

CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales · Charity number 1186764

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2019-12-05

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE SCIENCE OF ASTRONOMY AND RELATED SUBJECTS FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY FURTHERING THE KNOWLEDGE OF ITS MEMBERS, PROMOTING AND CONDUCTING OBSERVATIONS, AND BY PROVIDING FACILITIES FOR ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATION.

Activities: We are an Astronomical Society with an observatory and meeting room situated at Beacon Hill, Cleethorpes. Although a members' society, all our activities are open to the general public. We organise talks, sessions for newcomers to astronomy, public observing evenings, Informal meetings and outreach sessions for schools, scouting groups and other organisations.

Classification

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

Geography

- Lincolnshire
- North East Lincolnshire
- North Lincolnshire

Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|---------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2024-12-31 | £2,637 | £1,799 | - | - |
| 2023-12-31 | £2,751 | £2,846 | - | - |
| 2022-12-31 | £1,348 | £4,070 | - | - |
| 2021-12-31 | £796 | £6,639 | - | - |
| 2020-12-31 | £11,808 | £2,135 | - | - |

Trustees

| Name | Role | Appointed |
|---------------------------|-------|------------|
| Michael Brightmore | Chair | 2020-03-11 |
| Barrie Christopher Watts | | 2020-03-11 |
| Susan Elizabeth Parr | | 2020-03-11 |
| William Scutcher | | 2021-11-09 |

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.2024 Period start date to 31.12.2024 Period end date

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| | | own and maintain a variety of smaller portable telescopes for demonstration purposes and for use by members, beginners and visitors. We also have the facility to electronically transmit images from a telescope in the observation dome to a projector and screen in the meeting room. This allows our less mobile members and guests to take part in observing sessions. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | Trustees of Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society are acquainted with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with the requirements under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that the activities of the society are available to and suitable for the public at large. The prioritisation of public benefit is regularly reviewed at trustee and committee meetings to encourage inclusion, particularly of younger members of the public, through promotion, range of activities and charges. The trustees also ensure that the society caters for a wide variety of interests, commitment and abilities. |

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Achievements and Performance

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>Attendances at Main and Beginners' meetings have held up well during the year with Main meetings averaging twenty-three attendees for the eleven observatory-based meetings. The Main meeting programme had a wide variety of topics so that all members' interests were catered for. These meetings featured speakers including our own members, Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society, University lecturers and experts from other astronomical societies. The August meeting was the regular Perseid meteor watch at the dark sky, out-of-town home of one of our members.</p> <p>The Beginners' meetings enjoyed an average attendance of 20 persons with several new people joining us from September onwards. There is now a substantial core of people who are attending very regularly. Changing the programme to a two-year cycle has given us a lot more flexibility in how and when topics are introduced. This is particularly important given the unpredictability of observing opportunities on Beginners' meeting nights. Essential to the success of the Beginners' sessions is how welcome people feel when they arrive, especially for the first time. In addition to the average twenty attendees, all the Beginners' sessions have several society members present to deliver talks and advice, set up and help with telescope viewing and generally promote a welcoming atmosphere.</p> <p>Our monthly Informal Evenings provided a platform for members to join together to discuss and share their various interests in Astronomy. The regular attendees included beginners aiming to increase their understanding together with experienced members eager to share their knowledge through discussion and short presentations. Each evening, held</p> |

via Zoom, includes a variety of subjects ranging from those of astronomical historical interest, future space projects, current astronomical phenomena and astrophysical topics We have excellent astrophotographers at our meetings who share their work, expertise and gave advice.

Attendees are not required to prepare a presentation or lead a discussion; their presence is simply requested to enjoy an evening with fellow enthusiasts.

The society's Outreach sessions have been very successful with a plethora of enquiries from local groups. Visitors have included schools, scouts, cubs, beavers, guides and U3A (University of the Third Age) groups.

During the year the committee has met six times. It undertook a thorough SWOT (Strengths Weaknesses Opportunities Threats) analysis of the society's situation. It is fair to say that the results were broadly positive and some points that arose from it have been dealt with, such as improving security of the building and the usability of the rear fire escape. The sleeping policemen on the internal driveway have also been repainted as they were becoming a hazard. It has also enabled us to set some key action points. One of these is to have the path to the meeting room re-laid as it is in an unsatisfactory condition, especially for those who are disabled or elderly. The committee has decided to seek external funding for this work.

A considerable amount of maintenance work has been undertaken both to the dome and 16" telescope as well as to the meeting room and the rest of the building. These improvements are generally aimed at enhancing the appearance, comfort and safety of our facilities. However, given that the building is over 50 years old, maintenance will continue to be an ongoing necessity.

Additional information (optional)

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| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The society raises a small amount of funds through the provision of refreshments and organising raffles during meetings. These, together with the collection of membership subscriptions and door charges for casual visitors and fees for outreach activities help with the upkeep of the premises, maintenance of equipment and expenses incurred by visiting speakers. All income has been utilised in support of the society's objectives. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | Not applicable |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | One of our senior committee and trustee members is elected annually to the position of treasurer. The treasurer oversees all matters relating to income and expenditure and provides detailed information to committee and trustees meetings. The financial position of the society remains healthy with end of year unrestricted funds totalling £5,921 |
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| | | compared with £5,063 at the end of 2023. This financial stability has been achieved through careful management and the goodwill of members which has allowed the society not only to maintain but also further improve its facilities |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The society is a straightforward and transparent organisation with generally predictable outgoings. Holding specific reserves is therefore not necessary at the present time. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | None |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | Predicted expenditure such as insurance, fees and utilities can always be met through subscriptions. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | The society has no funds in deficit. |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The future of the society requires enough members in order to provide subscriptions to cover our outgoings. We are therefore aware of the need to continuously attract new and younger members to future-proof the society. Progression from the beginners' programme to membership of the society is one way to achieve this. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and casual visitors at meetings, refreshment and raffle charges. These are supplemented by donations, including those given in appreciation of outreach activities. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | Not applicable. |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | The society has been in existence for over 50 years. We have our own premises and equipment and a regular |

