



2025

ANNUAL REPORT

THE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY OF EDINBURGH

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PREFACE

This report presents the organisation and activities of the Astronomical Society of Edinburgh in the calendar year 2025.

During all of 2025 the Society continued to deliver a full range of meetings, presentations and events for its members, and the wider public, in both a hybrid and online-only format.

The popularity of the Society continued to reach new levels with the highest ever membership in the Society's 100 year history of 216 by the end of 2025. More of the new members joining were within the Edinburgh and Lothians area rather than more remote.

Our remote observatory, ASERO (Astronomical Society of Edinburgh Remote Observatory), at Trevinca Skies in Spain, continued to be a big success with plans to add a new scope to the mount.

Outreach activities increased aided by the purchase of a new 10" goto Dobsonian telescope. The combination of this observing capability, along with a growing collection of varied Smart Telescopes, was demonstrated to great effect in a number of outreach events. This included an event run in partnership with the National Trust for Scotland (NTS) at The House of the Binns, West Lothian.

Continuing the partnership theme, welcoming the BAA Comets and Meteors section to the AUC for their October section meeting, allowed us to share details of our own related activities.

In December, we were in the presence of astronomy royalty, when Dame Jocelyn Bell Burnell delivered a compelling presentation on "Bursts, Bangs and Things That Go Bump in the Night". This demonstrated the calibre of guest speakers that we have been able to attract this year.

1 Constitution and Management of the Society

The Society is registered in Scotland as a charity, no. SC022968. It is an unincorporated association founded (as the Edinburgh Astronomical Association) in 1924 and is governed by a Constitution with a recent, significant modification at the AGM on 2 June 2024. The Constitution may be referred to on the Society's web site at www.astronomyedinburgh.org/membership/constitution

Clause 1 of the Constitution states:

1.1. The name of the Society shall be The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh and its objectives shall be to advance the education of the public about the science of astronomy and to promote astronomical research chiefly in the area of the City of Edinburgh and the Lothians. The Society will achieve this by-

- (a) circulating and publicising information on astronomical matters by the publication of articles, books etc;
- (b) encouraging astronomical study and observation; and
- (c) increasing popular interest in astronomy.

The Management of the Society is vested in a Council, elected every two years from the Ordinary Membership of the Society at that year's Annual General Meeting (AGM). The members of Council are trustees of the Charity. In the event of any vacancy arising in the Council, the Council has power to co-opt a Member of the Society to fill such a vacancy. Council Members and their functions in 2025 are listed in Annex 1.

As of 31 December 2025, there were 216 members of the Society. Of these, seven had honorary membership: Dr H. Ford, Dr N. Grubb, Prof D. Hoggie, Dr H. Meyerdierks, Mr Alan Pickup and two Honorary Presidents: Prof Andrew Lawrence (Regius Professor of Astronomy at the University of Edinburgh) and Prof Catherine Heymans (Professor of Astrophysics at the University of Edinburgh, Astronomer Royal for Scotland).

1 Constitution and Management of the Society...

Trustees of the Lorimer bequest

A former Vice-President of the Society, Mr John Henry Lorimer, left a substantial bequest to the Society when he died in 1936. This bequest had been assigned to "The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh Trustees" and was managed by them under conditions set forth in a Deed of Trust granted in favour of Rev Dr James Patrick and others, dated 10 December 1937. The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh Trust was a registered Scottish Charity no SC013921.

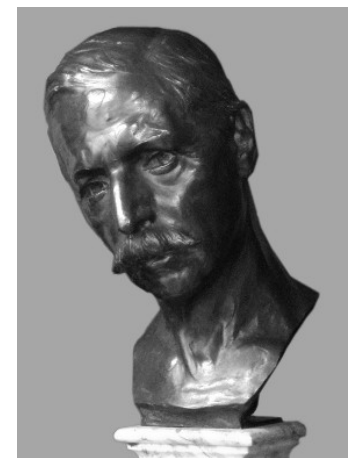
In the run up to the Society's 100th anniversary the ASE Trust began a dialogue with the Council of the Society as to whether there was any need for this complex and onerous arrangement to continue.

