

CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1026681

Details

Other names U3A CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1993-09-30

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLE AGED AND OLDER PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT IN GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN CANTERBURY AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY 2) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR LEISURE-TIME AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE ABOVE PERSONS IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE.

Activities: Providing activities for those persons who are no longer in full-time employment. Groups, tutored and self-help, study and take part in classes in many subjects, dance, exercise, musical, dramatic sessions. The emphasis is on shared learning. The activities undertaken by members of this U3A are self-supporting.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE CANTERBURY AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Kent

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£56,917	£52,463	-	-
2023-12-31	£54,401	£45,705	-	-
2022-12-31	£25,866	£35,302	-	-
2021-12-31	£25,606	£19,980	-	-
2020-12-31	£28,652	£23,907	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Mary Tippet		2019-06-10
Elizabeth Lourdes Arrow		2023-02-13
John Francis Wetherell		2023-02-13
Jonathan Butchers		2024-08-02
Keith Howard Kolsteren		2024-04-10
Keith Jon WATSON		2011-05-29
Richard Baines Barber		2026-06-01
Robin Stuart Terry		2021-09-13
Sara Elizabeth Bateman		2026-03-02
Timothy Landsman		2025-11-03
Trevor Peel		2020-10-12

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10	Jonathan Butchers	Course Development	02.08.24-31.12.24	
11	Judith Gladman		07.10.24-31.12.24	
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During the summer period more outdoor activities complement the learning and social activities programme. A new courses' booking system was successfully launched in September.

The Third Age Trust (TAT) supported the re-launch of the u3a C & D website in November based on a new system called SiteWorks as TAT are no longer supporting the previous SiteBuilder system. The website is a useful platform to publicise details and course activities.

A research group working with the UKC has been active since 2014. In November the group presented their most recent project, which explored the potential benefits to health and wellbeing of engaging in the Groovin' Well workshops. They were able to identify a range of benefits, including social connectivity, age sensitivity, cognitive integrity, and personal creativity from the participation of 25 individuals in the dance workshops. Four one day outings were organised during the year to "William Morris and cruise" (which was so popular it was run again); Museum of the Moving Image Deal; Choral evening Song and Christmas Lights.

Two five day coach holidays were organised during the year to South Yorkshire (in April), and Cheshire and North Wales (in September)

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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A small sum is received as interest payments from the bank.

In 2023 we resumed charging course fees after their suspension during the COVID epidemic. In 2024 these were reduced from £1.50 to £1 per session and will be maintained at this rate for 2025.

The committee regularly reviewed financial reports during the year.

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)

	
Robin Stuart Terry	Trevor Peel

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)

Chair

Treasurer

Date

7 April 2025

**U3A Canterbury & District
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

All funds listed are Unrestricted

	2024			2023	
	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	49,969				42,192
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	3,554				2,635
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000				15,000
PayPal A/C	39				0
Total cash 1st Jan 2024	68,562			59,827	59,827
Net Movement of Funds ex Financial Statement	4,454			8,696	
Total Value at Y/E 2024	73,396		73,396	68,924	68,924

REPRESENTED BY;

	31.12.24		31.12.23	
	£	Total	£	Total
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	53,790		49,969	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	4,188		3,554	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000		15,000	
PayPal A/C	39		39	
Sub Total at year end	73,017	73,017	68,562	68,562

FIXED ASSETS

B/Fwd	401		327	
Purchased in Year	0		100	
Total Fixed Assets	401		427	
Less depreciation/written off	-22		-26	
Net Fixed Assets	379	379	401	401

CREDITORS

Amounts falling due	0		0	
PayPal/Chqs b/wd ex last year-	0		0	
PayPal/chqs not cld	0	0	-40	-40
Net Assets		73,396		68,924

This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Sue Asser, whose statement is provided separately.

Signed:



Trevor Peel
Treasurer



Robin Terry
Chair

Date: 11.12.25

Date: 11.2.25

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of IJ3A Canterbury & District Registered Charity 1026681

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024, which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(S)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report


My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or
- (2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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Name: Sue Asser

Relevant professional qualification or body: ~~None~~ M.A. (Management) UKC

Address: 38 Bridge Down, Bridge, Canterbury, CT4 5AZ

Date: 31/01/2025

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The u3a C & D website continued to be a useful platform to publicise details and course activities.

A research group working with the UKC has been active since 2014, with 21 projects currently listed on the national u3a research database. In December the group presented their most recent project, which explored the potential benefits to health and wellbeing of engaging in arts and creative activities by u3a C & D members during Covid-19 lockdown. They were able to identify a range of artistic creative activities which individuals had engaged in, with a variety of related health and wellbeing benefits being expressed.

