

The Dark Sky Observatory

Scotland · Charity number SC042329

Details

Known as	The Scottish Dark Sky Observatory
Status	Active
Legal form	Company (the charity is registered with Companies House)
Registered	2011-05-24
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	C/o Azets 3 Wellington Square Ayr Ayrshire KA7 1EN
Website	www.scottishdarkskyobservatory.co.uk

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of education', 'the advancement of the arts, heritage, culture or science', 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended', 'the advancement of environmental protection or improvement'

What the charity does: Our charity was formed to facilitate the advancement of science, education, the arts and environmental protection to be achieved by the construction of a new astronomical observatory to complement the Galloway Forest Park's 'International Dark-Sky Association 'gold tier' Dark Sky Park status (awarded 2009). Our former facility, which opened to the public in January 2013, suffered a devastating fire in June 2021. Since that time we have been focussed on settling our insurance claim, we have purchased a new premises in a much more advantageous location, appointed an architect and formed our Design Team. In December 2025 we submitted our application for planning consent to redevelop and extend the existing premises and eagerly await the outcome. In the meantime, while we progress the development of our new premises, we continue to participate in public engagement, offering educational outreach activities in the fields of astronomy, STEM and environmental protection.

Beneficiaries: 'No specific group, or for the benefit of the community'

Objectives: 2. The charitable purposes of the Company are: 2.1 The advancement of science, education, the arts and environmental protection by the construction of an astronomical observatory to complement the

Galloway Forest Dark Sky Park and other Dark Sky locations throughout Scotland. 2.2 The provision of recreational facilities and the organization of recreational activities to advance interest amongst, and the education of, the general public in the science of astronomy and other related subjects. 2.3 To foster, promote and advance awareness of the importance of environmental protection and regeneration. 2.4 Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as analogous to any of the preceding purposes.

Geography

- **Main operating location:** East Ayrshire
- **Geographical spread:** Scotland and other parts of the UK

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-31	£246,379	£54,209	-	1
2024-05-31	£45,784	£41,987	-	1
2023-05-31	£1,422,945	£79,017	-	1
2022-05-31	£116,341	£691,548	-	1
2021-05-31	£85,096	£75,886	-	1