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OSCR

Scottish Charity Regulator

Office of the Scottish **Charity Regulator**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	07	2025	To	30	06	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

TWEEDDALE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY
SC047071
1a Coningsby Place
Alloa
Clackmannanshire
Postcode FK10 1DR

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Dr Thomas Watters Johnston			
2	Alan Kinghorn	Treasurer		
3	Steven Lister	Secretary		
4	Colin Bell			
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

Constitution dated 5th January 2017

Trustee recruitment and appointment

- A) The maximum number of Charity Trustees is 5 and the minimum number is 3.
- B) The individuals who signed the Charity Trustee Declaration forms which accompanied the application for incorporation of the Society shall be deemed to have been appointed by the members as Charity Trustees with effect from the incorporation of the Society.
- C) At each AGM the members may elect any member to be a charity trustee.
- D) The Board may at any time appoint any member to be a charity trustee.
- E) At each AGM all of the Charity Trustees shall retire from office but shall then be eligible for re-election.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

To advance education and extend awareness of, and interest in, all branches of astronomy in the Borders in Scotland.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

Our activities are all about increasing the knowledge of our members and outside groups to include school children and amateur photographers, in all astronomy related activities.
Activities include viewing sessions, equipment knowledge, talks by professional astronomers, talks given to local primary school children and girl guides, organised trips to observatories and many more.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Monthly meetings between September and April inclusive have been held in a local Peebles church hall with excellent talks by professional astronomers on a multitude of subjects. We have also had one or two introductory talks by society members and endeavour to encourage more of the same. It was decided this year to cancel previous Zoom Meetings to encourage physical presence of our members.

We have an active internal Development Committee keeping the main Committee and members alike appraised on upcoming events by way of a monthly Society Newsletter and/or emails, the latter in particular advising viewing sessions at short notice dependent on weather conditions.

We endeavour to make full use of our fully computerised Skyvision 24" telescope allowing several viewing sessions over the winter months with some excellent astronomical sights to include planets, nebulae and galaxies. We have several other telescopes and encourage members to become familiar with and use these scopes at our viewing sessions.

To engage the public some members take their own scopes/binoculars to a local river park in Peebles inviting passers by to view what can be seen in the night sky. Obviously weather dependent but the plan is to continue.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees policy is to maintain a minimum funds balance of £500 at each year end which is more than sufficient to cover normal running costs, projected commitments and unexpected expenditure. Reserves at the end of the current financial year amounted to £1195, more than covering our target range.

Details of any deficit

Positive balance at our year end as described above following a surplus of £263 for the trading year. No deficit.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees’ report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity’s trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>	Thomas Johnston	
Full name(s)	Dr Thomas Watters Johnston	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Trustee	
Date	12 th August 2026	