Following lengthy consideration, in late 2024 the Trustees of the ASE Trust decided to begin the process of winding up the Trust and transferring all its assets to the Society. This process was completed in the first quarter of 2025.

Consequently, the value of these transferred assets will appear in the 2025 audited accounts of the Society, which will be contained in this annual report.

As trustees of the Astronomical Society of Edinburgh, the ASE Council is now responsible for all of the assets of the Society.

The winding up of the ASE Trust also means that various clauses relating to the Trust in the ASE Constitution have now become redundant. These clauses will need to be removed/reworded as necessary.



2 Publications & Electronic Communication

The Society produces a significant amount of online material. This consists of:

- Articles and news items on the website;
- Regular weekly email newsletters sent to members with information about meetings, Society news and other relevant astronomical information;
- Archived recordings of our public meetings on our YouTube channel;
- Communications through our Facebook, BlueSky and Flickr channels;
- WhatsApp is also used extensively for group conversations such as the Imaging & Observing Group, Council chat, IOG Coordinators, Beginners Group, ASERO Team, amongst others. We now have a WhatsApp Community that contains all these groups.
- Our Members' website is now more active with various projects running, including ASERO, Moon, planets, comets and asteroids, where participants can email in status reports, logs and observations to the website and they are automatically published.

[Sky Diaries](#) on our website are now produced monthly by Mark Phillips using information from in-the-sky.org and other resources.

2025 saw continued use of our electronic newsletter to Members. Issued on a weekly basis, this draws together information on Society meetings, project reports, administrative business and items of astronomical news and interest into one location. More people are involved in creating content for it, with regular articles on comets and ASERO plus the latest posts from ASE Projects. All newsletters are archived on the Members website. Access details for our remote Society meetings on Zoom are circulated to members via this newsletter.

2 Publications & Electronic Communications...

The Society's website may be found at www.astronomyedinburgh.org and there is a Members only website.

Full details of the Society's activities and information about how to join are available on the website.

Social media

The Society's Twitter / X account has been retired.

We use the BlueSky social media channel: [@astronomyedinburgh.bsky.social](https://astronomyedinburgh.bsky.social) which has a well-used #astronomy channel.

Our Facebook account www.facebook.com/AstronomyEdinburgh has a wide reach.

Our YouTube channel www.youtube.com/c/AstronomicalSocietyOfEdinburgh is very active with videos of meetings attracting thousands of viewers after the events.

There are 3 ASE Flickr groups:

- [Astronomical Society of Edinburgh Imaging Group](#) - for members' images taken with their own equipment
- [ASERO - ASE Remote Observatory](#) - for images taken using ASERO
- [Astronomical Society of Edinburgh SmartScope Imaging](#) - for images taken using the growing number of smartscopes in the Society

3 Regular Meetings

The Society continued to hold meetings throughout 2025 to educate members and promote interest and discussion, to broadcast news items and receive presentations by Society members. In keeping with its constitutional function to educate and promote astronomy in the Edinburgh area, these meetings are open to the public at no charge.

Two main meetings per month were held, the first one, normally on the first Friday of the month, is in-person at the Augustine United Church (AUC), George IV Bridge, Edinburgh but also streamed to ASE members via Zoom and YouTube for visitors. The second meeting around the middle of the month is online only, on Zoom and YouTube.

A key attraction of the regular meetings is the programme of guest speakers, offering a wide variety of topics associated with astronomy and space. We regularly have visitors watching our talks live on YouTube from all over the world, normally including North America, Asia, Europe and all over the UK. All online meetings of the Society were free of charge. Archived recordings of past meetings are available on our YouTube channel.

One Members Nights took place at the AUC where ASE members gave a number of short presentations instead of an invited guest speaker. These were still broadcast to ASE members via Zoom but not to the general public on YouTube.

