

AIRDRIE ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION TRUSTEES'
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

Governing document

Airdrie Astronomical Association is an unincorporated Scottish charitable organisation (charity number SC041014), governed by its constitution, last updated 30 November 2012.

Membership and management

The business of the Airdrie Astronomical Association is directed by a management committee comprising seven members appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The committee meets no fewer than eight times a year.

A chairperson, secretary and treasurer are appointed by the members at the Annual General Meeting to serve for one year, all being eligible for re-election. The management committee may co-opt up to three further members, where deemed necessary, to serve until the following AGM.

Current trustees

Those currently serving as members of the management committee are:

- Mrs Kirsty Love - Chairperson
- Mrs Isabel Morrison - Treasurer
- Mrs Aileen Malone – Secretary
- Mr Tony Kapelko (joined May 2025)
- Mr Willie Morrison (retired May 2025)
- Mr Richard Shaw (retired May 2025)
- Mr William Tennant
- Mr Robert Webster
- Mr Stuart Winning (joined May 2025).

Contact address

Mrs Isabel Morrison – Treasurer: 15 Glen Road, Caldercruix, Airdrie, ML6 7PZ.

Charitable purposes

- a) To foster, promote and encourage astronomical observations in association with Airdrie Public Observatory to all members of the public within North Lanarkshire.
- b) To foster, promote and encourage the science of astronomy, spaceflight and related sciences through lectures, open days, school activities and other similar events to encourage a popular interest in all members of the public within North Lanarkshire.

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- c) To work with other similar societies throughout the UK in the promotion, advancement and teaching of astronomy and its related sciences.
- d)

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Activities and achievements

From January 2025 to December 2025, AAA held 27 weekly Friday evening in-person meetings attended by over 700 people. Our AGM was attended by 20 members.

Along with our visiting speakers, club members also gave presentations. Topics included "Carl Sagan and me", "Asteroids and beyond" and "The life and death of a star".

We continue to work closely with Culture NL in operating the Observatory and welcoming groups of visitors from organisations such as local primary schools and Scouts, Cubs and Brownies Groups. We open the Observatory for public viewing during the winter months. This year we noticed a large increase in the number of visits from families and individuals. The main attractions this year were the Pleiades star cluster and Jupiter and its moons.

Finance

The Receipts and Payments Account shows the receipts and payments for the year generated by AAA's activities. The receipts for the year came mainly from members' subscriptions and fees: in 2025, members' subscriptions and fees generated £1,015.50 (2024: £1,281.50). The total receipts for 2025 were £2,301.24 (2024: £2,515.70).

Payments for the year included £340 for speakers' costs (2024: £565.00), room hire of £930.00 (2024: £820.00) and insurance of £238.40 (2024: £232.08). The total payments for the year were £2,383.35 (2024: £1,934.79) resulting in a deficit of £82.11 (2024: surplus of £580.91).

The reserves figure at the year end stood at £3,440.78 (2024: £3,522.89).

Signed on behalf of the committee of Airdrie Astronomical Association

Isabel Morrison

Name: Isabel Morrison
Position: **Treasurer**

Date: 26 August 2026

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF AIRDRIE ASTRONOMICAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 December 2025

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2025 which are set out on the attached pages.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

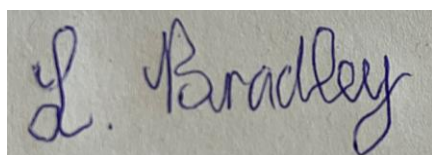
Independent examiners' statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulationshave not been met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed Lynn Bradley, CA

Date: 26 August 2026

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. Bradley", on a light-colored rectangular background.

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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£
 <u>Receipts</u>		
Members' Subscriptions & Fees	1,015.50	1,281.50
North Lanarkshire Council Community Grant	400.00	750.00
Miscellaneous Weekly Income	722.00	484.20
Charitable Donations	163.74	0.00
Total Receipts	2,301.24	2,515.70
 <u>Payments</u>		
Donation to Children in Need	100.00	100.00
Website Costs	230.40	122.40
Speakers' Fees	340.00	565.00
General Expenses	406.34	68.24
Miscellaneous Weekly Expenses	138.21	27.07
Room Rental Costs	930.00	820.00
Insurance	238.40	232.08
Total Payments	2,383.35	1,934.79
 Surplus/(Deficit) for Year	 (82.11)	 580.91

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Statement of Balances as at 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£
Bank and Cash in Hand		
Opening Balances	3,522.89	2,941.98
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(82.11)	580.91
Closing Balances	3,440.78	3,522.89

Represented by:

Cash in hand	20.00	0.00
Cash in Bank	3,420.78	3,522.89
Total Bank and Cash in Hand	3,440.78	3,522.89

The members of the committee are required to act in accordance with the terms of the association's constitution. They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the association. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the association and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Notes to the Accounts:

1. All funds carried forward are treated as unrestricted.
2. No remuneration was paid or payable to any of the Trustees or persons connected with the charity.

Signed on behalf of the committee of Airdrie Astronomical Association.

Name: Isabel Morrison
Position: **Treasurer**

Date: 26 August 2026