CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.01.2025 Period start date To 31.12.2025 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 object of the CIO is 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 amateur astronomy websites and magazines. We organise and deliver talks, informal meetings, dedicated sessions for newcomers to astronomy and outreach activities for schools, scouting and guiding groups and other organisations.** **The society website www.cleethorpesastronomy.org.uk Is well maintained and a regularly accessed source of up to date information about our activities.** **As well as open evenings, meetings and sessions for beginners, the society welcomes members and the public to yearly open days.** **The society has a 16-inch aperture Cassegrain / Newtonian telescope in the purpose-built observatory dome. We also**

		own various smaller portable telescopes for demonstration purposes and for use by members, beginners and visitors. We can electronically transmit live 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. For example, children (under 18) are free and a family with two adults would only pay £3. 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 lend 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. 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 including outreach.**
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	**Attendances at Main, Beginners' and Informal meetings were very successful.** **Main meetings average twenty-four attendees for the eleven observatory-based meetings. The meeting programme covered a wide range of topics so that all members' interests were catered for. These meetings featured speakers that included our own members, university lecturers and experts from other astronomical societies. The August meeting was our regular Perseid meteor watch at the dark sky, out-of-town home of one of our members.** **The Beginners' meetings enjoyed an average attendance of twenty-five. Many people attend regularly.** **A two-year cycle of topics has proved very successful. If there are clear skies, we use much of the meeting for observing. A key part of Beginners' sessions is ensuring people feel welcome when they arrive, especially for the first time. In addition to the average attendees / actual beginners, all the Beginners' sessions have several society members present to deliver talks and offer advice. They also set up and help with telescope viewing and generally promote a welcoming atmosphere.** **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 online, 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 do not have to**

		prepare a presentation or lead a discussion; they can just enjoy an evening with fellow enthusiasts. **In 2025 the society hosted outreach sessions for a range of visitors. These included Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, as well as a community group and a University of the 3rd Age group.** **We identified a significant issue with the main path to the meeting room and observatory. The path was breaking up and identified as a hazard particularly for less mobile attendees. The path was completely refurbished to a very satisfactory standard. Much of the cost was covered by a grant from a charity with the remainder coming from society funds.** **A long-standing member wrote a history of the society. Copies of the book have been sold to members raising valuable funds for the society.**

Additional information (optional)
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	**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 very welcome to join the society or just visit to learn about astronomy and experience practical observing. We are a valuable resource to the community. For example, if someone has a telescope and needs to learn how to use it.**
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**The society raises a small part of its income through the provision of refreshments and by 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. Further income in 2025 came from sales of a book describing the history of the society. All income is spent 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	**Our treasurer is elected annually. The treasurer oversees all matters relating to income and expenditure and provides detailed information to committee and trustee meetings.** **The financial position of the society remains healthy with end of 2025 unrestricted funds totalling £7,545 compared with £5,921 at the end of 2024. Financial stability has been achieved through careful management plus, the goodwill of members, which has enabled 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, other than the balance in the bank account.**
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 enough subscription income to cover our outgoings. We are therefore aware of the ongoing need to 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:

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 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

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	**The society is 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 with executive posts of society chair, society vice-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.**
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 and volunteer 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 society is affiliated to the British Astronomical Association.**

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
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	8 Cotham Gardens Keelby Grimsby DN41 8RB

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	William Scutcher	Chair and Treasurer		Society Membership
2	Barrie Watts	Vice Chair		Society Membership
3	Susan Parr	Secretary		Society Membership
4	Martin Holland		8 August 2026	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

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

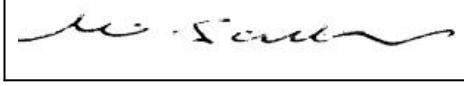
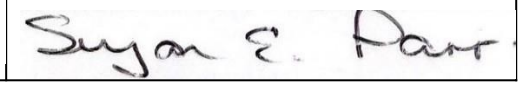
Not applicable

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)		
Full name(s)	William Scutcher	Susan Elizabeth Parr
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer, Chair of Trustees	Secretary
Date	15 October 2026	

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1-Jan-25	To	31-Dec-25

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	1,663	-	-	1,663	765
On the door payments	371	-	-	371	469
Visit Donations	295	-	-	295	305
Other donations	28	-	-	28	77
Refreshment Payments	135	-	-	135	260
Book sales	320	-	-	320	570
Raffle money	455	-	-	455	191
Grants	-	2,500	-	2,500	-
Allotment key deposits ex Allot Soc	270			270	-
Equipment Loan Deposits	25	-	-	25	-
***Sub total**(Gross income for AR)*	3,562	2,500	-	6,062	2,637
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	3,562	2,500	-	6,062	2,637
A3 Payments					
Speaker fees and expenses	185	-	-	185	265
NELC Rent and Rates	-	-	-	-	-
Water supply payment to allotment soc	75	-	-	75	35
Refreshements	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance	-	-	-	-	56
FAS Mem'ship & Voluntr. + PL Insurance	75	-	-	75	73
Other insurance	-	-	-	-	-
Electricity	349	-	-	349	380
Major building work	850	2,500	-	3,350	400
Astro equipment and consumablles	-	-	-	-	24
Non-astro equiment and consumables	-	-	-	-	172
Equipment Loan Deposit Refunded	25	-	-	25	-
Allotment key deposit paid out	180			180	-
Book Printing etc	199	-	-	199	394
Sub total	1,938	2,500	-	4,438	1,799
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,938	2,500	-	4,438	1,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,624	-	-	1,624	838
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	5,921	-	-	5,921	5,083
Cash funds this year end	7,545	-	-	7,545	5,921

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

B1 Cash funds

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	Cash held as cash	168	-	-
	NatWest current account	7,377	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	7,545	-	-
	(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 £
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
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B3 Investment assets

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

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
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		-	-
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B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	William Scutcher	10/15/2026
	Martin Holland	10/15/2026