



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)

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 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.

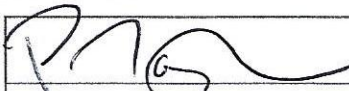
Section F Other optional information

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

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

The Vertical Flight Society UK Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organization

Report of the Trustees for the period 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022

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

The VFS UK is committed to educating 'as many people as possible living within the British Isles in vertical flight science and technology and related mechanical and engineering skills. VFS UK organises presentations and lectures on subjects relevant to Vertical Flight with a focus on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (known as STEM).

The benefits of the purposes are advancing the education of the public, particularly engineers and scientists, in scientific and technological subjects related to vertical flight.

VFS UK advertises its events through links with Universities and other educational establishments. It also advertises through relevant professional websites.

VFS UK events are open to all. COVID regulations were beginning to be eased at the start of this reporting period. However, the trustees deemed it prudent for activities to continue to take 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 with establishing its web and social media-presence, started during the previous reporting period.

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 some 60 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 (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tP6zTm9MX7Q>) and social media.

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The VFS UK Management structure is detailed in the Administrative Section below.

The Officers of VFS UK meet (virtual) on the afternoon of the first Friday in the Month.

The VFS UK promotes its activities through the VFS and the VFS UK Chapter. Membership of the VFS UK Chapter has grown from 190 to 198 people during the reporting period and is drawn from Industry and Academia.

Financial Review

VFS UK has received no income during this reporting period.

VFS UK has incurred no expenditure during this reporting period.

VFS UK has no assets or liabilities.

VFS UK does not have a bank account.

The Trustees therefore consider that a financial audit is not required for this reporting period.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank all those who volunteered to serve as Officers of VFS UK during this reporting period making valuable contributions to the running of VFS UK allowing this charity to fulfil its aims and objectives.

Administrative Information

The correspondence address for the VFS UK is 17 King John Road, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4PG.

The following have served as Officers during this reporting period:

George Barakos
Antonio Filippone
Thomas Fitzgibbon
Ian Frain

Secretary and First Trustee
Treasurer
Student Chapter Chair
Public Relations

David Gibbings
Rafael Morales
Adrian Neve
David Niven
Darrell Swanson
Paul Taylor
Mark White

Honorary President
University Liaison
Awards & Scholarships Chair
Technical Chair
Vice President, Tech Meetings
President and First Trustee
Membership Chair and First Trustee

VFS-UK

Financial Statements for the year 1 May 2021 to 30 April 2022

Income

VFS UK has received no income during this reporting period.

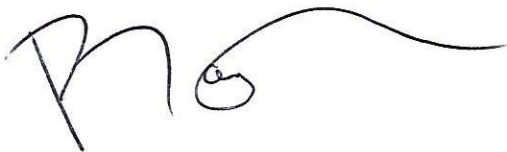
Expenditure

VFS UK has incurred no expenditure during this reporting period.

Assets and Liabilities

VFS UK has no assets or liabilities for this reporting period.

| **Approved by the Trustees on 10 November 2022 and signed on their behalf by Paul Taylor (VFS-UK President and Trustee).**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Taylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.