



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 01.01.2025 to 31.12.2025

Charity name: Wokingham University of the Third Age (Wokingham u3a)

Charity registration number: 1049995

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The objectives and principal activities of Wokingham u3a are:</p> <p>The advancement of education for people who are retired from full time work, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.</p> <p>The committee continues to take account of these objectives in its management and stewardship of Wokingham u3a's affairs and finances.</p>
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	<p>What?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education/Training• Arts/Culture• Sport/Recreation <p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• People no longer in full time employment <p>How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provides interest groups on a variety of subjects for members• Arranges events and activities for members• Holds monthly speaker meetings for members
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The trustees confirm they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.</p>

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	<p>Wokingham u3a, established in 1990, is one of the largest u3a organisations nationally. This year we celebrated our 35th anniversary.</p> <p>Our membership continues to increase, and the trustees are delighted that membership stood at 2574 on 31 December 2025. Activity groups number around 190. Activities covered by groups include education, arts & culture, research, sport/recreation, and support for single members.</p> <p>The trustees would like to thank the excellent group convenors for their contribution to the success of our u3a. The membership subscription for 2025 was £8.00 per annum.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>At the end of the financial year, the charity was in a stable financial position. Total funds amounted to £40,469 held with the bank. Membership subscriptions are our main source of funds.</p> <p>2025 membership renewal rate continued at a high rate, in line with expectations. Subscription fees to the national body, the Third Age Trust, represent our major cost item at £4 for each member, which was allowed for in the 2025 budget. The financial situation was monitored constantly & reported regularly to the trustees.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The Charity's policy is to have sufficient reserves to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet unexpected outlays needed for the operation of the charity in accordance with its charitable objectives. • Hold a prudent amount of cash reserves to provide for working capital requirements. • Replace obsolete equipment. • Fund the development of new groups within the charity. • Fund approved activities carried out by a group that are available to all members of the charity.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£26,374
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	N/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 1995: amended 2005, 2009, 2013, 2018 & 2021
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Trust
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	Trustees elected annually by ballot at the Annual General Meeting

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wokingham University of the Third Age
Other name the charity uses	Wokingham u3a
Registered charity number	1049995
Charity's principal address	PO Box 3664 Wokingham Berkshire RG40 9PA

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	Juliet Hanfling	Chair Vice Chair	To 18 March 2025 From 18 March 2025	
2	Glynis Leeson	Vice Chair Chair	To 18 March 2025 From 18 March 2025	
3	Linda Penny	Secretary		
4	Lucy Norgate	Treasurer	Appointed 18 March 2025	
5	Mike Luff	Speakers' Secretary		
6	Rodney Fox	Groups Coordinator		
7	Libby Good	Events Coordinator		
8	Sylvia Mason	Social Media Coordinator		
9	Aline Rogers	Website Coordinator		
11	John Waddington	Finance Administrator	Co-opted 18 March 2025	
12	Juliet Hurwitt	Treasurer	Retired 18 March 2025	

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

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	Glynis Leeson	Juliet Hanfling
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Full name(s)	Glynis Ann Leeson	Juliet Hanfling
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Date 3 March 2026

Wokingham u3a 2025 Annual Accounts - Final

Receipts and Payments account for year end	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24	Increase / Decrease	Notes
Wu3A Main Receipts				
Subscriptions	20,640	3,064	17,576	Subscriptions were increased to £8; significant increas
Gift Aid	3,434	1,618	1,816	In line with increased fees; some relates to 2024 mem
Donations	258	33	225	In line with increased fees - duplicate payments etc
Interest Received	251	84	167	Includes bank charges paid by members for cheques
Meetings Receipts	1,714	1,419	295	In line with prior year; mainly speaker meetings at £2p
	<u>26,296</u>	<u>6,218</u>	<u>20,078</u>	
Wu3A Group Receipts				
Subscriptions	129,205	95,883	33,322	
	<u>155,502</u>	<u>102,101</u>	<u>53,401</u>	
Wu3A Main Payments				
Bank Charges	151	120	31	
Capital Equipment	151	224	(73)	CAF monthly fee £5/month x 2 accounts; some cheque
Communications	908	3,135	(2,227)	Small asset additions
Computer, website, IT	2,183	2,080	103	Costs of distribution of mailings; AGM expenses
General expenses	918	936	(18)	Majority of expense is costs of SimpleMembership sys
Group Development		-	-	Majority of expense is audit fee
Meetings expenses	2,277	1,564	713	
Third Age Trust Membership subscription	10,847	9,723	1,124	Room hire, external speaker fees, refreshments
Trustee expenses	393	51	342	Increased in line with increase in membership
	<u>17,829</u>	<u>17,833</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Increased trustee activity
Wu3A Group Payments				
General	10,620	5,442	5,178	
Outings	38,087	24,817	13,270	Increased number of events and increase in costs
Room Hire	71,584	50,246	21,338	Increased number of events and increase in costs
Tutors	13,011	12,547	464	Increased number of events and increase in costs
	<u>133,302</u>	<u>93,052</u>	<u>40,250</u>	
	<u>151,131</u>	<u>110,885</u>	<u>40,246</u>	
Main increase / decrease in funds	8,467	(11,615)	20,082	
Group increase / decrease in funds	(4,097)	2,831	(6,928)	
Total increase / decrease in funds	<u>4,370</u>	<u>(8,784)</u>	<u>13,154</u>	

CURRENT ASSETS:	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-25	31-Dec-24	31-Dec-24
Charities Aid Foundation Account		38,599		30,03
			4	
				9
Amount held to pay Third Age Matters Magazine			7	
Net sundry debtor		20		
Groups:				
CURRENT ASSETS:				
Charities Aid Foundation Account		1,850		7,06
			5	
				4,89
Group Cash Balance		5,991	3	
		<u>46,460</u>		<u>42,08</u>
TOTAL ASSETS			9	

BALANCE SHEET Main:

REPRESENTED BY:

Main:

Accumulated fund b/f	17,907		29,530	
Current year surplus / deficit	8,467		(11,623)	
		26,374		17,907

Group:

Accumulated fund b/f	24,182		21,350	
Current year surplus / deficit	(4,097)		2,831	
		20,086		24,182

TOTAL U3A FUNDS

<u>46,460</u>	<u>42,089</u>
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name Wokingham University of the Third Age
(Wokingham u3a)

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1049995

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 31/12/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Accountwise Ltd

02/03/2026

Date:

Signed:

Name:

Accountwise Ltd

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Oct 2018

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.