Monthly online meetings of the Imaging & Observing Group continued. These continue to be increasingly popular and a place where members share knowledge and learn from each other. The number and quality of images produced by members continues to increase dramatically as well as the variety and complexity of ASE project work. The continuing increase in smartscope popularity makes a significant impact on these meetings as does the use of ASERO.

Thanks go to Nigel Goodman and his team for organising and coordinating a wide range of interesting talks and guest speakers. Many thanks were due to Peter Mulholland, who organised the refreshments for all meetings at the AUC for many years, but he sadly passed away this year.

3 Regular Meetings...

In 2025 the following events, talks and speakers were hosted at the Society. All were public and available to non-members online and in-person:

Programme of events in 2025

10 Jan*	Prof. Colin Snodgrass	NASA's DART mission and our observations of the resulting cloud of asteroid debris
17 Jan	Dr Jason Wang	Real images of Exoplanets
7 Feb*	T.Stewart McKechnie	The European Extremely Large Telescope: Preview of star images and angular resolution
21 Feb	Dr Daniela Bustamante	John Mouat and the first Chilean Observatory
4 April*	Members Night	MEMBERS NIGHT at the AUC
18 April	Dr Sarah Hurst	Toxic Titan
2 May*	Prof. Vicky Fawcett	Observing the brightest objects in the Universe
16 May	Dr Julian Onions	Cold dark matter - is it cold, is it dark and is it matter?
6 Jun*	Dr Geoff Vasil	It is written in The Star: Four centuries of clues about how the Sun gets its spots
20 Jun	Dr Isobel Hook	Supernovae and the Search for Dark Energy

*Hybrid meeting

3 Regular Meetings...

5 Sep*	Prof Brad Gibson	Liquid Mirror Telescopes: Wave of the Future (or just a ripple...)
19 Sep	Prof. Jonathan Nichols	A universe of aurora: exploring spectacular auroras across the solar system and beyond
3 Oct*	Richard Miles	Two Comets Like No Other! Our Latest Findings re Comets 29P/Schwassmann-Wachmann and 12P/Pons-Brooks
17 Oct	Dr Claudia Van Rham	The Secrets of Gravity: Cancelled and rearranged for 2026. Instead we had a re-run of Andy Lawrence's talk from April 2024, on Losing the Sky, followed by ASERO live online observing.
7 Nov*	Prof Paul Clark	Star formation: stellar birth in all its glory
21 Nov	Dr Darryl Selligman	The Third Interstellar Object: 3I/ATLAS
5 Dec*	Prof Jocelyn Bell Burnell	Bursts, bangs and things that go bump in the night
19 Dec	Dr Tim Pearce	Kuiper Belts around other stars

*Hybrid meeting

4 Activities in 2025

Events & Activities

Outreach Events

The House of the Binns, West Lothian

Following a successful observing visit on Monday 20th October, where ASE and National Trust for Scotland (NTS) colleagues met to explore the possibilities, a public Stargazing Event was arranged for Friday 28th November.

On the 28th, 16 members of the public (full capacity) joined the NTS and ASE for this event. This included some indoor introductory presentations to the ASE, the night sky and planetarium applications. The planned outdoor observations were limited by the weather - as was the planned ASERO live streaming - but the NTS and public feedback was positive. It is likely that we'll hold further events here.

ROE Doors Open Days

We again took part in the ROE Doors Open Days in September. As usual, several thousand visitors came through the doors over the two days and ASE members were able to show them the Sun safely through specialist solar telescopes, when the weather allowed. Many leaflets and cards were handed out and lots of excellent chats about astronomy and the Society.

4 Activities in 2025...

Calton Hill Collective Gala and Doors Open Day

We again took part in organised events for the public at the Collective art centre located at our society's former home (the old City Observatory on Calton Hill). Guided tours of the history and operation of the beautiful old 6" Cooke telescope and observatory dome were given.

