



MEXBOROUGH & SWINTON ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Thursday 19 June 2025

The Annual General Meeting of Mexborough & Swinton Astronomical Society was held at St John the Baptist Church Hall, The Church Halls, Church Street, Mexborough, S64 0ER, at 19:45 on Thursday 19 June 2025.

Present: Simon Bakewell, Mick Collinson, Simon Cook, Laurence Horrocks-Barlow (Chair), Kris Hudson-Lee, Glenn Marsden, Les Marsden, Joshua Maguire, Rion Maguire, Tony Morris and Mark Walton

Attending Online: Roy Gunson, Tony Hood, Kevin Taylor, Andrew Kirton Vaughn, Gary Kyte, Mark Richardson

Apologies: Ed Bothamley, Shaun O'Dell.

The meeting chair confirmed that a quorum was present at the meeting and reminded online attendees that they could not vote at the meeting.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting had been circulated to all members in advance. It was proposed by Laurence Horrocks-Barlow and seconded by Tony Morris that "The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 24 September 2024 to be accepted and adopted as a true account."

A vote was taken, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

The minutes were duly accepted and adopted as a true account of the meeting.

2. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received for consideration as all recent correspondence had been reviewed prior to the AGM by the trustees.

3. Annual Report and Statement of Accounts

The Society's Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 was presented to the meeting having been circulated in advance of the meeting. The treasurer stated that many items purchased for the society were not claimed for. With regards to our meeting programme a total 45 of meetings were advertised on Eventbrite with tickets being sold online, this brought in a total of £430 from 215 visitors.

The chair gave a summary of the society running costs over the previous year. It was also noted that the move to John the Baptist Community Centre in Mexborough had gone well.

The curator gave a short summary of the work done at the observatory and grounds over the past year. Once again, the observatory grounds were successfully used by the Mexborough and District Amateur Radio Society.

The society had a membership of 41 as of 31 March 2025.

4. Question & Answer Session

There was an opportunity to raise questions arising from the Annual Report or other questions relating to the management and administration of the Society. No questions were raised from the floor.

5. Proposed resolutions

A. Membership Subscriptions

It was proposed by Michael Collinson and seconded by Shaun O'Dell that: "The membership subscription rates for the year commencing 1 April 2026 be set at £96 per annum full rate and £76 per annum concession rate."

A vote was taken, and the proposal was carried unanimously.

6. Appointment of Executive Committee

The following valid nominations had been received, as no post received more than a single valid nomination the following were elected unopposed. No incomplete or invalid nominations were received.

Post	Nominee	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Les Marsden	Shaun O'Dell	Roy Gunson
Deputy Chair	Mark Walton	Laurence Horrocks-Barlow	Paul D'Silva
Secretary	Shaun O'Dell	Roy Gunson	Ed Bothamley
Treasurer	Mick Collinson	Shaun O'Dell	Roy Gunson
Curator	Tony Morris	Shaun O'Dell	Kris Hudson-Lee
IT Officer	Glenn Marsden	Shaun O'Dell	Roy Gunson
Librarian	Ed Bothamley	Shaun O'Dell	Kris Hudson-Lee
Fundraising Officer	Tom Wade	Shaun O'Dell	
Programme Co-ordinator	Roy Gunson	Shaun O'Dell	Paul D'Silva
Observations Officer	Kris Hudson-Lee	Shaun O'Dell	Mick Collinson
Committee Member	Paul D'Silva	Roy Gunson	Shaun O'Dell
Committee Member	Laurence Horrocks- Barlow	Roy Gunson	Mick Collinson
Committee Member	Phil Muffett	Tony Morris	Mick Collinson

Close

There being no further business to transact the meeting closed at 20:02.