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| | | membership. We also enjoy an established communication and outreach potential. The only risk is not being able to attract sufficient new members and participants in the future. |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The society / CIO is governed by its constitution which was reviewed and amended on 29th April 2019. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 5th December 2019. |
| 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 | Membership of the society is open to the public. The trustees, along with the society's committee members and officers, are elected from the general membership at each annual general meeting. All posts are open to any of our members and are advertised prior to the AGM. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | The society / CIO has an elected committee with executive posts of society chair, chair of trustees, secretary and treasurer. The elected trustees operate within the society's organisational structure and constitution to ensure that its activities, priorities and expenditure are in line with and support the CIO's charitable and public benefit objectives. Relevant circulars from the Charity Commission are circulated to the trustees. |
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| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | Trustees are an integral part of the society's organisational and committee structure. The society is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS) which is a national body established to promote co-operation between astronomical societies and provide information and advice. Public liability insurance is obtained annually from the FAS and the society has adopted the national policies on child protection, general data protection regulation (GDPR) and risk assessment. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | Not applicable |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name | Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society |
| Other name the charity uses | None |
| Registered charity number | 1186764 |
| Charity's principal address | 144 Chichester Road Cleethorpes Lincolnshire DN35 0JJ |
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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 | Michael Brightmore | Chair | | Society Membership |
| 2 | Barrie Watts | Vice Chair | | Society Membership |
| 3 | Susan Parr | Secretary | | Society Membership |
| 4 | William Scutcher | Treasurer | | Society Membership |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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| Not applicable | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| Not applicable | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | Not applicable |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not applicable |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | Not applicable |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details


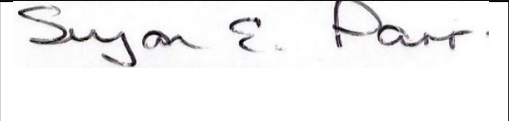
Not applicable

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
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| Full name(s) | Michael Victor Brightmore | Susan Elizabeth Parr |
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| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Secretary |
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Date 17th September 2025



Receipts and payments accounts

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| For the period from | 1-Jan-24 | To | 31-Dec-24 |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 765 | - | - | 765 | 1,632 |
| On the door payments | 469 | - | - | 469 | 336 |
| Visit Donations | 305 | - | - | 305 | 220 |
| Other donations | 77 | - | - | 77 | 117 |
| Refreshment Payments | 260 | - | - | 260 | 159 |
| Book sales | 570 | - | - | 570 | - |
| Raffle money | 191 | - | - | 191 | 287 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposits | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 2,637 | - | - | 2,637 | 2,751 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 2,637 | - | - | 2,637 | 2,751 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Speaker fees and expenses | 265 | - | - | 265 | 317 |
| NELC Rent and Rates | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water supply payment to allotment soc | 35 | - | - | 35 | 25 |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maintenance | 56 | - | - | 56 | 163 |
| FAS Mem'ship & Voluntr. + PL Insurance | 73 | - | - | 73 | 52 |
| Other insurance | - | - | - | - | 144 |
| Electricity | 380 | - | - | 380 | 291 |
| Major building work | 400 | - | - | 400 | 774 |
| Astro equipment and consumables | 24 | - | - | 24 | 504 |
| Non-astro equipment and consumables | 172 | - | - | 172 | 576 |
| Equipment Loan Deposit Refunded | - | - | - | - | - |
| Book Printing etc | 394 | - | - | 394 | - |
| Sub total | 1,799 | - | - | 1,799 | 2,846 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 1,799 | - | - | 1,799 | 2,846 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 838 | - | - | 838 | - 95 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 5,083 | - | - | 5,083 | 5,158 |
| Cash funds this year end | 5,921 | - | - | 5,921 | 5,063 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

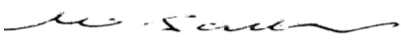

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash held as cash | 228 | - | - |
| | NatWest current account | 5,693 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 5,921 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
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| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
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| |  | William Scutcher | 9/16/2025 |
| |  | Michael Brightmore | 9/16/2025 |

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>The 12 months since the 2022 Charity Commission report have seen the society fully return to pre-COVID normality with a regular rhythm of Main, Beginners' and Informal meetings that have had pleasing and quite stable attendance figures. 33 people have paid for membership compared with 41 in 2022.</p> <p>Outreach events have rapidly increased. The committee has met, on average, once every 2 months and wherever necessary the trustees have been involved in decisions. Several committee members are also trustees. The ongoing 'CDAS Objectives 2023-24 document' shows how much has been achieved since the last report. The committee has also undertaken a SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) analysis of the society's situation and is now working through the results of that analysis.</p> <p>Having obtained charitable status, the society faces the challenge of accessing grants in order to ensure its continued development.</p> <p>The society's facilities are situated within the long-established Beacon Hill Allotments. The allotment holder's society is in the process of installing much improved surveillance and intend to install a CCTV camera that will cover of our site along with neighbouring allotments. The two societies and their respective committees enjoy a close and supportive working relationship.</p> <p>A considerable amount of maintenance work has been undertaken both to the dome and 16" telescope as well as to the rest of the building. However, given that the facilities are over 50 years old, maintenance will continue to be an ongoing necessity. An urgent task that has been identified from the SWOT analysis is to improve the fire escape by providing external emergency lighting and a safer means of exiting the building.</p> |

The 16" Cassegrain / Newtonian telescope now has a piggyback telescope fitted with a ZWO camera. Cabling has been run from the dome to the lectern in the meeting room from where it connects to the projector. We are close to the situation where members and visitors can be physically looking through the main telescope while those who cannot access the dome can see an equivalent image on the meeting room screen. This will make the society more accessible to members with physical disabilities.

A mainstay of the society are our monthly main meetings featuring speakers including our own members, Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society, University lecturers and experts from other astronomical societies. Physical public and member meetings are socially more acceptable and inclusive and allow society funds to be generated through door charges, refreshments and raffles.

Since last September the number of outreach events has been near the limit of what can be managed with our available resources. Events have been very successful with or without clear weather. Visitors have included schools, scouts, cubs, beavers, guides and U3A (University of the Third Age) groups.

The Beginners' sessions are attracting very healthy numbers of participants and they have settled down to an attendance pattern with a core of people who almost always attend and a considerable number of others who attend on a more irregular basis. It is not unusual to have new people joining us. Although there is progression throughout the course, the need to accommodate new people and others who have missed sessions means that we try to make individual sessions reasonably free standing. The two-year syllabus ends in June and a new one starts in September.