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In 2023 we took the decision to re-instate course fees, which had been discontinued during the COVIC epidemic. During that period, we had greatly reduced hiring of halls and general expenses. We have now fully recommenced our activities, and fees as well as subs are necessary to ensure the financial viability of our u3a.

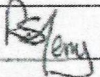
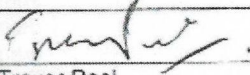
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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Robin Stuart Terry	Trevor Peel
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer


Date 14th March 2024


USA CANTERBURY & DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2022 to 31ST DECEMBER 2023

Unrestricted funds

	INCOME & RESOURCES	
	2023	2022
	£	£
<i>Activities to further the charity's objectives</i>		
Incoming Resources		
Net Subscriptions	22,486	22,189
Courses and net fees	19,543	0
Miscellaneous	0	88
Donations	551	752
Bank Interest	131	8
Third Age Trust Grant	150	0
TFR ex Outings A/C	0	0
Outings -Net Receipts	8,635	0
Gift Aid	2,905	2,829
Total Income	54,401	25,866
Resources Expended		
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Communications: Printing	698	1,040
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Speakers	624	590
Outings Expenditure	7,716	0
Sub Total	45,605	35,010
Asset Purchases		
Laptops PCs	0	0
Orange St Equipment	100	292
Total Resources Expended	45,705	35,302
Net resources less net expenses	8,696	-9,437
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
Funds bal. B/F at 1st Jan	59,847	69,283
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For more details, see section D below.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D**Achievements and performance****Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

There were 1,100 members at year- end. A Joining Session was held in most months. Hosted by the Membership Team and a band of volunteers it informs potential new members of the u3a ethos and principles as well as explaining current courses and activities available. All new members received a personal welcome letter from the Chair and a copy of our latest Courses programme.

An Open Day took place in May to "showcase" activities within u3a C & D. Information and taster sessions were provided to attract potential new members.

An Information card is produced annually, listing committee members, key contacts, and the Monthly meeting programme. In addition, a monthly News Bulletin is distributed by an editorial team to all members.

We are proud of our extensive programme of over 100 courses which run over the autumn and winter period. They cover both academic and non-academic subjects. All the Tutors, Activity Leaders, Hosts and Coordinators who are involved in the courses are a committed and dependable group of people who share their knowledge, expertise and understanding of a subject or activity. The Summer programme gives tutors and activity leaders an opportunity to run taster sessions in new subjects and ideas. At the annual lunch in April for them, a lively discussion took place and many useful suggestions for the committee were made, some of which are now being developed. During the summer period more outdoor activities complement the learning and social activities programme. A new courses' booking system was successfully launched in September.

The u3a C & D website continued to be a useful platform to publicise details and course activities.

A research group working with the UKC has been active since 2014, with 21 projects currently listed on the national u3a research database. In December the group presented their most recent project, which explored the potential benefits to health and wellbeing of engaging in arts and creative activities by u3a C & D members during Covid-19 lockdown. They were able to identify a range of artistic creative activities which individuals had engaged in, with a variety of related health and wellbeing benefits being expressed.

Three one day outings were organised during the year to "Hidden London", Romney Marsh and Sussex. We also procured two five-day coach holidays to Wales and the Isle of Wight which were enjoyed by all the participants.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The committee agreed the reserves policy in June 2013. It takes account of advice by the Charity Commission and that of the Third Age Trust. The committee on recommendation by the Treasurer determines the actual level.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Our u3a is supported through funds received from its members from subscriptions and course fees. These are used to fund our objectives as detailed in section C and D of this report through the hire of course venues, rental of the office accommodation at Orange Street, payment of speaker fees etc. In addition, we receive Gift Aid from HMRC.

A small sum is received as interest payments from the bank.

In 2023 we took the decision to re-instate course fees, which had been discontinued during the COVIC epidemic. During that period, we had greatly reduced hiring of halls and general expenses. We have now fully recommenced our activities, and fees as well as subs are necessary to ensure the financial viability of our u3a.

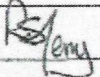
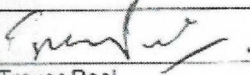
The committee regularly reviewed financial reports during the year.

