60
Membership subscriptions	£890.30	£802.80
Lectures, Course fees & demonstrations	£1,736.00	£0.00
Refreshments	£385.00	£0.00
Bank interest	£0.00	£0.00
Sale of equipment	£0.00	£0.00
Other income	£0.00	£0.00
	£4,011.30	£844.40
Expenditure		
Rent	£2,400.00	£1,520.00
Course running	£8.00	£0.00
Equipment purchase	£1,224.00	£0.00
Lecture expenses	£112.00	£0.00
Federation of Astronomical Soc	£30.00	£30.00
Public Liability Insurance	£28.00	£28.00
Refreshments	£164.10	£0.00
Office costs	£296.32	£0.00
Accountancy	£0.00	£639.00
Legal fees	£0.00	£0.00
Website costs	£321.92	£320.00
Maintenance	£100.00	£0.00
Utilities	£0.00	£124.97
	£4,684.34	£2,661.97
Deficit /Surplus for the Year	-£673.04	-£1,817.57

Balance Sheet

Assets

Bank account	£16,177.23	£16,923.14
Cash in hand	£279.07	£206.20
Tangible Assets	£1,520.00	£0.00
Rent prepaid	£1,893.00	£1,200.00
	£19,869.30	£17,656.30

Liabilities

Creditors	£0.00	£0.00
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Net Current Assets

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Club Reserves

	£19,869.30	£17,656.30
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Approved by Board of Trustees

Signature: RAJ Allen

Name: ROBERT WILSON

Date: 7/01/23

President HAS