

THE HASLEMERE U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1053049

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-02-17

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

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Address Haslemere Hall
Bridge Road
Haslemere
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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE NOT IN FULL TIME GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT 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 WOOLER AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY.

Activities: To provide learning and social activities for people no longer in full time employment

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** NOT DEFINED - IN PRACTICE HASLEMERE
- Surrey

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£31,909	£33,462	-	-
2024-08-31	£25,143	£30,034	-	-
2023-08-31	£30,335	£28,471	-	-
2022-08-31	£28,757	£33,946	-	-
2021-08-31	£5,123	£5,884	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline lawlor		2025-09-01
Christine Howard		2025-11-10
Claire Coxwell		2024-08-27
DAVID LEE		2023-11-05
David Chenery		2025-09-01
Deborah Bowyer		2022-11-14
Isobel Clement		2025-11-10
John Harris		2024-02-05
Judith Forde		2022-11-14
Morgan Reid		2025-09-19
ROGER ABAYASEKERA		2024-04-02
Richard Mason		2025-01-06

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year 3rd September 2023 to 31 August 2024

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Achievements

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The greatest need is for new groups.

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New charity members are elected by members according to the constitution.

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The trustees in the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024 (2023/2024) were:

Roger Abayasekera	Committee Member - Safeguarding
Kim Bergamasco	Vice Chairman and Secretary
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Claire Coxwell	Joint Groups Coordinator
Julan Ellis	Treasurer
Judith Forde	Membership Secretary and Joint Groups Coordinator
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In 2023/24, our out goings exceeded our income by £4,891

Assets including reserves

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Going concern

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis as:

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Accounting policies

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Statement of receipts and payments in the year to 31 August 2024

Receipts and payments	2023/2024	2022/2023	
	£	£	% Change
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Donations	75	0	
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Other	0	0	
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Other social events	262	575	-54%
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Surplus or deficit	-4,891	1,864	
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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Full name William John Reid (Jock) Gardner

Position Chairman

Date 18 October 2024

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David Dullaway

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Signature



Full name David Dullaway

Date 18 October 2024

The Haslemere U3A

Treasurer's report for year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024

The financial statement is prepared on a cash basis and therefore includes only receipts and payments received or made in the year. Some receipts and payments will relate to an earlier or later membership year.

Assets and liabilities

Our out goings exceeded our income by £4,890. This is largely because of payments made to the Third Age Trust this year. There was no payment for the magazine made in the year 2022/23. This year it was £3,715. There was a 10% increase (£1,823) in our Third Age Trust subscriptions from £2,768 in "22/23" to £3,032 in 2023/24.

The decrease was offset by gains on our investment funds with our Equity Fund increasing by £1312.44, (a 10.28% return on the year) and our deposit account (after withdrawals) by £526.24. As a result of the above, our assets (cash) held fell by 9.96% to £28,098.

We opened an interest-bearing account at Lloyds to hold any cash we need to retain.

The investment policy is to hold reserves in a mixture of a deposit accounts and an equity investment fund.

Self-financed activities

The Haslemere u3a's activities are mainly carried out by self-financed interest groups and through other self-financed social events. The financial statement shows fees received from group leaders and other event organisers and the relevant expenses, such as room hire, paid from these receipts.

Membership fees

Each member of The Haslemere u3a pays an annual membership fee, which was £10 for the 2023/2024 membership year (1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024). This fee goes towards the costs of belonging to the Third Age Trust (TAT) movement (£4.00 per member), TAT Magazine (£3.80), TAT Administration System (£1.00), a transaction fee (if paid by PayPal/Zettle (PP) (£0.34) leaving £1.20 (or £0.84 after PP) to cover other overheads, including speaker meetings. Gift Aid is not available on membership fees as member benefits exceed the limit allowed.



