

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

England & Wales · Charity number 1185520

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-09-26

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in vertical flight science and technology and related aerospace and engineering skills.

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Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30		£0	£0	-
2024-04-30		£0	£0	-
2023-04-30		£0	£0	-
2022-04-30		£0	£0	-
2021-04-30		£0	£0	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mark White		2019-09-26
Paul Taylor		2019-09-26
Professor Georgios Barakos		2019-09-26

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VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

The Vertical Flight Society UK Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organization Report of the Trustees for the period 1 May 2024 to 30 April 2025 Aim and Purpose

The Vertical Flight Society UK works closely with The Vertical Flight Society (VFS) headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia, USA and previously known as the American Helicopter Society. The VFS is the world's premier professional vertical flight technical society and is recognised by the United States Internal Revenue Service (IRS) as a 501(c)(3) charity (see www.vtol.org for more details).

The VFS UK operates throughout England, Wales and Scotland.

Objectives and Activities

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VFS UK events are open to all with most activities taking place on-line.

All activities performed were aiming to maximise public benefit and there were no fees charged for participation.

Achievement and Performance

The Trustees met regularly (virtual, on-line meetings) to plan the management structure of VFS UK and to plan all CIO activities. The Trustees also undertook training, again, virtually.

The VFS UK continued its web and social media-presence by a complete redrafting of its web pages on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

In addition, online public events were organized using streaming and online collaboration tools. This year, Prof. Antonio Filippone presented a free seminar on the aerial firefighting with helicopters. 25 individuals attended and the presentation has been made available on the YouTube Channel of the Chapter.

The Annual meeting took place on February 28 at the RAF Club in London. The day began with presentations from:

Angelo Collins, VFS Executive Director, Welcome Message & The work of Vertical Flight Society

Fergus Crawford - Leonardo Helicopters ““What has simulation ever done for us? And what is its future?”

Ben Lawrence - Aircraft Simulation Lead Vertical Aerospace, “Starting up EVTOL Flight Simulation with Vertical Aerospace”

ART Jan Georricke– "Key Aspects of Modelling and Simulation in Support of eVTOL Design and Certification"

Rich Pillans - Test Pilot and Display Pilot, '80 Years of the Bell 47'

George Williams, HEMS Pilot, TRE at Test Pilot Services Ltd. ‘Are eVTOL the future of UK HEMs

Glenn Waters, Head of Advanced Tech, ARC Aero systems – short company presentation

Finally, there was a Q & A panel with the keynote speakers and moderated by Professor George Barakos (University of Glasow and Chapter Secretary).

75 individuals registered and 72 attended.

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Financial Review

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A working party meets throughout the year to review and produce policies for the VFS UK.

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In addition, online public events were organized using streaming and online collaboration tools.

On 24th May 2024, the VFS UK held a joint conference with the RAeS on turbulence effects:

The event was held at Shrigley Hall, Cheshire and brought together researchers from the UK and abroad. The audience was treated with 12 extraordinary presentations over a very full day, sparking insightful discussions. This mini-conference was put together following the MoU between RAeS and VFS. Air turbulence is still one of the unsolved challenges in modern aerodynamics and has great implication and impact on helicopter operations. Modelling and simulation were seen as key to understanding the interaction between the aircraft and the air. More importantly, the speakers highlighted the need for more data and more in-flight experiments. Keynote presentations from QinetiQ, the UK AAIB and WSP of Canada demonstrated the clear interest of industry in this difficult problem.

On 20th November 2024, Prof Antonio Filippone of the University of Manchester delivered a webinar on aerial firefighting using helicopters. This is part of the VFS UK Chapter seminar series 2024. The seminar covered some of the data from recent fires in the US and discussed how scientific analysis can be used to streamline operations, improve practices and even pave the way for new vehicle designs suitable for fire-fighting.

The Annual meeting took place on 23rd February at the RAF Club in London.