These full days comprised back to back 15 to 20 minute guided tours for the public and took place on Sunday, 7th September (Collective's Gala day) and Saturday, 28th September (Collective's Edinburgh Doors Open Day).

Like the previous year, these public tours were a great success with all tours were fully booked up in advance.

Giving these tours continues to help cement our relationship with the Collective and keeps us linked with the old City Observatory as well as showcasing our society and its eminent history.

BAA Comet and Meteors Section Meeting

On Saturday 4th October, we hosted the BAA Comets and Meteors Section meeting, held at the Augustine United Church. As part of the introductions, we shared information about the Society with the BAA members in attendance. This included playback of the ASE and ASERO intro videos, and the video celebrating the Society's 100 Years. Douglas Heggie presented the ASE's work on Comets as part of the main agenda.

On Sunday 5th October, we arranged special guided tours of the Cooke Telescope at the Old City Observatory on Calton Hill - BAA meeting attendees were invited to sign up for the tours at the Saturday event. The BAA President and BAA Comets and Meteors Section Directors were both in attendance.

4 Activities in 2025...

Image of the Quarter Competition

This continued to be run by the [Imaging & Observing Group](#). Every quarter members enter their images from that quarter into the competition and the winner, judged by the previous winner, receives a gift voucher of their choice. There is also an Image of the Year Competition for the final quarter, voted for by the membership. All very successful.

ASE Remote Observatory (ASERO)

This continued to be a success in 2025. More projects were created to make use of the data gathered and include as many members as possible in the ASE. A [page on our website](#) tells the story of ASERO along with a [video](#). Observation of comets and variable stars plus imaging of deep sky objects are the main activities.

By the end of 2025, work was in progress to add a 3rd telescope to the mount - an 11" SCT for lunar and planetary work. It will be completed early in 2026. This was funded using a legacy from the late Ray Fenoulhet, a key member and former President (1969 - 71) of the ASE.

There is a specific [Flickr group](#) which displays all ASERO images, with the ASERO logo watermark on them.

ASE Library

Thanks to Will Joy, who as ASE Librarian has catalogued and keeps all our books, those which were previously stored at the AUC, in his flat.

Financial Review

During 2025 the ASE Lorimer Trust was wound up after careful consideration by the trustees of the ASE Trust. This was primarily because it had fulfilled the role for which it was originally established, that is to handle the Lorimer bequest in 1937 to support the Edinburgh Astronomical Association (the predecessor of the ASE).

The process of winding up the ASE Trust was agreed with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and with the ASE as the sole beneficiary of the Trust's assets. The cash balances and residual assets were transferred to the Society, and the process completed in July 2025. Thanks are due to the ASE Trust's Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Nisbet, whose efficient work ensured the project was completed successfully.

The total cash balance transferred from the ASE Trust to the Society was £87,680. The total value of non-cash assets transferred was £65,100.

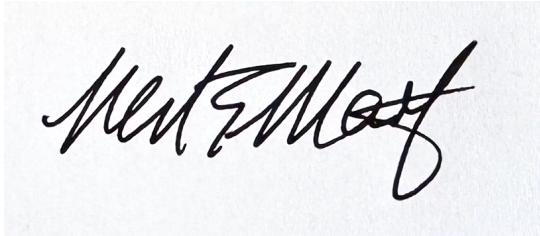
In addition, the Society received a very generous bequest from Ray Fenoulhet, a long-standing former active member and President of the Society. Ray Fenoulhet, who passed away in 2024, left the Society £23,579 in his will.

The main equipment expenditure during the year, totalling approximately £10,000, was for a new 11-inch planetary telescope and associated accessories for the remote observatory ASERO in Spain, together with replacement equipment for ASERO. This expenditure was financed by the Fenoulhet and Murrell funds.

Membership subscriptions generated income of approximately £4,300 during 2025. Membership increased from 206 members at the beginning of the year to 216 members by the end of 2025. Subscription fees of £32 (full) and £16 (concessionary) were held constant for the 2025/2026 session and continue to represent exceptional value for the benefits offered by the Society.

