

The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance where relevant.

The Society is a membership charity, open without restriction to any person whether UK-resident or not. Its trustees are unpaid. The cost of membership is maintained at the lowest viable rate and this serves to fund the main activities of the society which are:-

- Publishing periodic Bulletins, containing papers, letters and reviews or other material of interest concerning gnomonics.
- Maintaining and updating the two National Registers of known fixed sundials and of church mass dials which exist in the British Isles.
- Making available for sale to members, academic and heritage organisations approximately every five years the complete National Register of sundials.
- Giving free advice to any member of the public on the preservation and restoration of existing dials and the construction of new ones.
- Suggesting the names of lecturers able to speak about sundials and related matters to any public forum.
- Operating an open award scheme to promote and recognise the best in design and construction of new sundials.
- Organising conferences, tours and visits related to the understanding and appreciation of sundials and dialling.
- Publishing books, booklets, monographs and leaflets on dialling and related matters.
- Maintaining a reference library of relevant books and documents devoted to dialling accessible to all members, plus members of the hosting library.
- Operating an interesting and free-to-all, educational web site devoted to dialling matters and including some copies of earlier Bulletin articles.
- Giving free advice to any member of the public wishing to understand and know more about sundials.
- Offering grants to UK residents to help toward the cost of restoration of publicly viewable dials.

The Society holds two meetings annually, which are open to members and non-members alike and which are advertised both nationally and internationally:-

1) A one-day meeting, habitually held in rural Berkshire, involves a voluntary entry fee of around £10, which goes to cover hall hire and refreshments.

2) A three day/two night residential weekend conference. As the membership is widely dispersed over the country, it is held at changing locations, so as to equalise easier and cheaper access. Its charges are set to meet the cost at an expected level of attendance. Day rate charges (that is attendance without accommodation) are offered for those who might be local to the event or for those wishing to make use of alternative or cheaper local accommodation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Society constitutionally maintains both Unrestricted and Restricted Reserves, according to the policy set out in CC19. The Andrew Somerville Memorial Fund contains all donations to the BSS. Expenses to the fund include the annual Somerville Lecture, research and dial restoration grants.

Unrestricted reserves are maintained to provide a buffer for unforeseen operational costs, against uncertainties in income and to provide cover for troughs in the cash budget and for foreseeable expenses and asset replacement.

The Trustees are keeping in balance with the above contingencies the need to expand its digital presence; also the need to address the demographic flow impacting the membership. The designations by which unreserved funds are allocated and maintained are kept under review

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Graham Stapleton	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	9 September 2012	