The Informal Meetings provide a platform for members of the Society to discuss and share their particular

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| | | <p>astronomical interest with others. Those attending ranged from beginners to others with considerable knowledge and experience. Each evening had a different selection of topics and questions which were all well prepared. The meetings, held via Zoom, included subjects ranging from astrophotography, spacecraft and missions, scientists, astronomers, astronomical events and astrophysics. We also had a special Christmas Edition which was enjoyed by all attendees.</p> |
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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <p>One of our senior committee and trustee members is elected annually to the position of treasurer. The treasurer oversees all matters relating to income and expenditure and provides this information to committee and trustees meetings.</p> <p>The financial position of the society remains healthy with end of year unrestricted funds totalling £5,063 compared with £5,178 at the end of 2022. This financial stability has been achieved through careful management and the goodwill of members which has allowed the society not only to maintain but also further improve its facilities</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | <p>The society is a straightforward and transparent organisation with generally predictable outgoings. Holding specific reserves is therefore not necessary at the present time.</p> |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | <p>None</p> |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | <p>Predicted expenditure such as insurance, fees and utilities can always be met through subscriptions.</p> |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | <p>The society has no funds in deficit.</p> |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | <p>The future of the society requires enough members in order to provide subscriptions to cover our outgoings. We are therefore aware of the need to continuously attract new and younger members to future-proof the society. Progression from the beginners' programme to membership of the society is one way to achieve this.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | <p>The society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and casual visitors at meetings, refreshment and raffle charges. These are</p> |
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| | | supplemented by donations, including those given in appreciation of outreach activities. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | Not applicable. |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | The society has been in existence for over 50 years. We have our own premises and equipment and a regular membership. We also enjoy an established communication and outreach potential. The only risk is not being able to attract sufficient new members and participants in the future. |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | The society / CIO is governed by its constitution which was reviewed and amended on 29th April 2019. |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 5th December 2019. |
| 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 | Membership of the society is open to the public. The trustees, along with the society's committee members and officers, are elected from the general membership at each annual general meeting. All posts are open to any of our members and are advertised prior to the AGM. |

Additional information (optional)

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | The society / CIO has an elected committee with executive posts of chair, secretary and treasurer. The elected trustees operate within the society's organisational structure and constitution to ensure that its activities, priorities and expenditure are in line with and support the CIO's charitable and public benefit objectives. Relevant circulars from the Charity Commission are circulated to the trustees. |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | Trustees are an integral part of the society's organisational and committee structure. The society is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS) which is a national body established to promote co-operation between astronomical societies and provide information and advice. Public liability insurance is obtained annually from the FAS and the society has adopted the national policies on child protection, general data protection regulation (GDPR) and risk assessment. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | Not applicable |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name | Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society |
| Other name the charity uses | None |
| Registered charity number | 1186764 |
| Charity's principal address | 144 Chichester Road Cleethorpes Lincolnshire DN35 0JJ |
| | |

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 | Michael Brightmore | Chair | | Society Membership |
| 2 | Barrie Watts | Vice Chair | | Society Membership |
| 3 | Susan Parr | Secretary | | Society Membership |
| 4 | William Scutcher | Treasurer | | Society Membership |
| 5 | | | | |
| 6 | | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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| Not applicable | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Not applicable | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

| | |
|---|----------------|
| Description of the assets held in this capacity | Not applicable |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not applicable |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | Not applicable |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| | | |
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| | | |

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

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

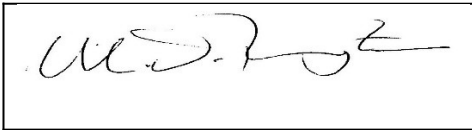
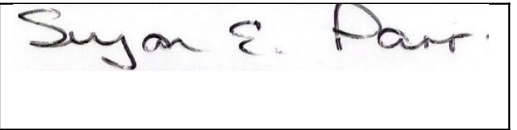
Not applicable

Other optional information

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) | Michael Victor Brightmore | Susan Elizabeth Parr |
|--------------|---------------------------|----------------------|

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Secretary |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-----------|

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|------|------------|
| Date | 12.09.2024 |
|------|------------|



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society

1186764

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

1-Jan-23

To

31-Dec-23

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 1,632 | - | - | 1,632 | 975 |
| On the door payments | 336 | - | - | 336 | 178 |
| Visit Donations | 220 | - | - | 220 | - |
| Other donations | 117 | - | - | 117 | 25 |
| Refreshment Payments | 159 | - | - | 159 | 58 |
| Book sales | - | - | - | - | - |
| Raffle money | 287 | - | - | 287 | 112 |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposits | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total(Gross income for AR) | 2,751 | - | - | 2,751 | 1,348 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 2,751 | - | - | 2,751 | 1,348 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Speaker fees and expenses | 317 | - | - | 317 | 95 |
| NELC Rent and Rates | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water supply payment to allotment soc | 25 | - | - | 25 | - |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| Maintenance | 163 | - | - | 163 | 1,001 |
| FAS Membership & PLI | 52 | - | - | 52 | 53 |
| Other insurance | 144 | - | - | 144 | 144 |
| Electricity | 291 | - | - | 291 | 354 |
| Major building work | 774 | - | - | 774 | 2,360 |
| Astro equipment and consumables | 504 | - | - | 504 | 53 |
| Non-astro equipment and consumables | 576 | - | - | 576 | 2 |
| Equipment Loan Deposit Refunded | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 2,846 | - | - | 2,846 | 4,069 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 2,846 | - | - | 2,846 | 4,069 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 95 | - | - | - 95 | - 2,721 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 5,158 | 20 | - | 5,178 | 7,899 |
| Cash funds this year end | 5,063 | 20 | - | 5,083 | 5,178 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash held as cash | 210 | - | - |
| | NatWest current account | 4,853 | 20 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 5,063 | 20 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

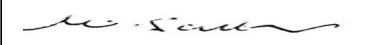
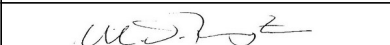
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
|  | William Scutcher | 12.09.2024 |
|  | Michael Brightmore | 12.09.2024 |

CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1186764

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01.01.2022** Period start date To **31.12.2022** Period end date

