

WHITBY WHALER U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1031689

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1994-01-19

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

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Activities

Objects: 1 TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE IN WHITBY AND IN THE 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: Whitby Whaler U3A aims to increase and widen the provision of informal adult learning opportunities for third agers throughout the Whitby area, to enable members to pursue their interests, keep active and make new friends, improving members lives and enriching the local community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WHITBY AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£95,660	£87,519	-	-
2024-07-31	£32,830	£34,781	-	-
2023-07-31	£31,244	£36,273	-	-
2022-07-31	£28,233	£29,143	-	-
2021-07-31	£8,615	£4,431	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Trevor William Barrowcliffe	Chair	2023-10-14
Janice Shade		2018-10-20
Sandra Jane Goodship		2022-10-16
Sheila Sloan		2021-10-10

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Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/08/2024 (Period start date) To 31/07/2025 (Period end date)

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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the financial year 2024-25 the charity's main account saw a total income of £46,008.10, made up almost entirely of members class fees and annual membership subscriptions. Our separate social account took in £49,651.97 in payment for concert and theatre tickets and coach excursions. The total income from the two accounts was therefore £95,650.07. Total expenditure on the main account was £38,845.15, around 80% of which was for venue hire and tutor costs for the classes. The bulk of the remaining costs were in affiliation and administration fees to the overarching national Third Age Trust. Expenditure on the social account was £48,674.05 for event tickets and coach travel, given a total expenditure over the two accounts of £87,519.20. This means that over the year the charity saw an overall surplus of £8,140.87, mainly due to increased attendance in classes. This follows several years of deficits (£5,028.73 in 2022-23 and £1,950 in 2023-24) and as a result at the AGM which took place in October 2024 the membership approved a resolution from the committee to increase our annual membership fee from £12 to £20 starting in the next financial year (1st October 2025). Our constitution allows the annual membership fee to be changed only with approval of our members at an AGM, but the committee does have the discretion to adjust class fees at any point during the year if they feel it necessary for the financial security of the organisation, and can potentially use this as a vehicle for addressing any excessive surplus in funds if considered expedient.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As recommended by the national Third Age Trust umbrella organisation to which we are affiliated, we aim to hold sufficient reserves to meet expected expenditure for 6-12 months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the Financial Year cash reserves were £29,895.85
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are currently struggling to find members willing to step up to shadow the key offices of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary required by our constitution, so that they can take on the roles when the incumbent officers need to step down.
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The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Nearly all income comes from our annual membership fee (£12 per annum for 2024-25) and the fees we charge members for attendance at each class – typically £1 per session, unless a paid tutor or speaker is used when it is increased to £3 to cover the additional cost.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are currently no major risk considerations and management plans are in place but areas which could become a concern are; 1. Financial; these are monitored and controlled within the committee thus minimising the risk of fraud or error. Income and expenditure is reviewed at each monthly committee meeting providing an opportunity to address any potential areas of concern in a timely manner. 2. Governance: Each trustee has specific responsibilities within the committee, so they feel an integral part of the u3a. The major potential concern in this area would be the lack of volunteers coming forward to fill committee member positions – in particular the key officer roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - as and when existing trustees step down in the future. 3. Compliance: Appropriate Annual Accounts are reported to the Charity Commission. 4. U3a Risk Assessment forms covering a variety of risk scenarios are available to Group convenors to conduct appropriate risk assessments at venues and elsewhere and to share the information with members
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Whitby Whaler was established and first registered in January 1987 under a Memorandum of Association which defined the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed by its Articles of Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	For the majority of the year the Executive Committee consisted of 3 Officers and 6 committee members. Our constitution requires a minimum of 5 and maximum of 12 members on the Executive committee, with Officer positions being Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers and Committee Members are elected annually by members at the AGM and may serve for a maximum of three years in a specific role, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve for a maximum of six years. In the event of no nominations being received for one or more of the Officer posts, a majority decision can be taken by the committee to ask retiring officers to stay until the next AGM. The Trustees do not receive remuneration or derive any other personal benefits from the activities of the Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	1. Charity commission's Charity Trustee – What's involved (CC3a) 2. u3a Trustee Code of Conduct (England and Wales) guidance document 3. u3a Trustee Induction online workshop 4. The current financial position as set out in the latest accounts 5. Specific roles and responsibilities 6. Future plan and objectives
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Whitby Whaler u3a is an independent organisation under the umbrella of the Third Age Trust which provides additional helpful information & advice including policies, guiding principles and procedures. These have largely been adopted by our u3a with some amendments for our own circumstances. The Committee deals with the financial and practical running of the charity and meets on a monthly basis.