This event attracted the interest of 65 delegates and included talks on helicopter flight tests. The topic of flight testing is not only interesting for engineers but is also seen as important for the management of development projects due to its link with certification and the ultimate completion of the design of vehicles. The event also included exciting updates on new eVTOL start-ups detailing some of the characteristics of future vertical lift aircraft. The VFS UK Award Ceremony closed the conference celebrating the contributions of our members and providing encouragement to young members for careers in vertical lift.

Each year, the VFS UK makes a number of awards. This year:

Bryan Finlay and Jeremy Graham received the President's Award for Lifetime Achievement;

Richard E Brown received the Award for Extraordinary Work in Vertical Flight; and

Dmitrij (Dima) Usov received the David Gibbings Award for Early Career Achievement

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Approved by the Trustees on 18th February 2025 and signed on their behalf by Paul Taylor (VFS UK President and Trustee).

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Charity registration number: 1185520

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This document is a record of the information provided in the Annual Return 2023.

PART A - Charity information

Financial period

Financial period start date

01/05/2022

Financial period end date

30/04/2023

Income and spending

Income £

£ 0

Spending £

£ 0

Number of contracts from government

How many contracts (other than grant agreements) did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Number of grants from government

How many grants did your charity receive from central government or a local authority during the financial period for this return?

0

Income breakdown

Donations and legacies (excluding Endowments Received)

£ 0

Charitable activities

£ 0

Other trading activities

£ 0

Investments

£ 0

Other

£ 0

Grantmaking

Is grant making the main way your charity carries out its purposes?

No

Recipients of grants

Please round all figures to the nearest pound (do not enter decimal points or commas).

Individuals

£ 0

Other charities

£ 0

Other organisations that are not charities

£ 0

Trustee payments

Excluding out of pocket expenses, for what were any of the trustees paid during the financial period for this return?

e. None of the trustees have been paid

Did any of the trustees resign and take up employment with your charity in the financial period of this return?

No

Income from outside the UK

Did your charity receive income from outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Delivering activities outside the United Kingdom

Did your charity deliver charitable activities outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Spending outside England & Wales

Did your charity spend funds outside of the United Kingdom in the financial period of this return?

No

Total Spending outside England & Wales

£

Trading subsidiaries

Does the charity have any trading subsidiaries?

No

Charity contact details correct

Is the contact address displayed from the Register of Charities, correct?

Yes

Charity headquarters details correct

Is this the same address that you use as your charity's administrative headquarters?

Yes

Charity contact address

Address Line 1

17 KING JOHN ROAD

Address Line 2

GILLINGHAM

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

SP8 4PG

Country

Charity Headquarters address

Address Line 1

17 KING JOHN ROAD

Address Line 2

GILLINGHAM

Address Line 3

Address Line 4

Address Line 5

Postcode

SP8 4PG

Country

Membership type

Is the charity part of a wider group structure with a parent body and subsidiary bodies?

no, the charity is not part of a wider group structure

Employment contract types

People were permanently employed by your charity

0

People were on fixed-terms contracts with your charity

0

Self-employed people were working for your charity

0

Governance policies

Internal charity financial controls policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding policy and procedures

No

Financial reserves policy and procedures

No

Complaints policy and procedures

No

Serious incident reporting policy and procedures

No

Internal risk management policy and procedures

No

Trustee expenses policy and procedures

No

Trustee conflicts of interest policy and procedures

No

Investing charity funds policy and procedures

No

Campaigns and political activity policy and procedures

No

Bullying and harassment policy and procedures

No

Social media policy and procedures

No

Engaging external speakers at charity events policy and procedures

No

Safeguarding

Has your charity provided services to children and/or adults at risk in the financial period of the return?

No

Donations

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - grants

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - contracts

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Other income - investment

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on charitable activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Expenditure on overheads

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of volunteers

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of employees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Number of trustees

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Fundraising activities

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Capacity to deliver services

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Total service demand

Unknown/No Change/Not Applicable

Volunteers

Excluding trustees, provide an estimate of the number of volunteers who carried out charitable activities on behalf of your charity in the United Kingdom during the financial period of this return?