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)	Robin Stuart Terry	Trevor Peel
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 14th March 2024

CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period						
		Period start date			Period end date	
From	01	01	2022		31	12 2022
				To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name U3A Canterbury & District

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1026681

Charity's principal address

8 Orange Street	
Canterbury	
Kent	
Postcode	CT1 2JA

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	Robin Terry	Chair	13.04.22- 31.12.22	
2	Trevor Peel	Vice Chair		
3	Keith Watson	Treasurer		
4	Mary Laslett	Membership Secretary		
5	Angela Tippett	Course Administrator		
6	Ursula Steiger	Director of Studies		
7	Robert Matthews	Business Secretary		
8	Jane Dennett			
9	Ian Ward		20.01.22-31.12.22	
10	Claire Alfrey		23.05.22-31.12.22	
11	Chris Plant	Chair	01.01.22 -13.04.22	
12	Miriam Westendarp	Business Secretary	01.01.22- 13.04.22	
13				
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The constitution is based upon a model suggested by the Third Age Trust (TAT) to which the U3A Canterbury & District (U3A) is affiliated. This was last revised at the AGM on 13 th July 2020 following further changes recommended by TAT and the Charity Commission.
How the charity is constituted	Trust

(eg. trust, association, company)

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are members of the U3A and collectively form the committee which runs it. The AGM elects the committee members, but more can be co-opted as required during the year. Each Trustee is required to answer questions regarding their suitability and probity to act as a Trustee for the charity.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

Canterbury & District U3A is a learning co-operative which draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of its members to organise courses, interest groups, events and activities in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Learning is purely for pleasure with no distinction made between group leaders and learners. No accreditation or certificates exist and there are no assessments or qualifications to be gained. The organisation exists for members to share and enjoy learning and members are encouraged to both lead and learn.

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)

Chris Plant had ably led u3a through the Covid-19 Pandemic period. The 35th AGM voted Robin Terry to be the new Chair. His stated objective was to continue to promote the growth and stability of Canterbury u3a as we re-launched a range of activities and courses in the post Pandemic period.

Committee meetings were held mainly monthly, initially by zoom; and then returning to primarily face-to-face from April 2022. The Chair, and President, attended the Third Age Trust (TAT) AGM in early October 2022.

The University of Kent supports u3a Canterbury through a Memorandum of Understanding, as part of their commitment to engage with the public through its research, and to strengthen its links with the community. Robin Terry took over from Rona Hodges as our Coordinator and attended the first post-Pandemic meeting, hosted by Professor Pothen at the University, in December.

Membership of the u3a at the year-end was 1,100. The national u3a Beacon computer database system enables us to comply with GDPR legislation by ensuring that membership details are held securely within the system.

For more details, see section D below.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

To assist in recruiting new members, joining days were re-introduced post Pandemic from the beginning of the year. Held on the first Friday morning of most months, they are hosted by the Membership Secretary and a band of volunteers. The objective is not only to recruit, but also to fully inform potential new members of our u3a's ethos and principles and to explain current courses and activities available. Refreshments are provided.

All new members receive a personal welcome letter from the Chair and a copy of our latest Courses programme. A Brief Guide to being a member was updated for use in recruitment.

An Open Day took place in the middle of May to "showcase" activities within Canterbury u3a for potential recruits. Information and taster sessions were provided and six new members joined. Our website also enables prospective members to join by following a link on the web site and this has proved to be popular.

An Information card is produced annually; available after the AGM; listing key personnel contact details and important dates including Monthly meetings. A News Bulletin is sent out at the beginning of each month using the Beacon email system, supplemented by post for members without email. We have also let a contract to improve our internal email system to the committee members, course leaders and certain volunteer post holders.

Our Canterbury office was staffed most Wednesday and Thursday mornings, offering photocopying and printing resources and general query resolution.

Like all u3as in the country, we experienced a temporary web site failure in late November. The Third Age Trust (TAT) appointed a new web-hosting contractor and our website was fully restored by our webmaster over the course of a few weeks.

Our courses and activities programme post pandemic began to grow again and, whilst we still ran some talks and courses on Zoom; face-to-face groups became the norm. We ran a total of around one hundred courses and activities in the year and are constantly recruiting new tutors and leaders from our membership. Walks, sea swimming, gardening and other outdoor activities complement a comprehensive and more academic learning programme, which also allows for such enjoyments as dancing and music making and other social activities.

Face-to-face courses were free during 2022 thanks to the savings accrued from much reduced hall hire requirements during the previous 18 months of Pandemic restrictions and lockdowns. A new Courses Booking system was successfully launched in September.

The Tutors, Leaders, Hosts and Coordinators are the "engine room" of Canterbury u3a. They are a committed and dependable group of people who share their knowledge, expertise and understanding of a subject or activity. The annual lunch for them took place at the end of April.

At our monthly meeting, we usually have an invited speaker. We learnt from and enjoyed the experiences of an immigration judge; a look back at the 1960s; and life as a private investigator. We also have Courses and Membership tables in the lobby to answer queries and facilitate easier access to information for some members.