Declaration

The Society's trustees' annual report, presented on pages 1 to 14, was approved by the Council of The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh (the trustees of the charity).

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Neil Martin, President, 14 May 2026 For and on behalf of the Council of The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh.

ANNEX 1

Members of Council & functions January to June 2025

	Position	Name	Additional duties
Officers	President	Mr Mark Phillips	Webmaster and Head of IT support, IOG coordinator, ASERO team
	Secretary	Mr Seán Wixted	
	Treasurer	Mr Alan Ellis	
	Vice President	Mr Peter Black	Meeting tech team coordinator, IOG coordinator
	Vice President	Mr Nigel Goodman	Guest speaker programme coordinator, IOG coordinator
Council Members	Councillors	Ms Sarah Bulman	Remote, Guest speaker team
		Mr Will Joy	YouTube meetings host, Librarian, Collective liaison
		Mr Neil Martin	IOG host and coordinator
		Mr Ian Smith	ASERO Director, IOG coordinator
		Mr Pat Devine	IOG coordinator, Asteroid project leader, ASERO team
		Ms April Robertson	
		Mr Ramsay McIver	Curator of Instruments
		Mr Radim Stano	Remote, Meteor Project leader, IOG coordinator

Members of Council & functions June to December 2025

	Position	Name	Additional duties
Officers	President	Mr Neil Martin	IOG Coordinator
	Secretary	Mr Mark Phillips	Webmaster and Head of IT support, IOG coordinator, ASERO team and science coordinator
	Treasurer	Mr Alan Ellis	
	Vice President	Mr Peter Black	Meeting tech team coordinator, IOG coordinator
	Vice President	Mr Nigel Goodman	Guest speaker programme coordinator, IOG coordinator
Council Members	Councillors	Mr Will Joy	YouTube meetings host, Librarian, Collective liaison
		Mr Chris Tunnah	Meeting coordinator
		Prof Mike Christie	IOG coordinator, social media
		Dr David Brett	IOG host & coordinator, ASERO team
		Mr Ian Smith	ASERO Director, IOG coordinator
		Mr Pat Devine	Asteroid project leader, ASERO team, IOG coordinator, social media
		Ms April Robertson	Meeting coordinator
		Mr Ramsay McIver	Curator of Instruments
		Mr Radim Stano	Remote, Meteor Project leader, IOG coordinator

ANNEX 2

Statement of Balances

	Notes	2025		2024	
Bank Balances at start of year		£	£	£	£
Current account		1,345		825	
PayPal account		576		543	
Instant access savings account		10,607		11,575	
Total Balance at start			12,528		12,943
Plus Receipts		117,943		10,349	
Less Payments		-15,338		-10,765	
Total Balance at end			115,133		12,528
Bank Balances at end of year					
Current account		1,034		1,345	
PayPal account		708		576	
Instant access savings account		26,376		10,607	
95 day notice savings account		87,015		0	
Total Balance at end			115,133		12,528

Income and expenditure report

	Notes	2025		2024	
Income		£	£	£	£
Donations					
ASE annual subscriptions	1	4,349		4,860	
Outreach Events	2	0		45	
Ray Fenoulhet bequest	3	23,579		0	
ASE branded goods commission	4	25		73	
Gift Aid claim	5	0		723	
ASE Centenary Ticket Sales	6	0		997	
PayPal Giving Fund Donation		0		10	
Donations total			27,953		6,708
Grants					
ASE trust	7	87,680		3,500	
Grants total			87,680		3,500
Bank interest					
Instant access savings Account	8	290		132	
95-day notice savings Account	9	2,015		0	
Bank interest total			2,305		132
Asset sales					
ASE Badges sale		5		10	
Asset sales total			5		10
Income total			117,943		10,349