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Privacy statement

Any information you give us will be held securely and processed only in accordance with the rule on data protection. We will not disclose your personal details to anyone unconnected to the Charity Commission unless:

- you have consented to their release; or
- we are legally obliged to disclose them; or
- we regard disclosure as either (a) necessary so that we can properly carry out our statutory functions or (b) necessary in the public interest.

We may share and disclose information about you with relevant public authorities, regulatory bodies and agencies, outside the Charity Commission but only if:

- we can lawfully do so; and
- we decide that disclosure is necessary for national security, crime detection, prevention, and law enforcement, or other issues in the public interest

Information we collect about you

We will use this information:

To enable us to carry out our statutory functions and duties;

This will include the following actions:

- (a) update, consolidate, and improve the accuracy of our records;**
- (b) undertake crime detection and prevention and law enforcement and assist the third parties specified above to investigate or prevent crime and carry out law enforcement;**
- (c) data analysis, testing, research, statistical and survey purposes**

Information we receive from other sources.

Information we receive from other sources

We may combine this information with information you give to us and information we collect about you.

We may use this information and the combined information for the purposes set out above (depending on the types of information we receive).

We will ensure that any such disclosure and use is proportionate; considers your right to respect for your private life; and is done fairly and lawfully in accordance with the data protection principles of the Data Protection Act.

The Data Protection Act 1998 regulates the use of 'personal data', which is essentially any information, however stored, about identifiable living individuals.

As a 'data controller' under the Act, the Charity Commission must comply with it. Any changes we may make to our privacy statement in the future will be set out in the replacement version of this form.

Please check back frequently to see any updates or changes to our privacy policy.

Declaration

This annual return has not been submitted and no Declaration has been made

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1185520

Charity's principal address

11 KING JOHN ROAD

GILLINGHAM

DORSET

Postcode

SP8 4PG

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	PAUL TAYLOR	PRESIDENT		
2	GEORGE BARAKOS	SECRETARY		
3	MARK WHITE	MEMBERSHIP CHAIR		
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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	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted	"ASSOCIATION" CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods	APPOINTED BY FIRST CHARITY TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>The main identified risk is that the CIO is currently operating with the minimum number of Trustees. This is to be addressed in the following year (2022).</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

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

<p>The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in vertical flight science and technology and related aerospace and engineering skills.</p>
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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)

When planning activities the trustees of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS) UK have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the face-to-face activities of the CIO had to be postponed. Instead, meetings for the CIO management took place regularly using on-line platforms.

Online meetings were also organised to promote vertical flight. Using platforms such as Zoom™ or the MS-TEAMS, all meetings were opened up to the widest public maximising participation and public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

COVID19 regulations were still in effect at the start of this reporting period. The Trustees took the decision to continue with virtual meetings until late into the year until the lifting of travel restrictions thus keeping members safe.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

At the start of this reporting period and operating under COVID restrictions the VFS UK kept all its meetings between Trustees and Officers running via online platforms.

During the same period, the VFS UK continued to establish a web and social media-presence.

In addition online, public events were organized using streaming and online collaboration tools. As an example , VFS-UK worked with the Royal Air Force to present a free seminar on the UK Chinook aircraft operations in Mali. This event took place on Tuesday, 12 October 2021 at 18:30 and was attended by ?? members. The seminar was delivered by Wg Cdr Paul Butler and was followed by a \question and Answer session.. The event resulted in a very informative short video that VFS-UK is now featuring on its web pages and social media.