Section D**Achievements and performance**

Other events included a Summer picnic and get together; an Autumn Quiz; a Bring and Share Christmas Lunch; and a Christmas Concert.

Two five-day coach holidays were organised. At the beginning of May we enjoyed "The Historic Houses & Heritage of Shropshire". In September we enjoyed touring through Essex and Suffolk.

2022 has been particularly challenging from a financial point of view. All courses were free during 2022 (due to reduced hall hire during the previous 18 months of Pandemic restrictions and lockdowns), but income was restricted to members subs. The Treasurer had therefore to maintain careful control of the finances in order to ensure the viability of the u3a.

Section E**Financial review****Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The committee agreed the reserves policy in June 2013. It takes account of advice by the Charity Commission and that of the Third Age Trust. The committee on recommendation by the Treasurer determines the actual level.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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;
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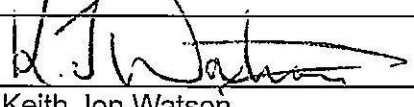
A very small sum is received as interest payments from the bank. A 5 year look forward financial management plan is used to assist in ensuring the financial security of the U3A. Progress is regularly reviewed by the committee.

In order to continue to fund our activities the committee intend to resume a policy applied in earlier years that a course fee will be applied for each course in our Main Programme 2023/4.

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)	Robin Stuart Terry	Keith Jon Watson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 20/4/ 2023

U3A Canterbury & District
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2022

All funds listed are Unrestricted

	2022			2021		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	51,628					46,002
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	2,635					2,635
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000					15,000
PayPal A/C	20					20
Total cash 1st Jan 2022	69,283	69,283		63,657		63,657
Net Movement of Funds ex Financial Statement		-9,437		5625.83		
Fixed Assets @Y/E 2022		327		139		
Total Value at Y/E 2022		60,173	60,173	69,422	69,422	

REPRESENTED BY;

CURRENT ASSETS

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	42,192		51,628	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	2,635		2,635	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000		15,000	
PayPal A/C	20		20	
Sub Total at year end	59,847	59,847	69,283	69,283

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
B/Fwd	139		171	
Purchased in Year	292		0	
Total Fixed Assets	431		171	
Less depreciation/written off	104		32	
Net Fixed Assets	327	327	139	139

FIXED ASSETS

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
B/Fwd	139		171	
Purchased in Year	292		0	
Total Fixed Assets	431		171	
Less depreciation/written off	104		32	
Net Fixed Assets	327	327	139	139

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within 3 months	0		0	
Bookings	0		0	
PayPal/Chqs bfwd ex last year-	-20		-20	
PayPal/chqs not cld	20		20	
Net Assets	0	0	0	0
		60,173		69,422

CREDITORS

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
Amounts falling due within 3 months	0		0	
Bookings	0		0	
PayPal/Chqs bfwd ex last year-	-20		-20	
PayPal/chqs not cld	20		20	
Net Assets	0	0	0	0
		60,173		69,422

	31.12.22	Total	31.12.21	Total
	£	£	£	£
Net Assets	0	0	0	0
		60,173		69,422

This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Jonathan Butchers, whose statement is provided seperately.

Signed:



Keith Watson
Treasurer



Robin Terry
Chair

Date: 13/03/23

Date: 13/03/23

U3A CANTERBURY & DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2022 to 31ST DECEMBER 2022

	2022	2021
	£	£
INCOME & RESOURCES		
<i>Activities to further the charity's objectives</i>		
Incoming Resources		
Net Subscriptions	22,189	22,518
Courses and fees	0	0
Miscellaneous	88	0
Donations	752	59
Bank Interest	8	2
Third Age Trust Grant	0	0
TFR ex Outings A/C	0	0
Outings -Receipts	0	0
Gift Aid	2,829	3,027
Total Income	25,866	25,606
Resources Expended		
Course Expenses	2,426	68
Administration	4,084	2,791
Rents	20,025	11,462
Communications: Printing	1,040	582
Communications: Post	1,729	129
TAT Affiliation Fee	4,092	3,472
Beacon Usage Fee	1,023	1,032
Speakers	590	445
Outings Expenditure	0	0
Sub Total	35,010	19,980
Asset Purchases		
Laptops PCs	0	0
Orange St Equipment	292	0
Total Resources Expended	35,302	19,980
Net resouces less net expenses	-9,437	5,626
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
Funds bal. B/F at 1st Jan	69,283	63,657
Chqs cld ex last year & Chqs not cld at Y/E	0	0
Total Funds balance at year end	59,846	69,283

Bank Accounts total at Year End

£59,846	£69,283
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This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Jonathan Butchers, whose statement is provided seperately.