Charity name: **Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society**

Charity registration number: **1186764**

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|--|--------------------|---|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | The objects of the CIO are to advance education in the science of astronomy and related subjects by furthering the knowledge of its members and amongst the local community, promoting and conducting observations and by providing 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 | We are a long-established astronomical society with our own observatory and meeting room situated at Beacon Hill, Montgomery Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 9JQ. Although a members' society, the majority of our activities are open and welcoming to the general public and promoted on our website, on Facebook and the local press. We organise and deliver talks, informal meetings, dedicated sessions for newcomers to astronomy and outreach activities for schools, scouting groups and other organisations. The society website www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk is well maintained and a regularly accessed source of up-to-date information. In addition to open evenings the society welcomes members and the public to daytime observations of Solar events such as eclipses and transits. In addition to the 16-inch aperture Cassegrain / Newtonian telescope in the purpose built observatory dome, we own and maintain a variety of smaller |

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| | | portable telescopes for demonstration purposes and for use by members, beginners and visitors. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees of Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society are acquainted with the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with the requirements under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that the activities of the society are available to and suitable for the public at large. The prioritisation of public benefit is regularly reviewed at trustee and committee meetings to encourage inclusion, particularly of younger members of the public, through promotion, range of activities and charges. The trustees also ensure that the society caters for a wide variety of interests, commitment and abilities. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
|--|----------------|--|
| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | The society does not make grants but is prepared to temporarily loan telescopes to members |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | We do not engage in investment activity |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | The society has no paid staff, so all its activities are undertaken voluntarily by its members. These include secretarial, governance, organisation of meetings and speakers, practical observing, catering for beginners, upkeep of premises, grounds and equipment, website maintenance and social interaction. During the enforced closure of the observatory and meeting room some of our members have freely spent a great deal of time decorating, improving and refurbishing the premises. |
| Other | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
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| <p>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.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>As with many other organisations the Covid pandemic and the necessary closure of our premises continued to seriously impact our activities during the first part of 2022. On the positive side the opportunity was taken to continue the improvement of our facilities. This allowed a complete refurbishment of the meeting room, kitchen and toilet. The observatory dome is also now back in use having had the floor and electrics replaced.</p> <p>Regular scheduled committee and trustees meeting continued virtually with future actions and priorities being agreed and actioned. Once the society premises re-opened in September these meetings continued to be held via Zoom for the convenience of participants and to reduce our carbon footprint.</p> <p>Initially hosted on Zoom, our main meetings were resumed in person at society premises as soon as Covid restrictions were lifted in September. Prior to this, in August, we held an open afternoon to welcome members and visitors to our newly refurbished premises. A variety of speakers took part in our main meetings including our own members, Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society, University lecturers and experts from other astronomical societies. Physical public and member meetings are socially more acceptable and inclusive and allow society funds to be generated through door charges, refreshments and raffles. Attendances at our main meetings are gradually returning to pre-Covid levels with outside speakers regularly commenting on how well attended they are. The society is researching the possibility of hybrid meetings conducted both physically at the observatory and on-line.</p> <p>Sessions for beginners who are relatively new to astronomy initially continued unabated, again using Zoom. Since resuming physical meetings at the observatory in September we have experienced a steady influx of new participants and we are again able to</p> |

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| | | <p>reinforce theory with practical observing through the variety of telescopes and binoculars owned by the society. The number of children and young persons joining these sessions has increased and the committee has decided to waive entry fees for them.</p> <p>Another feature of the society are the informal discussion sessions held on a monthly basis. These remain on-line and are open to all members. These meetings allow participants to meet in a relaxed atmosphere, discuss topical issues, share experience and to ask questions.</p> <p>The re-opening of our premises in September also allowed the society's outreach programme to resume with parties of school children and other youth and adult groups again being welcomed to the observatory.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | All the activities of the society / CIO emphasise and support our set objectives. We continue to be a valuable and needed service to the local community where members of the public are more than welcome to join or just visit in order to learn about astronomy and experience practical observing. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | The society raises a small amount of funds through the provision of refreshments and organising raffles during meetings. These, together with the collection of membership subscriptions and door charges for casual visitors help with the upkeep of the premises, maintenance of equipment and expenses incurred by visiting speakers. All income has been utilised in support of the society's objectives. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | Not applicable |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | <p>One of our senior committee and trustee members is elected annually to the position of treasurer. The treasurer oversees all matters relating to income and expenditure and provides this information to committee and trustees meetings.</p> <p>The financial position of the society remains healthy with end of year unrestricted funds totalling £5,178. This has been achieved despite the limitations caused by Covid during the first half of 2022 and necessary expenditure on buildings improvements.</p> |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | <p>The society is a simple and transparent organisation with predictable outgoings. Holding reserves is therefore not necessary at the present time.</p> |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | <p>None</p> |
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| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | Not applicable |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | The society has been in existence for over 50 years. We have our own premises and equipment and a regular membership. The only risk is not being able to attract sufficient new members and participants in the future. |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | None |
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Additional information (optional)

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| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | Not applicable. |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

| | |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Charity name | Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society |
| Other name the charity uses | None |
| Registered charity number | 1186764 |
| Charity's principal address | 144 Chichester Road Cleethorpes Lincolnshire DN35 0JJ |
| | |

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 | Michael Brightmore | Chair | | Society membership |
| 2 | Barrie Watts | Vice Chair | | Society membership |
| 3 | Susan Parr | Secretary | | Society membership |
| 4 | William Scutcher | Treasurer | | Society membership |
| 5 | Christopher Truelove | Trustee | 10.03.21 to 27.09.2022 | Society Membership |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Not applicable | | |
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| | | |

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Not applicable | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | Not applicable |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not applicable |
| Details of arrangements for | Not applicable |

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| safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | |
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Not applicable

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not applicable

Other optional information

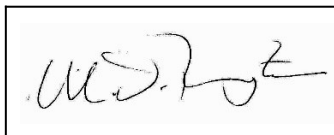
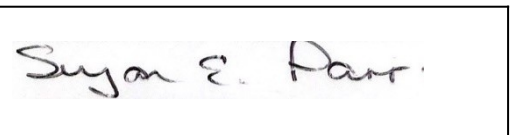
Not applicable

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)

| | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Michael Victor Brightmore | Susan Elizabeth Parr |
|---------------------------|----------------------|

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

| | |
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| Chair | Secretary |
|-------|-----------|