		We are associated with the Yorkshire and Humber regional u3a, which loosely links us with other u3as in our region for the exchange of ideas and initiatives.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	On occasion we have engaged with other organisations for the promotion of our objectives – for example by having a stall at local community events
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WHITBY WHALER u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1031689
Charity's principal address	(main contact address is c/o the Business Secretary) 20 Windsor Terrace WHITBY YO21 1ET

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	Trevor Barrowcliffe	Chair		
2	Janice Shade	Treasurer		
3	Sandra Goodship	Business Secretary		
4	Maureen Agar	Social Treasurer		
5	Wendy Price	Curriculum Organiser	01/08/24 – 25/07/25	
6	Cynthia Richardson	Accessibility, Health and Safety		
7	Rick Harwood	Committee Member		
8	Mike Hodgson	Committee Member		
9	Sheila Sloan	Committee Member		
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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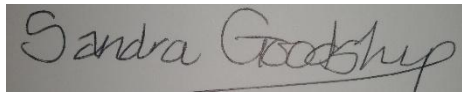
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Sandra Jane Goodship	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Business Secretary	
Date	11 th March 2026	

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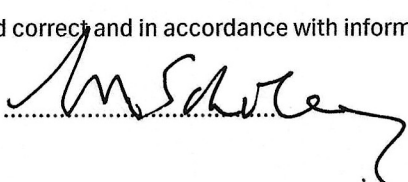
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Receipts and Payments Account for 1 August 2024 and 31 July 2025

	2025	2025	2024	2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	14640.00		8104.00	
Class fees	27554.06		23659.53	
Coffee Morning	<u>370.04</u>		<u>366.21</u>	
		42564.10		32129.74
Other Receipts				
Gift Aid	2740.14			
Merchandise			52.25	
Donations	<u>170.00</u>		<u>84.00</u>	
		2910.14		136.25
Epworth Account Bank Interest		<u>533.86</u>		<u>564.35</u>
Total Receipts		<u>46008.10</u>		<u>32830.34</u>
Less Payments				
Room Hire	24545.05		22663.18	
Class activities	7256.92		6856.29	
Merchandise				
Coaches	890.00		425.00	
Bank Charges	<u>268.49</u>		<u>261.92</u>	
	32960.46	32960.46		30206.39
Support Costs				
TAM	184.36		143.04	
Affiliation Fees	2888.00		2616.00	
Management and Administration	1896.75		991.07	
Beacon	729.00		654.00	
Printing			170.00	
Site Works	50.00			
Licence (TAT)	<u>136.58</u>			
		<u>5884.69</u>		<u>4574.11</u>
Total Payments		<u>38845.15</u>		<u>34780.50</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year		7162.95		1950.16
Cash Funds at 1st August 2024		<u>22732.90</u>		<u>24683.06</u>
Cash Funds at 31st July 2025		<u>29895.85</u>		<u>22732.90</u>
Represented by:				
HSBC Current Account		17937.52		11308.43
Epworth Cash Plus Fund		<u>11958.33</u>		<u>11424.47</u>
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Audited and found correct and in accordance with information supplied :-