Signed:



Keith Watson

Treasurer

Date: 13/03/23



Robin Terry

Chair

Date: 13/03/23

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of U3A Canterbury & District Registered Charity 1026681

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2022, which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

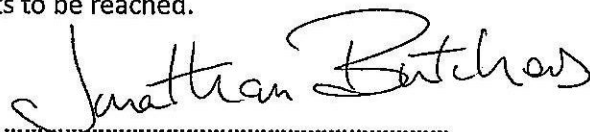
Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met *or*

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Name: **Jonathan Butchers**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **None**

Address: 10 Homersham, Canterbury, CT1 3RG

Date: 17/01/2023

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period



	Period start date			Period end date			
From	01	01	2021	To	31	12	2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name U3A Canterbury & District

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1026681

Charity's principal address

8 Orange Street
Canterbury
Kent
Postcode CT1 2JA

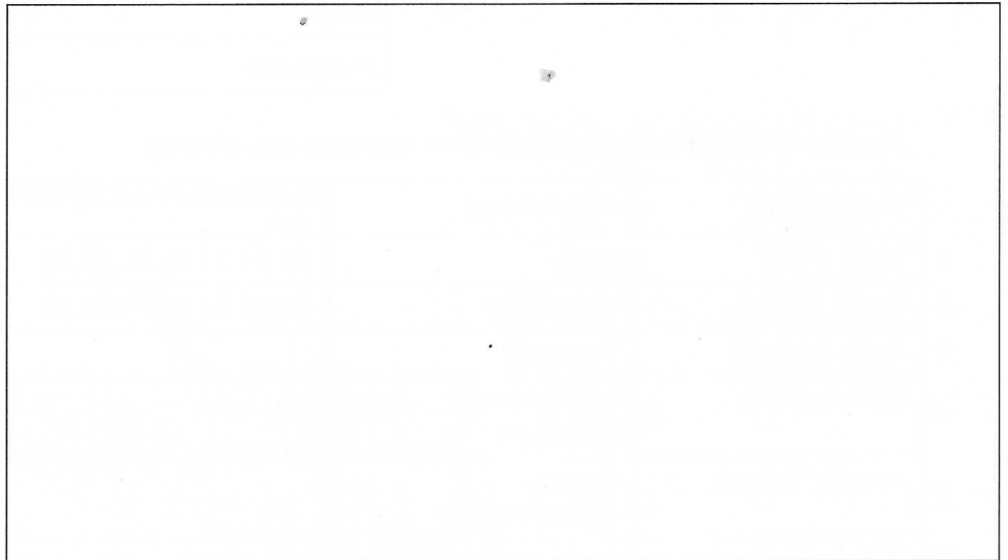
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Chris Plant	Chair	01.01.21 to 31.12.21	
2	David Clarke	Vice Chair	01.01.21 to 24.01.21	
3	Keith Watson	Treasurer		
4	Mary Laslett	Membership Secretary		
5	Angela Tippett	Course Administrator		
6	Trevor Peel	Asst. Treasurer		
7	Pam McGregor	Director of Studies	01.01.21 to 14.04.21	
8	Ursula Steiger	Course Development Coordinator		
9	Miriam Westendarp	Business Secretary	01.02.21 to 08.02.21	
10	Miriam Westendarp	Vice Chair	25.01.21 to 31.12.21	
11	Robert Matthews	Business Secretary	08.02.21 to 31.12.21	
12	Robin Terry	Vice Chair	13.09.21 to 31.12.21	
13	Jane Dennett	Course Planning Coordinator	08.02.21 to 31.12.21	
14	Christo Thiardt		01.02.21 to 03.02.21	
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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	The constitution is based upon a model suggested by the Third Age Trust (TAT) to which the U3A Canterbury & District (U3A) is affiliated. This was last revised at the AGM on 13 th July 2020 following further changes recommended by TAT and the Charity Commission.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Canterbury & District U3A is a learning co-operative which draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of its members to organise courses, interest groups, events and activities in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Learning is purely for pleasure with no distinction made between group leaders and learners. No accreditation or certificates exist and there are no assessments or qualifications to be gained. The organisation exists for members to share and enjoy learning and members are encouraged to both lead and learn.

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)

2021 proved to be another challenging year as we learned to adapt to the changing rules surrounding Covid. We continued to follow Government advice throughout. Our Chair initially held four Zoom chat sessions each week to give members the opportunity to meet and ease feelings of isolation. It was decided to continue with these Zoom meetings once a week even, when face to face meetings resumed later on in 2021.

