



Galloway Forest Astronomical Society

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TESCO

Bags of Help



Bags of Help from Tesco

Well done the shoppers at the Tesco Metro in Kircubright! Thanks to your votes we have been awarded a Bags of Help grant of £2,000 to use to relocate the society's equipment from the container out at Kirroughtree to a new storage unit at Newton Stewart Tennis Club. We now have enough cash in the bank to see this task done by the end of the year and the committee had a first serious look at the new site, in heavy rain, at the beginning of September.

Pictured is Hunter contemplating decades' worth of undergrowth and leaf mould that we'll need to clear down to a level surface before putting the new storage unit up. Clearing the ground is going to be a bit of a challenge, but we'll get it done. We'll keep members posted by email – if anybody can join in the work please do.

Meanwhile, further grant aid is being sought to complete our aim of buying a portable planetarium for use with young people in Galloway. More on that in future newsletters.



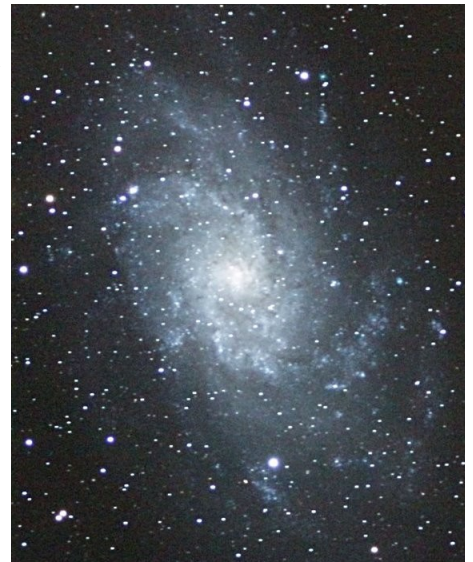
DotR 2017 Newton Stewart

Newton Stewart Initiative together with Dumfries & Galloway Leader are hosting a Day of the Region Event on **Friday 8th and Saturday 9th September**. GFAS will have a pitch in the tented village being set up around the former tourist advice centre, now the NSI community shop, opposite Dashwood Square.



Members and Friends – Stargaze September

Our first observing event of the 2017-2018 season will be on Saturday 23rd September at Newton Stewart Tennis Club, York Road, Newton Stewart, from 8:30 pm. There will be no moon in the sky then. All members and friends are welcome. In the event of cloudy skies we'll try again on Sunday 24th. Bring a flask.



GFAS AGM 2017

The 2017 AGM will be held on Saturday 28th October at 10:30 am. Formal notice will be given at the beginning of October. Office bearers' reports will be presented for the members' approval and all the office bearers positions fall to be elected as always. Also there is an opportunity at the AGM for members to propose amendments to the constitution of the society. Please email the secretary with nominations of office bearers, proposed amendments to the constitution, or any other business for the AGM soon so that these can be included in the agenda in good time.

Membership subscriptions

Subs for 2017-2018 can be paid at any time up to and including the AGM at the end of October. Juniors and students up to age 22 are free; adults £15.00; Family £25.00; concessions at need £5.00. New members paying a sub from the DotR event will become members up to AGM 2018. Pay up now to avoid possible subs increases at the AGM!



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