G M Scholey FCA



Date 25.8.25

Whitby Whaler U3a Social Account

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Christmas Coffee Morning		£26.67
Receipts books	£13.74	
	£9,992.57	£6,767.92
Bank Charges	£348.98	£313.03
Total Payments	£48,674.05	£35,853.67
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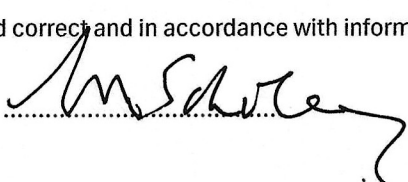
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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the Financial Year cash reserves were £22,732.90
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We hire outside venues for most of our activities and have seen charges for these venues increase considerably over the last few years, mainly because of the sharp increases in heating and electricity costs which venues have had to pass on. This has been identified as the main reason for the deficits both this and last year. The committee have reviewed actions to address the issue for future years given our policy of aiming to cover our costs whilst keeping the annual membership and class fees as affordable as possible for our members, many of whom are on limited income. Our constitution allows the annual membership fee to be changed only with approval of our members at an AGM, but the committee does have the discretion to adjust class fees at any point during the year if they feel it necessary for the financial security of the organisation. The committee propose to recommend an increase in our annual membership from £12 to £20 at the AGM taking place in October 2024 with the aim of addressing the deficit but retaining class fees at their current affordable level.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We are currently struggling to find members willing to step up to shadow the key offices of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary required by our constitution, so that they can take on the roles when the incumbent officers need to step down.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Nearly all income comes from our annual membership fee (£12 per annum for 2023-24) and the fees we charge members for attendance at each class – typically £1 per session, unless a paid tutor or speaker is used when it is increased to £3 to cover the additional cost.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are currently no major risk considerations and management plans are in place but areas which could become a concern are; 1. Financial; these are monitored and controlled within the committee thus minimising the risk of fraud or error. Income and expenditure is reviewed at each monthly committee meeting providing an opportunity to address any potential areas of concern in a timely manner. 2. Governance: Each trustee has specific responsibilities within the committee, so they feel an integral part of the u3a. The major potential concern in this area would be the lack of volunteers coming forward to fill committee member positions – in particular the key officer roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - as and when existing trustees step down in the future. 3. Compliance: Appropriate Annual Accounts are reported to the Charity Commission. 4. U3a Risk Assessment forms covering a variety of risk scenarios are available to Group convenors to conduct appropriate risk assessments at venues and elsewhere and to share the information with members
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Whitby Whaler was established and first registered in January 1987 under a Memorandum of Association which defined the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed by its Articles of Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	For the majority of the year the Executive Committee consisted of 3 Officers and 5 committee members. Our constitution requires a minimum of 5 and maximum of 12 members on the Executive committee, with Officer positions being Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers and Committee Members are elected annually by members at the AGM and may serve for a maximum of three years in a specific role, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve for a maximum of six years. In the event of no nominations being received for one or more of the Officer posts, a majority decision can be taken by the committee to ask retiring officers to stay until the next AGM. The Trustees do not receive remuneration or derive any other personal benefits from the activities of the Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	1. Charity commission's Charity Trustee – What's involved (CC3a) 2. u3a Trustee Code of Conduct (England and Wales) guidance document 3. u3a Trustee Induction online workshop 4. The current financial position as set out in the latest accounts 5. Specific roles and responsibilities 6. Future plan and objectives
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Whitby Whaler u3a is an independent organisation under the umbrella of the Third Age Trust which provides additional helpful information & advice including policies, guiding principles and procedures. These have largely been adopted by our u3a with some amendments for our own circumstances. The Committee deals with the financial and practical running of the charity and meets on a monthly basis.

		We are associated with the Yorkshire and Humber regional u3a and are also part of the East Coast Network, which loosely links us with five other u3as in our local region for the exchange of ideas and initiatives.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	On occasion we have engaged with other organisations for the promotion of our objectives – for example by having a stall at local community events
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WHITBY WHALER u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1031689
Charity's principal address	(main contact address is c/o the secretary) 20 Windsor Terrace WHITBY YO21 1ET

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	Anne Jackson	Chair	01/08/2023 – 14/10/2023	
2	Trevor Barrowcliffe	Chair	14/10/2023 – 31/07/2024	
3	Janice Shade	Treasurer	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
4	Sandra Goodship	Secretary	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
5	Maureen Agar	Social Treasurer	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
6	Wendy Price	Curriculum Organiser	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
7	Cynthia Richardson	Accessibility, Health and Safety	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
8	Rick Harwood	Committee Member	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
9	Mike Hodgson	Committee Member	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
10	Sheila Sloan	Committee Member	01/08/2023 - 31/07/2024	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Sandra Goodship

Full name(s)

SANDRA JANE GOODSHIP

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Secretary

Date

24th May 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Whitby Whaler u3a

1031689

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

8/1/2023

To

7/31/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	8,104	-	-	8,104	7,404
Class Fees	23,660	-	-	23,660	22,438
Coffee Morning	366	-	-	366	241
Gift Aid	-	-	-	-	843
Merchandise	52	-	-	52	-
Donations	84	-	-	84	21
Bank Interest	564	-	-	564	297
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	32,830	-	-	32,830	31,244
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	32,830	-	-	32,830	31,244
A3 Payments					
Room Hire	22,663	-	-	22,663	23,418
Class Activities	6,856	-	-	6,856	6,785
Merchandise	-	-	-	-	57
Coaches	425	-	-	425	-
Bank charges	262	-	-	262	238
Affiliation Fees. TAM, Brand Centre	2,759	-	-	2,759	2,634
Management & Administration	991	-	-	991	2,511
Beacon	654	-	-	654	629
Printing	170	-	-	170	-
Sub total	34,780	-	-	34,780	36,272
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	34,780	-	-	34,780	36,272
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,950	-	-	- 1,950	- 5,028
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	24,683	-	-	24,683	-
Cash funds this year end	22,733	-	-	22,733	- 5,028