The committee met 11 times in 2021 via Zoom but intend to recommence face-to-face meetings in April 2022. For the second year running we held the AGM 2021 on Zoom.

We continue to have a Memorandum of Understanding with the University of Kent, and Rona Hodges as our Coordinator liaises with them when there is a project in which our members can be involved.

The membership of Canterbury and District U3A fell to around 1120 members. During the year the committee met 11 times all of which were via Zoom. The Beacon computer management system that was introduced in 2018 continued to prove useful on membership matters. Beacon also helps us to comply with the GDPR legislation by ensuring that membership details are held securely within the system.

For more details, see section D below.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Beacon computer management system that was introduced in 2018 continued to prove useful on membership matters. Beacon also helps us to comply with the GDPR legislation by ensuring that membership details are held securely within the system.

We have only been unable to use the office at Orange Street in the latter part of 2021 due to the COVID 19 restrictions. Certain committee members and others have been able to maintain our computer systems on the G-suite together with Beacon and our web site from their homes. As a result we have been able to keep our U3A alive and maintain a service to our members through the use of Zoom.

Our Website enables prospective members to join by following a link on the web site. The Courses Team and Tutors introduce courses on Zoom and there have been over 500 members joining them. As the Covid-19 restrictions have eased we have been able to offer a mixture of Face to Face courses and via Zoom. A wide variety of courses are offered for example – history, languages, literature, astronomy, health issues, art, yoga, ukulele, recorder, psychology and many more.

In addition to the Chat sessions referred to in section C, Communications with all members have been maintained via a Bulletin, which is sent via email once a month with a “keeping in touch” letter from the Chair. This is also distributed by post to people without email. Very good friendships have been formed and we all enjoyed being in touch with other people on- line, whilst being unable to meet physically with friends and relatives.

The Chair attends the Network meetings and maintains contact with other chairs of neighbouring u3a's. The Chair attended the National AGM and attended Network meetings via Zoom quarterly.

In July 2021 we arranged a riverside picnic to enable members to meet, it was a very happy gathering in glorious sunshine and really helped ease the feelings of isolation felt by many.

Monthly meetings were conducted on Zoom until September when we resumed face to face meetings; with a variety of very interesting speakers.

Open Day and the Launch of the Autumn Programme was held in September, with a display of crafts on show and music played on the street. Over 20 new members joined our u3a at the event.

A quiz in November organised was very well attended and enjoyed by members.

In December we were very pleased to be able to hold a bring and share Christmas lunch. The Christmas Concert the following week provided a very festive end to the year as we were entertained by singers, ukuleles, finger pickers, recorders.

At all these events the hospitality team provided refreshments which is much appreciated by all.

Roger and Margaret Lansdell organised two holidays in 2021 one to Northumberland and another to Northampton. The holidays are very popular with our members.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The committee agreed the reserves policy in June 2013. It takes account of advice by the Charity Commission and that of the Third Age Trust. The actual level is determined by the committee on recommendation by the Treasurer.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

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

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A very small sum is received as interest payments from the bank. A 5 year look forward financial management plan is used to assist in ensuring the financial security of the U3A. Progress is regularly reviewed by the committee.

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)	<i>Christine B Plant</i>	<i>K. J. Watson</i>
Full name(s)	Christine Barbara Plant	Keith Jon Watson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 26/01/2022

**U3A Canterbury & District
Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2021**

All funds listed are Unrestricted

	2021			2020		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	46,002					41,257
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	2,635					2,635
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000					15,000
PayPal A/C	20					20
Total cash at Bank 1st Jan	63,657	63,657		58,912		58,912
Net Movement of Funds ex Financial Statement		5,626		4745.04		
Fixed Assets @Y/E		139		170		
Total Value at Y/E		69,422	69,422	63,828	63,828	

REPRESENTED BY;

	31.12.21		31.12.20	
	£	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash at Lloyds Bank A/C Current	51,628		46,002	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Outings	2,635		2,635	
Cash at Lloyds bank A/C Deposit	15,000		15,000	
PayPal A/C	20		20	
Cash at bank 1st Jan	N/A		N/A	
Sub Total at year end	69,283	69,283	63,657	63,657

FIXED ASSETS

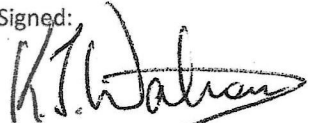
B/Fwd	171		754	
Purchased in Year	0		0	
Total Fixed Assets	171		754	
Less depreciation/written off	32		583	
Net Fixed Assets	139	139	171	171

CREDITORS

Amounts falling due within 3 months				
Bookings	0		0	
PayPal/Chqs bfwd ex last year-	-20		-20	
PayPal/chqs not cld	20		20	
		0		0
Net Assets		69,422		63,828

This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Jonathan Butchers, whose statement is provided separately.

