Some use the telescopes to show the Moon, the planets and the stars, but other groups also use the telescopes for terrestrial observing. Nottingham Children's Hospital and Great Ormond Street, for example, use their telescopes for the children to look out of the window and for bird watching – all of which helps to inspire a love of nature and brings a little joy and beauty to those who need it most.

After a lot of hard work, we have now been recognised as a registered charity. We are excited as to what the future might hold for our work. Please do take a look at our website and, if you can, support our project to bring something of the wonder and majesty of space to children. Or, if you have a telescope or educational material in the loft, and do not use, please donate to Scopes4SEN and we will make sure we find a good home for it. We are over the Moon when we see the spark in those pupils eyes!





Scopes4SEN is a registered charity located in Tissington, Derbyshire. We work to provide free telescopes and other astronomy tools and materials for special educational needs schools and hospitals around the UK. We would be happy to hear from you if you have astronomy equipment to donate or know of an organisation who assist vulnerable people and could use a telescope.

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Charity Scopes₄SEN provide free telescopes for Special Educational Need (SEN) schools and hospitals all over the UK



Astronomy is our hobby. Over the years, we have travelled all around the world to view solar eclipses, Venus and Mercury transits and much more besides. As time went by, because we enjoyed it so much, we felt that children with special educational needs (SEN) and vulnerable adults should also be given the chance to look through a telescope and explore the Moon, the planets and the stars. Because astronomy equipment is expensive, many schools and colleges are unable to afford even a fairly basic telescope. We started the project "Scopes4SEN" end November 2015 to give children with special needs the chance to stargaze with their own telescope at their school or college.

After receiving our first 12 telescopes, we received donations of equipment from all over the world, both from manufacturers and individual donors. Whilst schools were at first rather reluctant to accept equipment from us (they couldn't quite believe we were giving out telescopes for free!), after a year we had a waiting list. Now we have donated nearly 800 telescopes along with other educational materials. Our aim is to inspire and to get pupils and teachers interested in science and astronomy.



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Please get in touch

If you would like to donate, send or drop off a telescope or any educational material If you know a school or institute keen to have a telescope and educational material If you would like to donate some funds or sponsor Scopes4SEN