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	11,308	-	-
	Epworth Cash Plus Account	11,424	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	22,732	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
Sandra Goodship	G	SANDRA GOODSHIP	5/13/2024	

WHITBY WHALER u3a

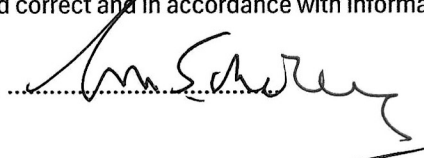
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Receipts and Payments Account for 1 August 2023 and 31 July 2024

	2024	2024	2023	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts				
Membership subscriptions	8104.00		7404.00	
Class fees	23659.53		22438.40	
Coffee Morning	366.21		240.90	
		32129.74		30083.30
Other Receipts				
Gift Aid			843.00	
Merchandise	52.25			
Donations	84.00		20.50	
		136.25		863.50
Epworth Account Bank Interest		564.35		297.24
Total Receipts		32830.34		31244.04
Less Payments				
Room Hire	22663.18		23418.87	
Class activities	6856.29		6785.23	
Merchandise			56.59	
Coaches	425.00			
Bank Charges	261.92		237.65	
		30206.39		30498.34
Support Costs				
TAM	143.04		80.05	
Affiliation Fees	2616.00		2516.00	
Management and Administration	991.07		2511.13	
Beacon	654.00		629.00	
Printing	170.00			
Brand Centre			38.25	
Licence (TAT)				
		4574.11		5774.43
Total Payments		34780.50		36272.77
Surplus/Deficit for the year		1950.16		5028.73
Cash Funds at 1st August 2023		24683.06		29711.79
Cash Funds at 31st July 2024		22732.90		24683.06
Represented by:				
HSBC Current Account		11308.43		13822.94
Epworth Cash Plus Fund		11424.47		10860.12
		22732.90		24683.06

Audited and found correct and in accordance with information supplied :-

G M Scholey FCA



Date

25.9.24

WHITBY WHALER U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1031689

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1st August 2022** To **31st July 2023**