Signed:



Christine Plant

Keith Watson
Treasurer

Chris Plant
Chair

Date:

25/01/2022

Date:

26/01/2022

U3A CANTERBURY & DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PERIOD
1ST JANUARY 2021 to 31ST DECEMBER 2021

	2021	2020
	£	£
INCOME & RESOURCES		
<i>Activities to further the charity's objectives</i>		
Incoming Resources		
Net Subscriptions	22,518	25,032
Courses and fees	0	524
Miscellaneous	59	6
Bank Interest	2	5
Third Age Trust Grant	0	0
TFR ex Outings A/C	0	0
Outings -Receipts	0	0
Gift Aid	3,027	3,085
Total Income	25,606	28,652
Resources Expended		
Course Expenses	68	577
Administration	2,791	2,311
Rents	11,462	12,531
Communications: Printing	582	374
Communications: Post	129	1,171
TAT Affiliation Fee	3,472	5,040
Beacon Usage Fee	1,032	1,476
Speakers	445	427
Outings Expenditure	0	0
Sub Total	19,980	23,907
Asset Purchases		
Laptops PCs	0	0
Orange St Equipment	0	0
Total Resources Expended	19,980	23,907
Net resources less net expenses	5,626	4,745
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
Funds bal. B/F at 1st Jan	63,657	58,912
Chqs cld ex last year & Chqs not cld at Y/E	0	0
Total Funds balance at year end	69,283	58,907

Bank Accounts total at Year End

£69,283 | £63,657

This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Jonathan Butchers, whose statement is provided separately.


Signed:



Keith Watson

Treasurer

Date: 25/01/2022



Chris Plant

Chair

Date: 26/01/2022

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of U3A Canterbury & District Registered Charity 1026681

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2021, which are set out below.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission.

An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.


Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met *or*

(2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Name: **Jonathan Butchers**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **None**

Address: 10 Homersham, Canterbury, CT1 3RG

Date: 25/01/2022

CANTERBURY AND DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1026681

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Period start date			Period end date		
01	01	2020	31	12	2020
From			To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

U3A Canterbury & District

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1026681

Charity's principal address

8 Orange Street

Canterbury

Kent

Postcode

CT1 2JA

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	Lillas Adamson	Chair	01.01.20 to 29.03.20	
2	Chris Plant	Chair	30.03.20 to 31.12.20	
3	David Clarke	Vice Chair		
4	Keith Watson	Treasurer		
5	Mary Laslett	Membership Secretary	20.04.20 to 31.12.20	
6	Angela Tippett	Course Administrator		
7	Pam McGregor	Director of Studies		
8	Ursula Steiger	Asst. Director of Studies		
9	Miriam Westendarp	Business Secretary		
10	Christo Thiaradt			
11	Barbara Rogers	Volunteer Coordinator	01.01.20 to 07.08.20	
12	Trevor Peel		12.10.20 to 31.12.20	
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Canterbury & District U3A is a learning co-operative which draws upon the knowledge, experience and skills of its members to organise courses, interest groups, events and activities in accordance with the wishes of the membership. Learning is purely for pleasure with no distinction made between group leaders and learners. No accreditation or certificates exist and there are no assessments or qualifications to be gained. The organisation exists for members to share and enjoy learning and members are encouraged to both lead and learn.

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)

This has been such an unusual year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I agreed to take the Chair in April 2020. As the date approached, it was obvious the AGM would have to be postponed until July due to HMG Covid 19 restrictions. We decided to adopt Zoom and continue our monthly Committee Meetings via this medium. The AGM was then held on line on July 13th, followed by a Committee Meeting via Zoom as face-to-face gatherings were prohibited. The minutes of the AGM were circulated to members to keep them informed.

We have continued with the Wednesday monthly meeting via Zoom with a Speaker, attracting up to 150 members each time.

The Committee are working from home using the Beacon System and G-suite ensuring we can work efficiently and maintain regular contact with the members. It is essential that we work as a team to provide the best service we can in the circumstances and ensure Canterbury u3a continues to thrive.

A number of members did not renew in 2020, due to the pandemic. We were pleased to welcome back many of them, once the on-line Zoom based courses began. For more details see section D below.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The membership of Canterbury and District U3A fell to around 1260 members. During the year the committee met 12 times of which 9 meetings were via Zoom. The Beacon computer management system that was introduced in 2018 continued to prove useful on membership matters. Beacon also helps us to comply with the GDPR legislation by ensuring that membership details are held securely within the system.

