



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## 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	<p>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.</p>
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, 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.</p> <p>The society website <a href="http://www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk">www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk</a> 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. In addition to the 16-inch aperture Cassegrain / Newtonian telescope in the purpose built observatory dome, we own and maintain a variety of smaller</p>

		<b>portable telescopes for demonstration purposes and for use by members, beginners and visitors.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>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.</b>

#### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The society does not make grants but is prepared to temporally loan telescopes to members</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>We do not engage in investment activity</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></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 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>

		<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:

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

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p><b>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.</b></p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The society is a simple and transparent organisation with predictable outgoings. Holding reserves is therefore not necessary at the present time.</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>None</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>Predicted expenditure such as insurance, fees and utilities can always be met through subscriptions.</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>The society has no funds in deficit.</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>The future of the society requires a sufficient number of members to provide subscriptions. We are therefore aware of the need to attract new and younger members to future-proof the society.</b>

### 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	<b>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.</b>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>Not applicable</b>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>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.</b>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		<b>None</b>
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>The society / CIO is governed by its constitution which was reviewed and amended on 29th April 2019.</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>As a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission on 5th December 2019.</b>
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	<b>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.</b>

### 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	<b>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 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</b>
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		are circulated to the trustees.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>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.</b>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	<b>Not applicable.</b>
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		
<b>Not applicable</b>		

## Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
<b>Not applicable</b>		

## 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	Not applicable



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

**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**


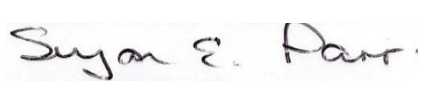
Not applicable

**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)

Chair

Secretary

**Date**

26<sup>th</sup> September 2023



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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	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
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
<b>Sub total</b> (Gross income for AR)	<b>1,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>796</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>796</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>6,639</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,070</b>	<b>6,639</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,722</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,722</b>	<b>- 5,843</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>7,879</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>13,742</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,178</b>	<b>7,899</b>

## 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	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

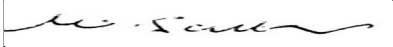
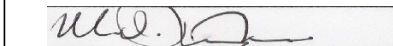
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
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	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	24-Sep-23
	Michael Brightmore	24-Sep-23