Expenditure	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Charitable activities					
Meeting expenses	10	2,362		2,219	
Memberships and affiliations	11	30		30	
Postage - general	12	17		0	
Public liability insurance	13	55		53	
ASE Web hosting fee	14	85		85	
Zoom subscription	15	156		156	
Dropbox subscription	16	192		0	
Remote PC subscription	17	11		0	
ASE Internet Domain renewal	18	221		0	
ASE Imaging Prizes	19	140		140	
ASE Centenary Catering	20	0		2,520	
ASE Centenary Gifts	21	0		45	
ASE Centenary Ticketing Fees	22	0		57	
ASE Centenary Venue Hire	23	0		1,884	
ASE Centenary Medal engraving	24	0		15	
Charitable activities total			3,269		7,203
Governance costs					
PayPal Transaction fees	25	67		96	
Bank Charges	26	60		30	
Independent examination		150		150	
Governance costs total			277		276

Asset purchase and upkeep					
Equipment purchase - ASERO	27	9,962		3	
Repairs and maintenance - ASEP	29	17		53	
Postage - ASERO	30	0		29	
Hosting fees - ASERO	31	1,496		1,523	
Equipment purchase - other	32	0		1,323	
Outreach- Book Purchase	33	0		50	
Outreach- sundry items	34	17		5	
Storage rental	35	300		300	
Asset purchase and upkeep total			11,792		3,286
Expenditure total			15,338		10,765
Income minus expenditure			102,605		-416

Assets

	Notes	2025		2024	
		£	£	£	£
Library	36	7,750		7,750	
High-value books for disposal	36	11,000		11,000	
Low/medium-value books for disposal	36	12,000		12,000	
Artwork	37	6,000		6,000	
Telescopes etc., historic	38	2,300		2,300	
Telescopes etc., current	38	34,000		24,323	
IT equipment	39	700		700	
Educational equipment	40	6,000		6,000	
Received from ASE Trust	41	65,100		0	
Assets total			144,850		70,073

Notes to Accounts

- 1 Members subscriptions: direct £4,205, Gift vouchers purchased £144
- 2 Donations from Telescope Help Shop events
- 3 Substantial donation received from the estate of former member and President Ray Fenoulhet who passed away in 2024.
- 4 Commission from sale of ASE branded goods from Teemill Tech Ltd.
- 5 Gift Aid claim from HMRC on subscriptions or donations received from members who have made a gift aid declaration. Note the claim for 2024/25 was too late to include in the 2025 annual report and will therefore appear in the 2026 annual report along with the 2025/26 gift aid claim.
- 6 Receipts from sale of tickets to the ASE Centenary Event held at the Royal Society of Edinburgh in October 2024
- 7 2025: Transfer of the remaining cash balance of the ASE Trust to the ASE, which completed the closure of the ASE Trust in July 2025
- 2024: Grant from ASE Trust towards the ASE Centenary celebration in 2024
- 8 Interest received from Instant access savings account - Bank of Scotland.
- 9 Interest received from 95-day notice savings account - Bank of Scotland.
- 10 2025: Meeting expenses comprise of £1,460 Room Hire, £60 Meeting Refreshments, £460 Speakers' expenses, £77 Postage of Speakers Gifts (ASE Mugs), £306 Advance purchase of 25 ASE Mugs
- 11 Federation of Astronomical Societies annual membership
- 12 Postage of AGM papers
- 13 Public Liability Insurance is with the Federation of Astronomical Societies
- 14 Annual ASE Website hosting costs - we continue to receive a large discount via Cygnus Extra.
- 15 Zoom annual subscription for online meetings