We have been unable to use the office at Orange Street since March 2020 due to the COVID 19 restrictions. Certain committee members and others have been able to maintain our computer systems on the G-suite together with Beacon and our web site from their homes. As a result we have been able to keep our U3A alive and maintain a service to our members through the use of Zoom.

Work has progressed to update our Website to make it more useful to both members and prospective members. For example the latter can now join us following a link on the web site. We are fortunate in having a Technical Team who have continued to upgrade our IT systems with innovative ideas such as the ability to join our u3a and register for courses directly on line via the website. The Courses Team and Tutors introduce courses on Zoom and there have been over 500 members joining them. The courses via Zoom will continue until we can have face to face meetings again. A wide variety of courses are offered for example – history, languages, literature, astronomy, health issues, art, yoga, ukulele, recorder, psychology and many more.

Communications with all members have been maintained via a Bulletin, which is sent via email once a month with a “keeping in touch” letter from the Chair. This is also distributed by post to people without email. We also have a buddy system for these members where someone telephones them at intervals. In addition the Chair maintains chat sessions via Zoom three times a week, including over Christmas, for members who are in need of company. Very good friendships have been formed and we all enjoy being in touch with other people on- line, whilst being unable to meet physically with friends and relatives. Newsletters from the National Office are sent to members who are encouraged to engage with activities listed.

The Chair attends the Network meetings and maintains contact with other chairs of neighbouring u3a's. The Chair attended the National AGM via Zoom.

Our u3a is well represented in the national u3a picture. National and regional summer schools are well supported by our members, both as participants and tutors. The 2020 summer schools had to be cancelled for obvious reasons. However, members took part in classes via Zoom and two of our tutors ran three days of on-line singing which was enjoyable, if not 100% satisfactory. One tutor is currently engaged in teaching 'Song Throughout the Ages' via Zoom on our national winter school.

We renewed the Memorandum of Understanding between our U3a and the University of Kent. The research team continue this collaboration and are planning interesting projects for the future.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The committee agreed the reserves policy in June 2013. It takes account of advice by the Charity Commission and that of the Third Age Trust. The actual level is determined by the committee on recommendation by the Treasurer.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

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.

Our U3A is supported through funds received from its members from subscriptions and course fees. These are used to fund our objectives as detailed in section C and D of this report through the hire of course venues, rental of the office accommodation at Orange Street, payment of speaker fees etc.

A very small sum is received as interest payments from the bank. A 5 year look forward financial management plan is used to assist in ensuring the financial security of the U3A. Progress is regularly reviewed by the committee.

Section F

Other optional information

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The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

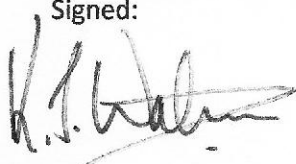
Signature(s)	<i>Christine B Plant</i>	<i>K.J. Watson</i>
Full name(s)	Christine Barbara Plant	Keith Jon Watson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	11 th May 2021	

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	2020	2019
	£	£
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<i>Activities to further the charity's objectives</i>		
Incoming Resources		
Net Subscriptions	25,032	26,124
Courses and fees	524	26,785
Miscellaneous	6	286
Bank Interest	5	8
Third Age Trust Grant	0	200
TFR ex Outings A/C	0	1,645
Outings -Receipts	0	5,719
Gift Aid	3,085	0
Total Income	28,652	60,766
Resources Expended		
Course Expenses	577	2,304
Administration	2,311	4,311
Rents	12,531	31,065
Communications: Printing	374	4,116
Communications: Post	1,171	5,222
TAT Affiliation Fee	5,040	5,299
Beacon Usage Fee	1,476	1,307
Speakers	427	777
Outings Expenditure	0	6,661
Sub Total	23,907	61,062
Asset Purchases		
Laptops PCs	0	0
Orange St Equipment	0	53
Total Resources Expended	23,907	61,115
Net resouces less net expenses	4,745	-348
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		
Funds bal. B/F at 1st Jan	58,906	59,273
PayPal funds/Chqs uncleared	-6	18
Total Funds balance at year end	63,657	58,906
Difference	£4,745	-349

This Financial Statement has been examined by the Independent Examiner Jonathan Butchers, whose statement is provided seperately.

Signed:



Keith Watson
Treasurer



Chris Plant
Chair

Date: 24/02/2021

Date: 14/03/2021

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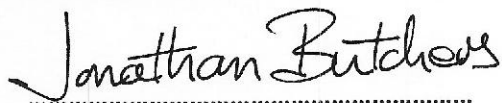
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Date: 20/02/2021