

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

The Vertical Flight Society UK Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organization

Report of the Trustees for the period 26 September 2019 to 30 April 2020

Aim and Purpose

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Objectives and Activities

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The benefits of the purposes are advancing the education of the public, particularly engineers and scientists, in scientific and technological subjects related to vertical flight.

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VFS UK events are open to all.

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Achievement and Performance

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The inaugural meeting was open to all and without charge.

The VFS UK Management structure is detailed in the Administrative Section below.

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COVID19 regulations on the holding of meetings came into force in Mid March and curtailed further events during this reporting period.

Financial Review

VFS UK has received no income during this reporting period.

VFS UK has incurred no expenditure during this reporting period.

VFS UK has no assets or liabilities.

VFS UK does not have a bank account.

The Trustees therefore consider that a financial audit is not required for this reporting period.

Volunteers

The Trustees would like to thank all those who volunteered at the Inaugural meeting to serve as Officers of VFS UK and to make valuable contributions to the running of VFS UK allowing this charity to fulfil its aims and objectives.

Administrative Information

The correspondence address for the VFS UK is 17 King John Road, Gillingham, Dorset, SP8 4PG.

The following have served as Officers during this reporting period:

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Antonio Filippone

Thomas Fitzgibbon

Ian Frain

David Gibbings

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Adrian Neve

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Paul Taylor

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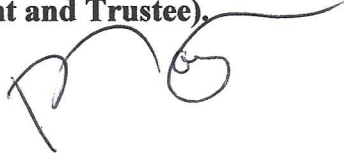
Expenditure

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Approved by the Trustees on 24 February 2021 and signed on their behalf by Paul Taylor (VFS-UK President and Trustee).

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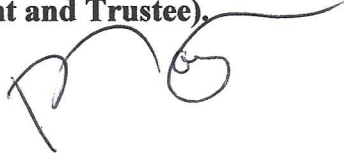
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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

26 9 2019

30 04 2020

From

To

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

VERTICAL FLIGHT SOCIETY UK

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1185520

Charity's principal address

11 KING JOHN ROAD

GILLINGHAM

DORSET

Postcode

SP8 4PG

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	GEORGE BARAKOS	SECRETARY		
2	PAUL TAYLOR	PRESIDENT		
3	MARK WHITE	MEMBERSHIP CHAIR		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	"FOUNDATION" CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	APPOINTED BY FIRST CHARITY TRUSTEES

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of the CIO are to advance the education of the public in vertical flight science and technology and related aerospace and engineering skills.

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)

VFS-UK was registered on 26 September 2019 as a "Foundation" CIO. This summary of the main activities undertaken is for the period from registration to year end, 30 April 2020.

VFS-UK held its Inaugural Meeting at the RAF Club, London on Monday 24 February 2020 to which all members of the Vertical Flight Society International and members of the public were invited.

This meeting consisted of two presentations describing Rotary Wing development on both sides of the Atlantic. The first given by a UK speaker and the second by a speaker from the US.

The structure of VFS-UK was discussed and volunteers appointed as Officers.

When planning activities the trustees of VFS-UK have taken due regard to the guidance issued by the CC on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

COVID19 regulations came into force in Mid March and stopped all further activities.

The Trustees developed a new constitution and applied to the CC for change of status from "Foundation" to "Association".

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

VFS-UK has held its inaugural or launch meeting at the RAF Club, London and determined its management structure.

Two presentations were given on rotary wing development by keynote speakers from the UK and the US for the benefit and education of the public attending.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The VFS-UK holds no reserves.

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.

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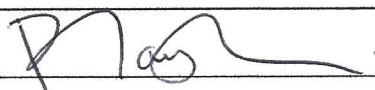
Section F Other optional information

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)

PAUL TAYLOR

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

PRESIDENT

Date

24 FEBRUARY 2021