- 16 Dropbox annual subscription used predominantly for sharing ASERO observing data - Note that the payment for 2024 was delayed to 2025, therefore 2025 is for two years subscriptions.
- 17 Remote PC subscription for remotely accessing our PC in Trevinca
- 18 ASE Internet domain renewal (10 years)
- 19 Quarterly and annual astro-imaging competition prizes awarded to winning members.
- 20 2024: ASE centenary event catering food/drink for 105 members/guests
- 21 2024: ASE centenary event ASE gift mugs to main contributors
- 22 2024: ASE centenary event Ticketing fees - Ticket Tailor
- 23 2024: ASE centenary event hire of Royal Society of Edinburgh venue George Street, Edinburgh
- 24 2024: ASE centenary event Lorimer medal engraving fee for Prof Chris Lintott (keynote speaker)
- 25 For subscriptions using PayPal there is an associated transaction fee - reduced for charities.
- 26 Bank charge for international payments
- 27 2025: Purchase of ASERO equipment: New Planetary telescope 11inch Celestron and associated accessories £8196 (Fenoulhet fund). Also, additional kit purchased replacement focuser, coma corrector, camera, power and counterbalance weight £1766 (Murrell fund)
- 28 Equipment commissioning and installation costs by support staff at Trevinca
- 29 Ad hoc additional repairs and maintenance charges for ASERO operation
- 30 2024: Spare camera return postage
- 31 Trevinca recurring hosting fees
- 32 ASE Equipment purchases -
- 2024: Skywatcher Skyliner 250PX 10inch Dobsonian GOTO telescope

33 2024: Outreach book purchase: 2 copies of 'Turn Left at Orion'

34 Outreach sundry items-

2025: Eclipse glasses for public outreach

2024: Dry foam sphere to model Sun.

35 Annual cost for storage at the Augustine United Church

36 The value of the books is listed as unchanged. The value is a very rough estimate, so that the sale of a few books from the low-value end has no significant impact on the overall estimate.

37 This figure estimates the value of the three remaining Lorimer Medals, a recently purchased blank medal from a US collector and of the President's Medal. The President's medal being made of 9ct gold and along with the presentation case was valued at £3,500 in 2018. The Lorimer award medals are silver gilt and value estimated at £300 for the two remaining medals and the unassigned collector's Lorimer medal. The total value of medals adjusted for increase in gold price over 6 years is £6,000. Not included in the value are several large photographs, three science displays, and two 20th century water colour paintings of the City Observatory.

38 This includes estimated values of the modern instruments available to members including ASERO (£26,284), New 10-inch Dobsonian (£1,323) and the value of three historic telescopes.

39 The value is for the data projector purchased a few years ago. While our main venue provides data projectors, this is used at other venues. Laptop purchased 2021 for £550

40 This figure is a rough estimate of the value of three globes plus the 1990s valuation for a "starfinder" instrument by Sir William Peck.

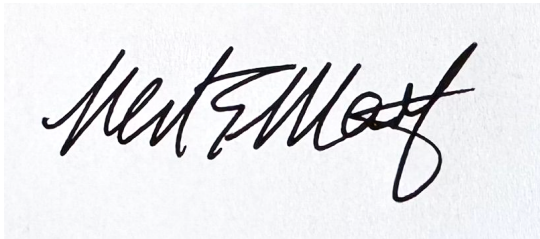
41 Estimated value assets transferred from the ASE Trust to the ASE in 2025:

a) Two Lorimer paintings on loan to the National Trust for Scotland held at Kellie Castle in Fife (£60,000)

b) A Bronze bust of John Henry Lorimer on load to the Nation Trust of Scotland held at Kellie Castle (£5,100)

Declaration

The receipts and payments accounts presented on pages 18 - 24 were approved by the Council of The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh (the trustees of the charity).

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Neil Martin', is shown on a light blue background.

Neil Martin, President, 14 May 2025

For and on behalf of the Council of The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/members of	The Astronomical Society of Edinburgh
Registered charity number	SC022968
On the accounts of the charity for the year ended	31st December 2025 which are set out on pages 18 - 24
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 ('the 2005 Act') and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) (the '2006 Regulations'). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the 2005 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 2006 Regulations. 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 seeks explanations from the 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 accounts.

Independent examiner's 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 record and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, have 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:	Date: 27/6/2026 
Name:	Helen Bourquin Associate Member ACIE
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