



## Manchester Astronomical Society at the Manchester Museum of Science and Industry 9<sup>th</sup> January 2016 with a Lunt solar telescope funded by The Big Lottery Fund.

As a 2016 introduction to Manchester AS's public outreach and in advance of BBC2 TV StarGazing Live, past-presidents, Dr Barry Henshall, Anthony Cross and Kevin Kilburn spent a day at the Museum of Science and Industry sharing our interest in astronomy with visitors to our stand. We had nearly 200 adults and about 80 youngsters asking the most probing of questions. Nearby, our colleagues, the students of The University of Manchester's School of Physics and Astronomy gave a similar but more physics-related presentation, particularly oriented to hands-on experimentation.

Throughout the day, triple video screens overlooking the main hall of the warehouse building showed deep sky objects, the sun, moon and planets and other astro-meteorological images taken by our members that attracted interest from a whole host of visitors to the museum from a wide audience in northern England and visitors from as far afield as China, India, Poland and Australia.

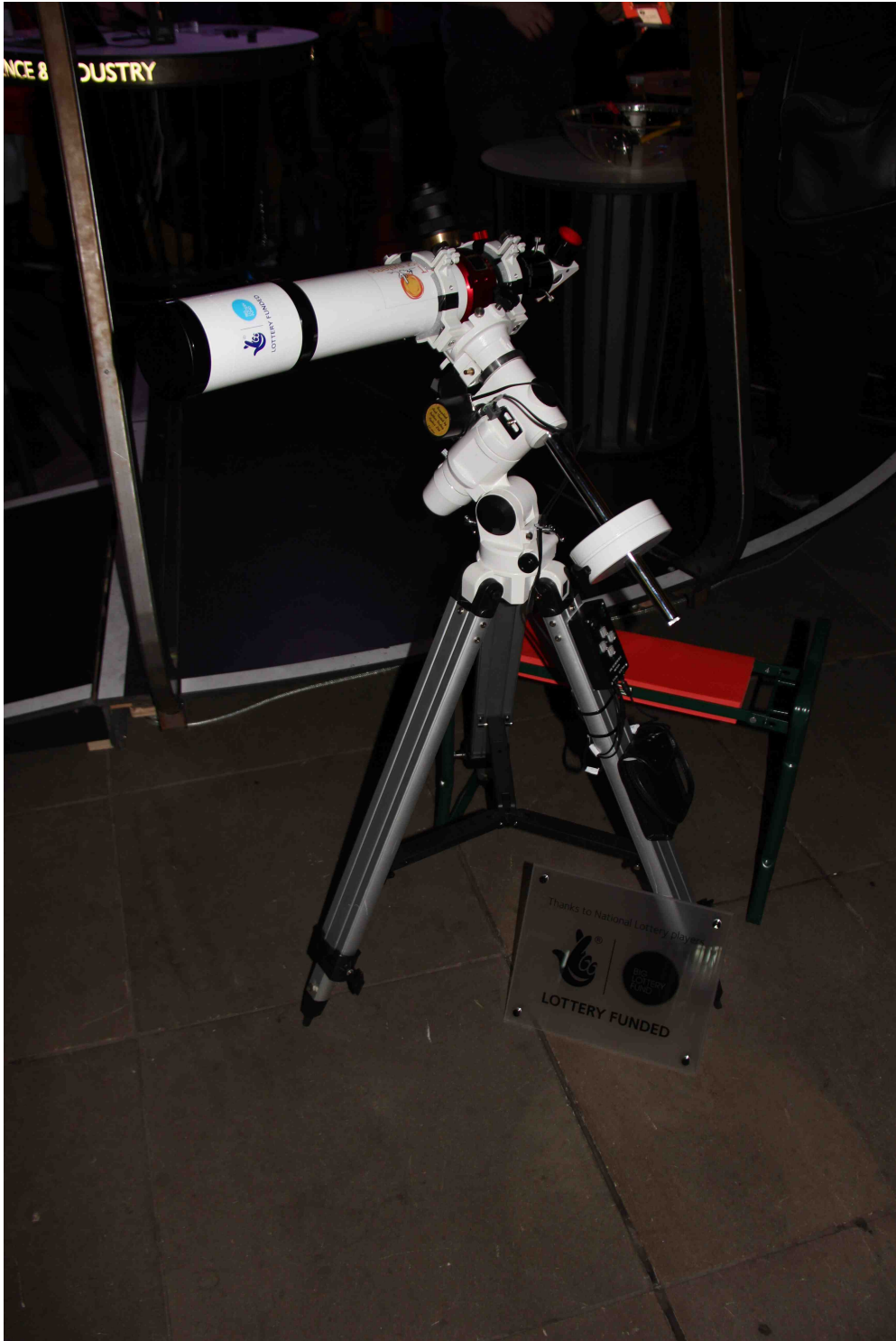
We were proud to exhibit the Lottery-funded Lunt LS80PT solar telescope although inclement weather prevented its live views of the solar disc.



Museum of Science and Industry, Manchester



Society member Kevin Kilburn with members of the Public who visited our display



Lunt Solar Telescope and Equatorial Mounting funded by the Big Lottery Fund.