Charity name: **Whitby Whaler u3a**

Charity registration number: **1031689**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those retired from full time work who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full- time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Whitby and its surrounding locality, and for those not in full-time employment. We provide facilities for leisure-time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for older people in the interests of their social welfare.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	We give our members the opportunity to attend around 40 different interest groups covering a wide range of activities - exercise classes, walking groups, various arts and crafts, music groups, recreational games such as dominoes, mahjong and canasta, discussion and philosophy groups, history talks and monthly lectures. These groups are proposed, formed and led by our members and usually meet on a regular weekly, fortnightly or monthly basis at various venues around Whitby. We also hold a monthly coffee morning which gives members an opportunity to socialise and sign up for a variety of ad-hoc events such as theatre trips, concert outings and days out to visit various historic sites of interest and gardens. A monthly newsletter is e-mailed to our members and a paper version made available at various town locations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	New Trustees attend training sessions run by the parent Third Age Trust organisation outlining the roles and responsibilities of a trustee and the role of the Charity commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The ethos of the u3a organisation is that of self-help and life-long learning, with members freely sharing their skills and knowledge with others. Most of our groups are led by volunteers from within our membership, and all committee members are volunteers. A small number of classes which require additional expertise not available from within our membership are conducted by paid tutors.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	During the year we have regularly provided around 40 different interest groups and offered a wide range of outings, trips etc at low cost to around 600 members, enriching their lives in education, well-being and socially. We aim to be welcoming and inclusive to anybody within the criteria set out in our constitution, and work to raise our profile throughout the local area – both in the town itself and the outlying rural areas – and increase awareness of what we can offer, especially to those at risk of becoming socially isolated after retirement. We have participated in a number of events within the wider community such as Remembrance Day wreath laying, the local church Christmas tree festival and having a stall at a community fun day. On occasions through the year our four music groups have performed for the entertainment not only of our own members and for other u3as, but also in community settings such as care homes and for the wider public at events such as a Christmas lights switch on. Our 'Third Age Stagers' amateur dramatic group put on two sell-out shows over several nights for both members and the wider public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During the financial year 2022-23 the charity saw a total income of £31,244.04 made up almost entirely of members class fees and annual membership subscriptions. Total expenditure was £36,272.77, around 80% of which was for venue hire and tutor costs for the classes. This means that over the year the charity has suffered a financial deficit of £5,028.73, higher than the previous years deficit of £910.10
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As recommended by the national Third Age Trust umbrella organisation to which we are affiliated, we aim to hold sufficient reserves to meet expected expenditure for 6-12 months.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	At the end of the Financial Year cash reserves were £34,683.06
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We hire outside venues for most of our activities and have seen charges for these venues increase considerably over the last year, mainly because of the sharp increases in heating and electricity costs which venues have had to pass on. This has been identified as the main reason for the deficit this year, and the committee intend to review actions to address the issue for future years. Our policy is to cover our costs whilst keeping the annual membership and class fees as affordable as possible for our members, many of whom are on limited income. Our constitution allows the annual membership fee to be changed only with approval of our members at an AGM, but the committee does have the discretion to adjust class fees at any point during the year if they feel it necessary for the financial security of the organisation.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Nearly all income comes from our annual membership fee (£12 per annum for 2022-23) and the fees we charge members for attendance at each class – typically £1 per session, unless a paid tutor or speaker is used when it is increased to £3 to cover the additional cost.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	There are currently no major risk considerations and management plans are in place but areas which could become a concern are; 1. Financial; these are monitored and controlled within the committee thus minimising the risk of fraud or error. Income and expenditure is reviewed at each monthly committee meeting providing an opportunity to address any potential areas of concern in a timely manner. 2. Governance: Each trustee has specific responsibilities within the committee, so they feel an integral part of the u3a. The major potential concern in this area would be the lack of volunteers coming forward to fill committee member positions – in particular the key officer roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer - as and when existing trustees step down in the future. 3. Compliance: Appropriate Annual Accounts are reported to the Charity Commission 4. U3a Risk Assessment forms covering a variety of risk scenarios are available to Group convenors to conduct appropriate risk assessments at venues and elsewhere and to share the information with members
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Whitby Whaler was established and first registered in January 1987 under a Memorandum of Association which defined the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed by its Articles of Association.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	A member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	For the majority of the year the Executive Committee consisted of 3 Officers and 5 committee members, with several committee members stepping down during the year. Our constitution requires a minimum of 5 and maximum of 12 members on the Executive committee, with Officer positions being Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers and Committee Members are elected annually by members at the AGM and may serve for a maximum of three years in a specific role, with the exception of the Treasurer, who may serve for a maximum of six years. In the event of no nominations being received for one or more of the Officer posts, a majority decision can be taken by the committee to ask retiring officers to stay until the next AGM. The Trustees do not receive remuneration or derive any other personal benefits from the activities of the Charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Whitby Whaler u3a is an independent organisation under the umbrella of the Third Age Trust which provides additional helpful information & advice including policies, guiding principles and procedures. These have largely been adopted by our u3a with some amendments for our own circumstances.

		The Committee deals with the financial and practical running of the charity and meets on a monthly basis. We are associated with the Yorkshire and Humber regional u3a and are also part of the East Coast Network, which loosely links us with five other u3as in our local region for the exchange of ideas and initiatives.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	On occasion we have engaged with other organisations for the promotion of our objectives – for example by having a stall at local community events
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	WHITBY WHALER u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1031689
Charity's principal address	(main contact address is c/o the secretary) 20 Windsor Terrace WHITBY YO21 1ET

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	Mr Michael Menier	Chair	1/8/22 – 15/10/22	
2	Mrs Anne Jackson	Chair	15/10/22 – 31/7/23	
3	Mrs Clair Stones	Secretary	1/8/22 – 15/10/22	
4	Ms Sandra Goodship	Secretary	15/10/22 – 31/7/23	
5	Mrs Janice Shade	Treasurer		
6	Mrs Maureen Agar	Asst Treasurer		
7	Mrs Cynthia Richardson	Health and Safety		
8	Mrs Wendy Price	Curriculum Organiser		
9	Mrs Sheila Sloan	Newsletter Editor		
10	Mrs Maureen Metcalfe	Membership Secretary		
11	Mr Julian Plested		1/8/22 – 10/11/22	
12	Angela Walton		15/10/22 – 4/1/23	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)		
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Whitby Whaler u3a

