



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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	<p>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.</p> <p>The society website www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk is well maintained and a regularly accessed source of up-to-date information.</p> <p>In addition to open evenings the society welcomes members and the public to daytime observations of Solar events such as eclipses and transits.</p> <p>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.</p>

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.
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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, with guidance, 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	<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>
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>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)

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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

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.

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:

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

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:

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

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

Director name		
Not applicable		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Not applicable		

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
N/A		

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

N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Not Applicable

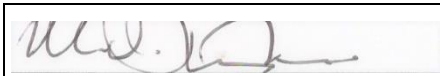

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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

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	-	-	-

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	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
		-
		-
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B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates

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

Signature

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Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £

629	1,078
40	175
-	186
71	300
16	36
-	-
-	33
-	10,000
40	
796	11,808

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-	-
-	-

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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
-	-
13,742	4,069
7,899	13,742

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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
20	-
-	-
20	-
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Restricted funds	Endowment funds
to nearest £	to nearest £
-	-
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
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