Date

26th September 2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society

1186764

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Receipts and payments accounts

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|---------------------|----------|----|-----------|
| For the period from | 1-Jan-22 | To | 31-Dec-22 |
|---------------------|----------|----|-----------|

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ | Total funds to the nearest £ | Last year to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 975 | - | - | 975 | 629 |
| On the door payments | 178 | - | - | 178 | 40 |
| Visit Donations | - | - | - | - | - |
| Other donations | 25 | - | - | 25 | 71 |
| Refreshment Payments | 58 | - | - | 58 | 16 |
| Book sales | - | - | - | - | - |
| Raffle money | 112 | - | - | 112 | - |
| Grants | - | - | - | - | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposits | - | - | - | - | 40 |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 1,348 | - | - | 1,348 | 796 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 1,348 | - | - | 1,348 | 796 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Speaker fees and expenses | 95 | - | - | 95 | 70 |
| NELC Rent and Rates | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water supply payment to allotment soc | - | - | - | - | 50 |
| Refreshments | 7 | - | - | 7 | - |
| Maintenance | 1,001 | - | - | 1,001 | 524 |
| FAS Membership & PLI | 53 | - | - | 53 | 58 |
| Other insurance | 144 | - | - | 144 | 115 |
| Electricity | 354 | - | - | 354 | 207 |
| Major building work | 2,360 | - | - | 2,360 | 5,595 |
| Astro equipment and consumables | 53 | - | - | 53 | - |
| Non-astro equipment and consumables | 3 | - | - | 3 | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposit Refunded | - | - | - | - | 20 |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 4,070 | - | - | 4,070 | 6,639 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 4,070 | - | - | 4,070 | 6,639 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 2,722 | - | - | - 2,722 | - 5,843 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 7,879 | 20 | - | 7,899 | 13,742 |
| Cash funds this year end | 5,158 | 20 | - | 5,178 | 7,899 |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|----------------------|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash held as cash | 117 | - | - |
| | NatWest current account | 5,041 | 20 | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 5,158 | 20 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |

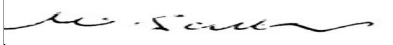
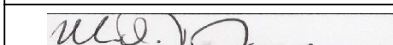
| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B2 Other monetary assets | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|-----------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B3 Investment assets | | | - | - |
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| | | | - | - |

| Categories | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
|---|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | | | - | - |
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| Categories | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
|-----------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| B5 Liabilities | | | - | |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

| Signature | Print Name | Date of approval |
|---|--------------------|------------------|
|  | William Scutcher | 24-Sep-23 |
|  | Michael Brightmore | 24-Sep-23 |

CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

England & Wales - Charity number 1186764

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.2021 Period start date To 31.12.2021 Period end date

Charity name: Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society

Charity registration number: 1186764

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
|--|--------------------|--|
| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | The objects of the CIO are to advance education in the science of astronomy and related subjects by furthering the knowledge of its members and amongst the local community, promoting and conducting observations and by providing 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 | We are a long-established astronomical society with our own observatory and meeting room situated at Beacon Hill, Montgomery Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 9JQ. Although a members' society, all our activities are open and welcoming to the general public and promoted on our website, on Facebook and the local press. We organise and deliver talks, informal meetings, dedicated sessions for newcomers to astronomy and outreach activities for schools, scouting groups and other organisations. The society website www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk is well maintained and a regularly accessed source of up-to-date information. In addition to open evenings the society welcomes members and the public to daytime observations of Solar events such as eclipses and transits. In addition to the 16 inch aperture Cassegrain / Newtonian telescope in the purpose built observatory dome, we own and maintain a variety of smaller portable telescopes for demonstration purposes and for use by members, beginners and visitors. |

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| <p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p> | <p>Para 1.18</p> | <p>The trustees of Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society are acquainted with the Charity Commission’s guidance on public benefit and comply with the requirements under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that the activities of the society are available to and suitable for the public at large. The prioritisation of public benefit is regularly reviewed at trustee and committee meetings to encourage inclusion, particularly of younger members of the public, through promotion, range of activities and charges. The trustees also ensure that the society caters for a wide variety of interests, commitment and abilities.</p> |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

| | SORP reference | |
|---|------------------|---|
| <p>Policy on grant making</p> | <p>Para 1.38</p> | <p>The society does not make grants but is prepared, with guidance, to temporarily loan telescopes to members</p> |
| <p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p> | <p>Para 1.38</p> | <p>We do not engage in investment activity.</p> |
| <p>Contribution made by volunteers</p> | <p>Para 1.38</p> | <p>The society has no paid staff, so all its activities are undertaken voluntarily by its members. These include secretarial, governance, organisation of meetings and speakers, practical observing, catering for beginners, upkeep of premises, grounds and equipment, website maintenance and social interaction.</p> <p>During the enforced closure of the observatory and meeting room some of our members have freely spent a great deal of time decorating, improving and refurbishing the premises.</p> |
| <p>Other</p> | | |

Achievements and Performance

| | SORP reference | |
|--|------------------|---|
| <p>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.</p> | <p>Para 1.20</p> | <p>As with many other organisations the Covid pandemic and the necessary closure of our premises continued to seriously impact our activities throughout 2021. On the positive side the opportunity has been taken not only to refurbish and improve our facilities but also to revise our policies on child protection and data protection.</p> <p>Regular scheduled committee and trustees meeting have continued virtually with future actions and priorities being agreed and actioned.</p> <p>Our main meetings have experienced some reduction in participants and were able to continue via Zoom. A variety of speakers took part including our own members, Fellows of the Royal Astronomical Society, University lecturers and experts from other astronomical societies. Using the internet also allowed us to join meetings held by other astronomical societies. Zoom has opened the possibility of engaging speakers from further afield which could continue to take place alongside physical meetings in future.</p> <p>Sessions for beginners who are new to astronomy continued unabated, again using Zoom. Unfortunately, practical observing sessions in support of the theory were still not possible. We do however encourage our beginners to conduct their own observations of the night sky and our sessions highlight what they can see with the naked eye or through binoculars. Most are looking forward to the observatory re-opening in 2022.</p> <p>Regular informal sessions provided a virtual platform for participants to meet in a relaxed atmosphere, discuss topical issues, share experience and to ask questions.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | All the activities of the society / CIO emphasise and support our set objectives. We continue to be a valuable and needed service to the local community where members of the public are more than welcome to join or just visit in order to learn about astronomy and experience practical observing. |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | In normal times the society raises a small amount of funds through the provision of refreshments and running lotteries during meetings. These, together with the collection of membership subscriptions, have been considerably reduced during the year. All income has nevertheless been used in support of the society's objectives. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | Not applicable |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The financial position of the society remains healthy with end of year unrestricted funds totalling £7,899. This has been achieved despite a reduction in income due to Covid and expenditure on much needed improvements to our premises. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | The society is a simple and transparent organisation with predictable outgoings. Holding reserves is therefore not necessary at the present time. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | None. |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | Predicted expenditure such as insurance, fees and utilities can always be met through subscriptions. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | The society has no funds in deficit. |