No (if any)
1031689

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 1st August 2022	To	Period end date 31st July 2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	7,404	-	-	7,404	-
Class Fees	22,438	-	-	22,438	-
Coffee Mornings	170	-	-	170	-
Social Events	71	-	-	71	-
Gift aid	843	-	-	843	-
Donations	21	-	-	21	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	30,947	-	-	30,947	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Interest	297	-	-	297	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	297	-	-	297	-
Total receipts	31,244	-	-	31,244	-
A3 Payments					
Venue hire	23,419	-	-	23,419	-
Class Activities	6,785	-	-	6,785	-
Merchandise	57	-	-	57	-
Bank Charges	238	-	-	238	-
Third Age Matters Magazine	80	-	-	80	-
Affiliation Fees	2,516	-	-	2,516	-
Management and Administration	2,511	-	-	2,511	-
Beacon (Membership Database)	629	-	-	629	-
Brand Centre costs	38	-	-	38	-
Sub total	36,273	-	-	36,273	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	36,273	-	-	36,273	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 5,029	-	-	- 5,029	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	- 5,029	-	-	- 5,029	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	13,823	-	-
	Epworth Cash Plus Fund	10,860	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	24,683	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
WHITBY WHALER u3a

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2023

Charity no
(if any)

1031689

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2023**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

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Signed:

Date: 15.08.2023

Name: GEOFFREY MICHAEL SCHOLEY

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WHITBY WHALER U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1031689

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	08	2021		31	07	2022

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

WHITBY WHALER

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1031689

Charity's principal address

18 Uppang Lane

Whitby

North Yorkshire

Postcode

YO21 3EA

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	Mr Michael Mennier	Chairman		
2	Mrs Clair Stones	Secretary		
3	Mrs Janice Shade	Treasurer		
4	Mrs Maureen Agar	Asst Treasurer		
5	Mrs Maureen Metcalfe	Membership Secretary		
6	Mrs Cynthia Richardson	Health & Safety		
7	Ms Helen Leech	Publicity		
8	Mrs Wendy Price	Curriculum Organiser		
9	Mr Adrian Jennings	Committee	2/10/2021	
10	Mrs Sheila Sloan	Newsletter Editor		
11	Mr Julian Plested	Committee	2/09/2021	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Whitby Whaler was established and first registered in January 1987 under a Memorandum of Association which defined the objects and powers of the Charity and is governed by its Articles of Association.
How the charity is constituted	A member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated Association.
Trustee selection methods	The Executive Committee consists of 9 Officers and 2 Committee Member. Officers and Committee Members are elected annually and may serve for a maximum of three years in a specific role, with the exception of the Chair, who may serve for a maximum of six years. In the event of no nominations being received for one or more of the Officer posts, a majority decision can be taken by the EC to ask retiring officers to stay until the next AGM. The Trustees do not receive remuneration or derive any other personal benefits from the activities of the Charity.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees.

Policies for Induction of Trustees:

1. Charity Commission's Charity Trustee – What's Involved
2. u3a Advice Sheet on Conduct for Trustees.
3. u3a Induction of Trustees
4. The current financial position as set out in the latest accounts.
5. Their specific roles and responsibilities.
6. Future plans and objectives

Organisation

Whitby Whaler u3a is an independent organisation under the umbrella of the Third Age Trust which provides additional helpful information & advice including policies, guiding principles and procedures which have largely been adopted by our u3a with some amendments for our own circumstances. The Committee deals with the financial and practical running of the charity. We have the option of forming loose links with other u3as and other organisations for the promotion of our objectives.

Major Risks

No major risk considerations and management plans are currently in place but areas that could be major risks are:

1. Financial: these are controlled within the committee thus minimising the risk of fraud or error.
2. Governance: each trustee has specific responsibilities within the committee, so they feel an integral part of the u3a.
3. Compliance: Annual Accounts are reported to the Charity Commission.
4. u3a Risk forms are available to Leaders to conduct risk assessments at venues and to share information with members'

We follow the guidelines provided by the Third Age Trust and are structured and governed by the Third Age Trust.

- The charity's organisational structure and any wider

network with which the charity works

- relationship with any related parties.

We are associated with the Third Age trust' the Yorkshire and the Humber Regional u3a and the East Coast Network.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

The objectives and principal activities of The Whitby Whaler u3a are to:

- Support existing Group Leaders in Whitby Whaler u3a educationally and administratively.
- Produce identifiable benefits to third agers throughout the Whitby area by increasing and widening the provision of informal adult learning opportunities.
- The provision of facilities for leisure-time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for older people in the interests of their social welfare.
- Develop new group activities.
- Raise the profile of Whitby Whaler u3a movement in the local area and increase public awareness. This will change it for the better and enrich the lives of all its members in education, well-being and socially.

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)

The Main Activities

Monthly Meetings

Every month we hold a Coffee morning for members to meet and socialise, have the opportunity to sign up for leisure activities and read/hear about current and future events organised by the committee. In addition, we may also have entertainment from one of our own activity groups such as Singing group, Recorders, Ukulele or Dancing either at the Coffee mornings or at arranged social gatherings. Members also have the opportunity to socialise and possibly meet new friends.

