

Annual Report for the Solar Section, Period 2024 / 2025

It is my pleasure to present the Annual Report of the ASSA Solar Section for the 2024/2025 period. This year we built on the momentum of initiatives begun in the previous year, continuing several key activities and projects.

Key Developments:

Solar Bulletin:

Following the successful launch of the ASSA Solar Bulletin last year, I am pleased to report that this monthly publication has continued to flourish throughout the 2024/2025 period. Each edition was diligently prepared and submitted on schedule, after which it was promptly published on the Solar Section's website.

The bulletin remains a vital platform for sharing up-to-date solar observations and analyses with both ASSA members and the broader astronomical community. It has helped maintain engagement among observers, encouraged regular data submissions, and strengthened our collective understanding of solar activity.

Collaboration with MSAS and BAA:

Our strategic partnerships with the Mexborough and Swinton Astronomical Society (MSAS) and the British Astronomy Association (BAA) have flourished throughout the year. These collaborations have facilitated knowledge exchange, joint solar observations and imaging initiatives, and strengthened our collective efforts in promoting solar astronomy. Two members are participating in the solar section observations and imaging namely Mick Nicholls from the UK and Andrew Devey from the UK living in Spain.

ASSA/MSAS/BAA WhatsApp Group:

Building on the collaboration we established last year, the ASSA/MSAS/BAA WhatsApp group has entered a successful second year. This platform continues to be instrumental in facilitating real-time communication, coordinating activities, sharing observations, and strengthening the sense of community among solar enthusiasts and partners.

MNASSA

In February 25 an article named: “*Unravelling the Sun: A Year of Solar Activity in 2024*” was published in the MNASSA.

Outlook and Future Directions:

Looking ahead, the ASSA Solar Section is committed to building upon the achievements in 2024/2025. I will continue to expand our membership base, innovate in solar research and education, and strengthen partnerships with local and international astronomical organizations.

Acknowledgements:

In closing, I wish once again to express my sincere appreciation to the ASSA Council for their continued support and trust in my management of the Solar Section. I am especially grateful to Lerika Cross for her invaluable assistance with administrative matters, and to John Gills for consistently updating the Solar Section website by publishing the monthly Solar Bulletin. My thanks also go to Mick Nicholls and Andrew Devey from MSAS and the BAA for their regular contributions of H-alpha solar observations and images, as well as for generously sharing their expertise in solar observing throughout 2024/2025.

Together, we will continue to explore, educate, and inspire through the wonders of solar astronomy.

Sincerely,

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