With the final lifting of COVID travel restrictions, the VFS-UK schedule its first face-to-face Annual meeting since incorporation for February 24 to take place at the RAF Club in London. However, with the surge in the Omicron variant at this time, it was decided to postpone until April 29. The day began with presentations from James “Buddy” Denham, Chief Test Pilot for Joby Aviation (*Evolution of eVTOL with an Agile Development Approach - A Test Pilot's Perspective*); Gp Capt Nick Paton DFC BSc MA RAF, Station Commander RAF Benson & Puma Force Commander (*MoD views on future rotorcraft*); Justin Paines, Chief Pilot, Vertical Aerospace (*Vertical Aerospace's Flight Test Update*); *Skybus*: Malcolm Foster and Furqan, GKN Aerospace (*A feasibility assessment into a large eVTOL based transport system*). Finally, there was a Q & A panel with the keynote speakers and moderated by Professor Mark White (University of Liverpool and U.K. Chapter Membership Chair).

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The VFS UK holds no reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The VFS UK had no income during this reporting period.

The VFS UK had no expenditure during this reporting period.

The VFS UK did not have a Bank Account during this reporting period although the process of opening a Bank Account had been initiated. COVID regulations made the process difficult but it is anticipated that the Bank Account of the VFS-UK will be opened later in 2022.

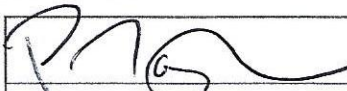
Section F Other optional information

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)

PAUL TAYLOR

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

PRESIDENT

Date

30 SEPTEMBER 2022

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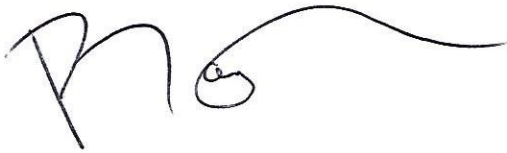
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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1185520

Charity's principal address

11 KING JOHN ROAD

GILLINGHAM

DORSET

Postcode

SP8 4PG

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	PAUL TAYLOR	PRESIDENT		
2	GEORGE BARAKOS	SECRETARY		
3	MARK WHITE	MEMBERSHIP CHAIR		
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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	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted	"ASSOCIATION" CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods	APPOINTED BY FIRST CHARITY 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.

The main identified risk is that the CIO is currently operating with the minimum number of Trustees. This is to be addressed in the following year (2022).

Section C Objectives and activities

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

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in vertical flight science and technology and related aerospace and engineering skills.

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)

When planning activities the trustees of the Vertical Flight Society (VFS) UK have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the face-to-face activities of the CIO had to be postponed. Instead, meetings for the CIO management took place regularly using on-line platforms.

Online meetings were also organised to promote vertical flight. Using platforms such as Zoom™ or the MS-TEAMS, all meetings were opened up to the widest public maximising participation and public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

COVID19 regulations were in effect throughout the year came into force in Mid March stopping all face-to-face activities.

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

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

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Operating under COVID restrictions the VFS UK kept all its meetings between Trustees and Officers running via online platforms.

During the same period, the VFS UK established a web-presence and opened channels on social media.

In addition online, public events were organized using streaming and online collaboration tools. As an example VFS UK worked with the Air-Ambulance service of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to deliver an online event on the activities of Air Ambulance and its helicopter operations. The event took place on Friday October 16, 2020 at 18:00 and was attended by some 60 members of the public. Attendance was dominated by the UK and the USA but attendees for as far away as Brazil were also present. The event resulted in a very informative short video that VFS-UK is now featuring on its web pages and social media.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The VFS UK holds no reserves.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

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.

The VFS UK had no income during this reporting period.

The VFS UK had no expenditure during this reporting period.

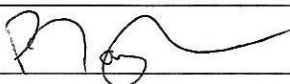
The VFS UK did not have a Bank Account during this reporting period although the process of opening a Bank Account was initiated. COVID regulations made the process difficult but it is anticipated that the Bank Account of the VFS-UK will be opened early in 2022.

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)	PAUL TAYLOR	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	PRESIDENT	

Date 24 NOVEMBER 2021