This was disrupted during the year because of government guidelines and Covid restrictions but various events were organised for all members on ZOOM . An active drive has taken place to resume group meetings in a variety of venues as well as in some cases provide online access to the meetings e.g. Travels from the Armchair, Philosophy, Discussion, History and Monthly Lectures.

Activity Groups

Members form interest groups covering as wide a range of topics & interests as desired. Members organise their own activities & offer their skills, knowledge & experience for the benefit of fellow members. 53 educational and leisure activity groups met regularly pre Covid to explore their areas of interest; mental, physical or artistic to the benefit of our members. Some of these groups involve trips to the theatre, various historic and artistic venues and walking trips between ½ and one day. There have been many successful study or social day/evening trips organised by various groups, including guided tours by experts covering gardening, theatre, classical music, history, and general subjects. A list of these, together with contact details, is available on our website.

Unfortunately our planned New Members Day, when there is an opportunity for members to meet each other and propose new groups was again unable to take place this year but we had a number of new members joining during restrictions.

Faced with the challenge of Covid and lockdown and a return to face to face meetings as a committee we worked hard to return to our previous group meetings. This was particularly hard as our

previous venue did not open and we had to hold groups in a variety of new venues in the town.

The Curriculum Coordinator, who is a trustee and committee member, keeps a record of unfulfilled requests for specific groups & helps to facilitate the setting up of new groups. Unfortunately our usual Group leader/Convenor meetings were not held during the year which made communications difficult at times. Advice is given on venues & together with the Treasurer, on the financial arrangements for the group. A Weekenders Group has continued to thrive under the new title TOAST and has a growing membership offering a wide variety of activity from local theatre trips to Sunday lunches; from walks to see the snowdrops in Guisborough to seeing the Christmas lights in York.

Communication with members

We try to keep members fully informed of all our activities by sending out information emails through the Beacon system and maintaining a Web site for those of our members who are 'on-line' (currently 77% of our 611). We published a monthly newsletter, sent via email and available at Coffee Morning Meetings and various locations around the town, including Whitby Library. During the time public places were closed and coupled with the cost of postage being expensive we relied on other members to hand deliver to neighbours in their locality. We have updated our website to make it user friendly and continued to grow our Facebook page. We also provide a half page column once a month in the local newspaper, The Whitby Gazette

Public Benefit

Our charity is welcoming and inclusive to anybody within the criteria set out in our constitution. There are no qualifications needed and we endeavour to keep the membership fee as low as possible and provide as many facilities such as the monthly meeting, newsletter, and the Third Age Trust magazine available to members. A number of these are available online and members are kept informed.

The activity groups are made up of our members. Knowledge is exchanged as a process of learning and groups are particularly conducive to forming friendships which is part of our objectives. The number of members during the year shows the interest in our charity and we have every belief that numbers will increase once full restrictions are lifted, even if they take some time to return to pre Covid numbers. There is now a light at the end of the tunnel, and we can look forwards to learning new skills, developing new interests, and making new friends.

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Plans for 2021 - 2022 proved very difficult to implement: We have expanded our presence in the community with articles published in local newspapers/publications and Third Age Trust magazines as well as opening up ZOOM groups to the wider community. The latter has been withdrawn in some cases. Membership management details with reference to new Data Protection requirements has been assessed and upgraded when we continue to be part of the national u3a Beacon system.

The trustees have ensured that everything our charity has done has helped (or intended to help) to achieve the purposes for which it is set up, and to no other purpose.

The trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. Membership is open to all in their third age, which is defined not by a particular age but by a period in life in which full time employment has ceased. Members promote the values of lifelong learning & the positive attributes of belonging to u3a, particularly at a time in life when social contact may have decreased.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

- Policy on grant making.
- Contribution made by volunteers

Grants

Grants are given to existing groups towards purchasing equipment e.g. sound system, music stands, costumes for the 3rd Stagers drama group etc.

Grants may be given to new groups to help them to 'start up'.

It is anticipated that Grants /Subsidies will probably be necessary once groups in person resume owing to increased room hire charges (our previous venue at St John Ambulance Hall was long term closed and was not available) and the hesitation of some members to resume group meetings.