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| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The future of the society requires a sufficient number of members to provide subscriptions. We are therefore aware of the need to attract younger members to future-proof the society. |
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | The society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and meeting, visitor, refreshment and raffle charges. These are supplemented by donations, including those given in appreciation of outreach activities. |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | Not applicable. |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | The society has been in existence for over 50 years. We have our own premises and a regular membership. The only risk is not being able to attract new members. |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document | Para 1.25 | The society / CIO is governed by its constitution which was reviewed and amended on 29th April 2019. |
| How is the charity constituted? | Para 1.25 | As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 5th December 2019 |
| 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 | Membership of the society is open to the public. The trustees, along with the society's committee members and officers, are elected from the general membership at each annual general meeting. All posts are open to any of our members and are advertised prior to the AGM. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | The society / CIO has an elected committee and executive posts of chair, secretary and treasurer. The elected trustees operate within the society's organisational structure to ensure that its activities, priorities and expenditure are in line with and support the CIO's charitable and public benefit objectives. |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | Trustees are an integral part of the society's organisational and committee structure. The society is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS) which is a national body established to promote co-operation between astronomical societies and provide information and advice. Public liability insurance is obtained annually from the FAS and the society has adopted the national policies on child protection, general data protection regulation (GDPR) and risk assessment. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | Not Applicable |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society |
| Other name the charity uses | Not Applicable |
| Registered charity number | 1186764 |
| Charity's principal address | 144 Chichester Road Cleethorpes Lincolnshire DN35 0JJ |

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 | Michael Brightmore | Chair | | Society membership |
| 2 | Susan Parr | Secretary | | Society membership |
| 3 | Barrie Watts | Vice Chair | | Society membership |
| 4 | Christopher Truelove | | 10.03.2021 to present | Society membership |
| 5 | William Scutcher | Treasurer | 09.11.2021 to present | Society Membership |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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| Director name | | |
| Not applicable | | |
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| Not applicable | | |
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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | Not applicable |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | Not applicable |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | Not applicable |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
|-----------------|------|---------|
| N/A | | |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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| N/A |
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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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| Not Applicable |
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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Michael Victor Brightmore | Susan Elizabeth Parr |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Secretary |
| Date | 09/10/2022 | |



Receipts and payments account

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| For the period from | Jan 1, 21 | To |
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Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds to the nearest £ | Restricted funds to the nearest £ | Endowment funds to the nearest £ |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| A1 Receipts | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 629 | - | - |
| On the door payments | 40 | - | - |
| Visit Donations | - | - | - |
| Other donations | 71 | - | - |
| Refreshment Payments | 16 | - | - |
| Book sales | - | - | - |
| Raffle money | - | - | - |
| Grants | - | - | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposits | - | 40 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 756 | 40 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 756 | 40 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | |
| Speaker fees and expenses | 70 | - | - |
| NELC Rent and Rates | - | - | - |
| Water supply payment to allotment soc | 50 | - | - |
| Refreshments | - | - | - |
| Maintenance | 524 | - | - |
| FAS Membership & PLI | 58 | - | - |
| Other insurance | 115 | - | - |
| Electricity | 207 | - | - |
| Major building work | 5,595 | - | - |
| Astro equipment and consumables | - | - | - |
| Non-astro equipment and consumables | - | - | - |
| Equipment Loan Deposit Refunded | - | 20 | - |
| | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 6,619 | 20 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | |
| | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - |

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| Total payments | 6,619 | 20 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | - 5,863 | 20 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 13,742 | - | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 7,879 | 20 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|--|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash held as cash | 7 |
| | NatWest current account | 7,872 |
| | | - |
| | Total cash funds | 7,879 |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - |
| | | - |
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| | | - |
| | | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs |
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| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates |
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

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Total funds

Last year

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| 629 | 1,078 |
| 40 | 175 |
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| 796 | 11,808 |

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| 796 | 11,808 |
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| 70 | 30 |
| - | - |
| 50 | 25 |
| - | - |
| 524 | 831 |
| 58 | 85 |
| 115 | - |
| 207 | 456 |
| 5,595 | - |
| - | 418 |
| - | 290 |
| 20 | - |
| - | - |
| 6,639 | 2,135 |

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| 6,639 | 2,135 |
| - 5,843 | 9,673 |
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| 13,742 | 4,069 |
| 7,899 | 13,742 |

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CLEETHORPES AND DISTRICT ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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|-------------|-------------------|----|------|-----------|-----------------|----|------|
| | Period start date | | | | Period end date | | |
| From | 01 | 01 | 2020 | To | 31 | 12 | 2020 |

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1186764

Charity's principal address 144 Chichester Road
 Cleethorpes
 North East Lincolnshire
Postcode DN35 0JJ

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 | Michael Brightmore | Chair | 11.03.2020 to present | Society membership |
| 2 | Susan Parr | Society Secretary | 11.03.2020 to present | Society membership |
| 3 | Ann Croft | | 11.03.2020 to 10.03.2021 | Society membership |
| 4 | Christopher Truelove | | 10.03.21 to present | Society membership |
| 5 | Barrie Watts | Society assistant chair | 11.03.2020 to present | Society membership |
| 6 | | | | |
| 7 | | | | |
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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 |
|------|-----------------------------------|
| N/A | |
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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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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

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| Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution) | The society / CIO is governed by its constitution which was reviewed and amended 29th April 2019. |
| How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company) | The society / CIO is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered on 5th December 2019. |
| Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by) | The charity trustees, along with the society's committee members, are elected from the general membership at each annual general meeting. All posts are open to each of our members and are advertised prior to the AGM. |

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.