Volunteers

All Activity Groups, administration and support activities are run by volunteers from the overall membership. For example:

- The majority of our Activity Groups are led by our members.
- Members take a role in teaching the Activity Groups.
- Members offer their homes for the Activity Groups in some cases to keep costs to a minimum. This has not taken place because of Covid and likely to be much reduced once Government restrictions are permanently lifted.
- Members help in running the Monthly Meetings.
- The Activity Groups provide speakers or entertainment for some of the Monthly Meetings and Celebrations throughout the year.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Membership during the year was increased from 380 to 611 members, a considerable number of previous members have not renewed their membership though there have been a significant number of new members as well as new members moving into the area.

(i) Built on implementation of internet-based Membership to improve our efficiency in handling membership and related areas such as:

- Emailing our members through Beacon
- Gift Aid awareness when enrolling
- Distribution of the Third Age Trust publications, Third Age Matters and Sources online as well as National and Regional workshops and courses
- Ability to use Bacs transfer when enrolling as well as Convenor/Group Leaders paying group fees online
- Activity Group membership lists
- The web site has been continually updated. Social media, Facebook developed through a volunteer administrator.

(ii) Identifying new members on Beacon has allowed us to

- identify and ensure they are aware of the opportunities we offer enabling them to maximise their membership benefits within Whitby Whaler u3a.
- Identify members who have not paid their subscriptions and enquire their reasons when possible.

(iii) Wider presence in the local Community and extended Community

- Continued development through media and social media sites by publicity and Facebook administrator volunteers
- Increased participation and attendances at local shows (eg Whitby Regatta, Egton Agricultural Show) which had been cancelled in 2020-21 because of Covid restrictions and returned 2021-2022 but with limitations.
- There was an opportunity to develop and build on the exercise classes we already hold with Walking Netball and Walking Cricket, but this has not been possible but future wellbeing groups are proposed are proposed for 2022-23 including New Age Kurling.

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Carried forward £30622 Total income paid into the bank account was £28233 and expenditure from the bank was £29143 leaving a bank yearend balance of £29712 .
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The policy on reserves of Whitby Whaler u3a is to maintain between 6-and 12-months annual expenditure in reserve as advised by the national u3a.
Amount of reserves held	£10563
Reasons for holding zero reserves	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	None

Section F

Optional

Further financial review details
(Optional information)

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising).

Our principle source of funds is our members' subscriptions and class fees

Main areas of expenditure are:

1. Our biggest area of expenditure is Room Hire £19295 i.e. 65% of expenditure. This will rise as our central venue is not available, the need to hire more venues as well as the expected increase in the cost of living.
2. Monthly Meetings
3. Paying for the direct mail of national Third Age Trust magazine, free to some u3a members
4. Providing a monthly newsletter which lists activities and contact details, free for all u3a members. This also acts as publicity as it is available in public places around Whitby.
5. Convener /Leaders Meetings with lunch or Afternoon tea provided. (only one held this year)
6. Cost of members attending conferences and other official national and regional meetings of the u3a.

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>Michael Menier</i>	<i>Clair Stones</i>
Full name(s)	Mr Michael Menier	Mrs Clair Stones
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Secretary

Date

03/05/2023



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

WHITBY WHALER u3a

1031689

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/08/2021		31/07/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership	6,648	-	-	6,648	-
Class Fees	20,562	-	-	20,562	-
Gift Aid	747	-	-	747	-
Donations/Coffee	90	-	-	90	-
Grant from Trust	150	-	-	150	-
Merchandise	15	-	-	15	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,212	-	-	28,212	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Bank Interest	21	-	-	21	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	21	-	-	21	-
Total receipts	28,233	-	-	28,233	-
A3 Payments					
Room Hire	19,295	-	-	19,295	-
Class Activities4980	4,980	-	-	4,980	-
Merchandise	160	-	-	160	-
Affiliation Fees	2,376	-	-	2,376	-
Management & Administration	424	-	-	424	-
Beacon	594	-	-	594	-
Coaches	1,085	-	-	1,085	-
Bank Charges	109	-	-	109	-
Licence x2	120	-	-	120	-
Sub total	29,143	-	-	29,143	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	29,143	-	-	29,143	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 910	-	-	- 910	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	30,622	-	-	30,622	-
Cash funds this year end	29,712	-	-	29,712	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	HSBC Current Account	19,149	-	-
	Epworth Cash Plus Fund	10,563	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	29,712	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
		-	-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
	<i>Clair Stones</i>	Clair Stones	20/04/2023	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
WHITBY WHALER u3a

On accounts for the year
ended

31/07/2022

Charity no
(if any)

1031689

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 07 / 2022**.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Signed:

Date: 18.08.2022

Name:

GEOFFREY MICHAEL SCHOLEY

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