We are a society with an elected committee and executive posts of chair, secretary and treasurer. The society is a member of the Federation of Astronomical Societies (FAS) which is a national body established to promote co-operation between astronomical societies and provide information and advice to its members. Public Liability Insurance is obtained annually from the FAS and the society has adopted the national policies on child protection, general data protection regulation (GDPR) and risk assessment.

The elected trustees operate within the society's organisational structure to ensure that its activities and expenditure are in line with and support the CIO's charitable and public benefit objectives.

The principal risks facing the charity are financial. These are a drop in membership numbers, being unable to hold revenue generating meetings and a fall in donations. These risks are driven by the necessary restrictions in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

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 education in the science of astronomy and related subjects by furthering the knowledge of its members and amongst the local community, promoting and conducting observations and by providing facilities for active participation in astronomical observation.

We are an astronomical society with an observatory and meeting room situated at Beacon Hill, Montgomery Road, Cleethorpes, DN35 9JQ. Although a members' society, all our activities are open to the public and promoted on our website and via Facebook and the local press. We organise talks, sessions for newcomers to astronomy, informal meetings, and outreach sessions for schools, scouting groups and other organisations.

The society website www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk is well maintained and a regular source of information. During 2020 the site was accessed by 1632 users.

In addition to open evenings, the society traditionally opens its premises to the public to observe Solar events such as eclipses and Mercury and Venus transits.



Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Trustees of Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society are in possession of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and comply with the requirements under section 17(5) of the Charities Act 2011 to ensure that the activities of the society are available to and suitable for the public at large. The prioritising of public benefit is regularly reviewed at trustee and committee meetings, for example to prevent exclusion, particularly of younger people, through the cost of subscriptions and charges. The Trustees ensure that the society caters for a wide variety of interest, commitment and abilities.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

At the end of 2020 the society's financial position was healthy. Cash funds had increased from £4069 to £13742. No specific reserves are held. The society is a simple organisation. The financial position at any time is easily reviewed. Designation of reserves has been judged to be unnecessary. The CIO does not award grants nor invest any funds.

The closure of the observatory and meeting room during Covid has enabled improvements to the building and facilities to be undertaken. This work has been assisted by the award of a Covid-19 Business Support Grant of £10,000. This work, when completed, will provide a safer and more comfortable environment for our members and visitors.

The society has no paid staff, so all its activities are undertaken voluntarily by its members. These include secretarial, governance, organisation of meetings and speakers, practical observing, catering for beginners, outreach, open evenings, upkeep of premises and grounds, website maintenance, publicity and social interaction.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Like most other organisations the Covid pandemic seriously impacted our activities throughout most of the year. 2020 started well with a full programme of well-attended meetings taking place at our Beacon Hill observatory.



Our monthly main meetings included talks by society members and professional astronomers with topics featuring astronomers from history, Eta Carinae, liquid mirrors and the Cassini mission to Saturn. These meetings were publicised on our website and in Facebook and new members and

visitors were warmly welcomed. The Beginners' sessions, Informal social evenings together with the combined Trustee and Committee meetings all took place as normal at the observatory.

When the pandemic caused the closure of our premises the decision was taken to continue our meetings schedule using the computer-based programme 'Zoom'. This medium proved to be successful as it allowed presentations to be shown and members and guests were able to see and talk to each other. Unfortunately not all of our members and visitors were comfortable with or able to use the technology, but others joined us who would otherwise have been unable to attend physical meetings.

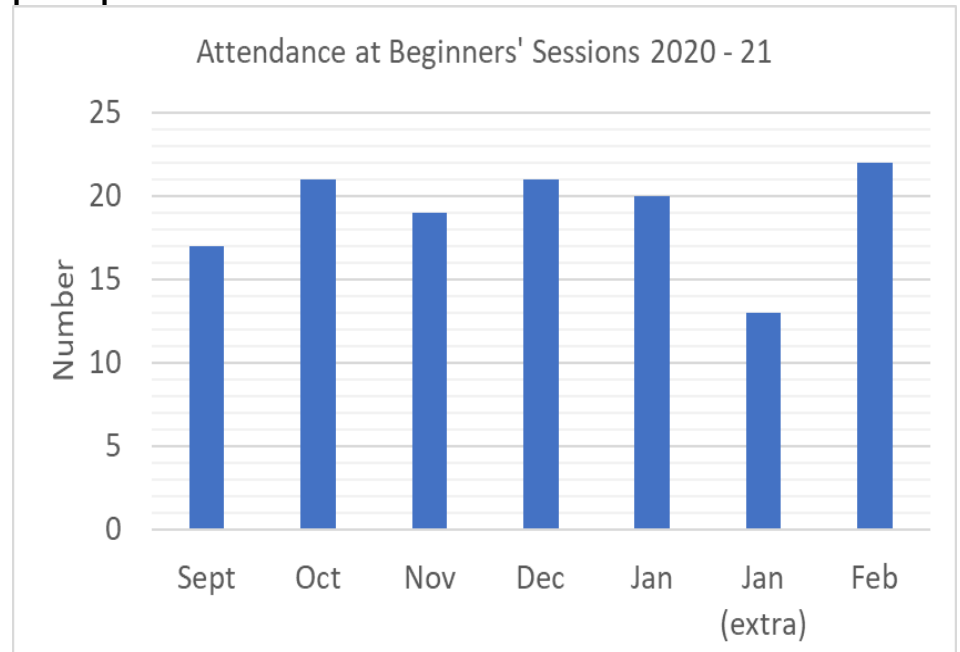
OUTREACH

The darker evenings early in the year encouraged our usual flurry of outreach visits to the observatory. These included several visits by the Queen Mary Infants Academy, the 5th Grimsby Scartho cub scouts and the first New Waltham Scouts. These visits were hosted by the society's STEM ambassador and other members where the visitors learned about astronomy, the equipment we use and, whenever possible, take part in practical observation. Regrettably such visits have had to be suspended because of COVID.

BEGINNERS' SESSIONS

The first national lockdown due to the pandemic caused the Beginners' sessions to end in March 2020. This did allow the series of talks on how we came to our present understanding of the universe to be completed. These talks covered some well-trodden ground but also sought to highlight often overlooked contributions. The brilliant achievements of the 'Harvard' women such as Williamina Fleming, Annie Jump Cannon, Antonia Maury, Henrietta Leavitt and Cecilia Payne-Gaposchkin were all highlighted. The fact that catholic priest Georges Lemaître proposed and provided experimental evidence for the expansion of the universe and the Big Bang theory two years before Hubble was also discussed. It is a nice illustration of how religious belief does not have to be at odds with science. We also took the opportunity during that final session to hand round a questionnaire asking what attendees would like included in the 2020-21 programme. This was the first-time a questionnaire successfully gave us clear guidance for the next programme.

Once we all became familiar with Zoom, the society committee agreed a proposal to take the 2020-21 cycle of sessions on-line for as long as the pandemic required it. All sessions were hosted by John Dunthorne and he was responsible for sending out the links to participants.



Attendance proved to be very good, averaging 19 per session. It was decided not to charge and the sessions were essentially run as the society's contribution to the public good during the pandemic. Almost every month, John Dunthorne had at least one, and sometimes several, enquiries about joining the sessions. Some people have found the on-line format very convenient and probably would not have travelled to the observatory, but we have gained several new people who seem intent on long-term involvement with the society. Our two Year 11 students (one girl, one boy) have continued to attend and a new Year 11 girl has joined. Strict child protection procedures were followed.

Because there have not been any observation sessions, the programme has been followed exactly. One additional session, focussing on imagery of the region around Orion, was given by our own member, Peter Rea FRAS, in January. Audience feedback has been consistently positive.

INFORMAL MEETINGS

The Informal Meetings provide a platform for members of the Society and visitors to openly discuss and share their particular astronomical interests with others. We had novices attending alongside those with considerable experience and understanding. For this reason, each evening had a different selection of topics, all well prepared and presented by the members.

We started the year meeting at the Observatory but with the restrictions placed on everyone as a result of the COVID Pandemic, our meetings were held using Zoom, the cloud based video conferencing service.

The format of our Meetings did not change. Each presentation and following discussion lasted about 20 minutes. The subjects ranged from astrophotography, spacecraft and missions, scientists, astronomers, astronomical events, astrophysics. We had a virtual Christmas Meeting with a presentation of the astronomy connected to the Christmas Star, a members' quiz "Who are they?" and went down memory lane with the photos from the Society's trip to watch a solar eclipse in Africa.

As it is less daunting to ask questions in front of a small group, an "Open Forum" was introduced. This meant that members and visitors could ask questions about a particular subject that interested them and would be given answers by others more au fait with the subject. This proved to be successful.

Not everyone was not obliged to produce a presentation or question but just to come and appreciate the interesting short talks and photographs given by others and join in the ensuing discussions. There was a core group of 12 members who attended regularly. The Informal Evenings present a chance to meet with fellow astronomical enthusiasts in a relaxed friendly atmosphere. The smaller number did allow all to participate and take part in the discussions.

STEM commitment

The CIO takes seriously its objective to advance education in the science of astronomy and related subjects. Schools and youth organisations are encouraged and return year after year. Several of our members are retired teachers and familiar with the requirements of the National Curriculum key stages 1 and 2. We are also keen to include the STEM subjects of science, technology, engineering and mathematics and our STEM ambassador recently received a certificate of appreciation for this work. We also work closely with the scouting organisation in order to match our presentations with the requirements of the various astronomy badges.



The society / CIO sees itself as a valuable and needed service to the local community. When a member of the public develops an interest in astronomy or acquires a telescope for themselves or a child they need somewhere to go to learn about this new hobby. Assisting them to progress is in line with our objectives.

The Cleethorpes and District Astronomical Society is a long-established and well-respected organisation which recently celebrated its 50th anniversary....



Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The society is a simple organisation. The financial position at any time is easily reviewed. Designation of reserves has been judged to be unnecessary.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds 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 society's principal sources of funds are membership subscriptions and meeting, visitor, raffle and refreshment charges. These are supplemented by donations, including those given in response to outreach activities.

No specific fundraising objectives were set other than collection of subscriptions, visitor and meeting charges etc. These funds were collected as expected.

All the CIOs expenditure has supported its objectives, i.e. maintaining and improving our premises for the benefit of the public, covering expenses incurred by speakers, utility bills and insurance.

Section F

Other optional information


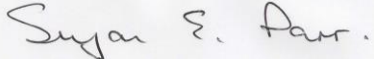
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Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Signature(s) |  |  |
| Full name(s) | Michael Victor Brightmore | Susan Elizabeth Parr |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chair | Secretary |
| Date | 06 October 2021 | |



Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

01-Jan-20

To

31-Dec-20

Section A Receipts and payments

| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
|---|--------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Membership Subscriptions | 1,078 | - | - | 1,078 | - |
| On the door payments | 175 | - | - | 175 | - |
| Visit Donations | 186 | - | - | 186 | - |
| Other donations | 300 | - | - | 300 | - |
| Refreshment Payments | 36 | - | - | 36 | - |
| Book sales | - | - | - | - | - |
| Raffle money | 33 | - | - | 33 | - |
| Grants | 10,000 | - | - | 10,000 | - |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 11,808 | - | - | 11,808 | - |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 11,808 | - | - | 11,808 | - |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Speaker fees and expenses | 30 | - | - | 30 | - |
| NELC Rent and Rates | - | - | - | - | - |
| Water supply payment to allotment soc | 25 | - | - | 25 | - |
| Refreshments | - | - | - | - | - |
| Maintenance | 831 | - | - | 831 | - |
| FAS Membership & PLI | 85 | - | - | 85 | - |
| Other insurance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | 456 | - | - | 456 | - |
| Major building work | - | - | - | - | - |
| Astro equipment and consumables | 418 | - | - | 418 | - |
| Non-astro equipment and consumables | 290 | - | - | 290 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 2,135 | - | - | 2,135 | - |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 2,135 | - | - | 2,135 | - |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 9,673 | - | - | 9,673 | - |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 4,069 | - | - | 4,069 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 13,742 | - | - | 13,742 | - |

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| B1 Cash funds | Cash held as cash | 2,181 | - | - |
| | NatWest current account | 11,561 | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | 13,742 | - | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| | | | - | |
| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
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