Treasurer

11th September 2024

Statement of receipts and payments in the year to 31 August 2024

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The word normal is an attractive choice to describe our activities this year with healthy numbers, flourishing groups, and well attended speaker meetings. There have also been social events including a coffee morning for new members, a Christmas party and a Group Leaders' party in the summer. We have also attended local events, keeping The Haslemere u3a in the public eye.

As described last year we have produced an updated trifold flyer which has been widely distributed. An energetic campaign has resulted in The Haslemere u3a's presence in local media being well marked. Internally the Newsletter has been a colourful and informative adjunct to our activities.

The membership has continued to grow but there is still scope for more participation by new group leaders and playing a part in running the organisation. A welcome innovation is the occasional Basic Life Support course, which is popular and potentially lifesaving.

Quizzes have been a welcome growth area with not only several of our own including at the Christmas party, but also an inaugural inter-u3a one, to be repeated shortly. We are lucky to have an energetic in-house quizmaster.

Excursions, too, have been a popular and lively area. Shortly, these will be run under a new Excursions Secretary and will continue as an important part of Haslemere u3a.

There remains scope for further expansion of Haslemere u3a in membership, groups and other activities. The best recruiter is an enthusiastic existing member.

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Total receipts	30,335	28,757
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Room hire (all activities)	12,798	11,428
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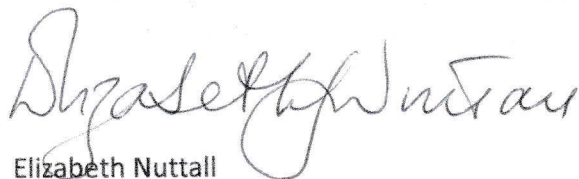
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Elizabeth Nuttall
Treasurer

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 2023.

Signed on behalf of the trustees

Signature



Full name William John (Jock) Reid Gardner

Position Chairman

Date 19TH OCTOBER 2023

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES

I report on the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 4 and 5.

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). At the request of the Trustees, I have conducted an independent examination.

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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.

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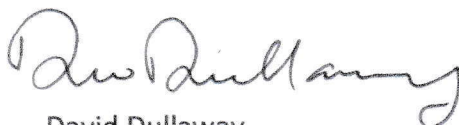
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Full name

David Dullaway

Date

19th October 2023

The Haslemere u3a

Treasurer's report for year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023

Receipts and payments

The financial statement is prepared on a receipts and payments (cash) basis. It shows amounts received and payments made during the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023. Some receipts and payments will relate to an earlier or later membership year.

Assets and liabilities

The charity's assets increased by £2,133 from £29,074 at 31 August 2022 to £31,207 at 31 August 2023.

The investment policy is to hold reserves in a mixture of a deposit account and an equity investment fund. Reserves were maintained at £23,868 (£23,754 in 2021/2022).

Self-financed activities

The Haslemere u3a's activities are mainly carried out by self-financed interest groups and through other self-financed social events. The financial statement shows fees received from group leaders and other event organisers and the relevant expenses, such as room hire, paid from these receipts.

Membership fees

Each member of The Haslemere u3a pays an annual membership fee, which was £6 for the 2022/2023 membership year (1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023). This fee goes towards the costs of belonging to the u3a movement and other overheads, including speaker meetings. Gift Aid is no longer made available on membership fees to allow benefits in excess of the limits under Gift Aid.

Since 2018 reserves have been used to meet some costs, with the aim of reducing the overall level of reserves. Instead of an anticipated deficit of around £3,500 for 2022/2023 there is a surplus of £1,864. One reason is that payment for the annual Third Age Trust magazine for 2022/2023 (£1,386.90) was made in the previous financial year. The other main reason is the receipt in August 2023 of membership fees for 2023/2024 at a higher rate and from more members. The annual membership fee for the 2023/2024 membership year is set at £10 with a view, when originally calculated, to reducing the use of reserves to about £1,000.

Summary

The surplus for 2022/2023 is £1,864 and reserves have increased by £114. A larger number of members paying a higher annual membership fee ahead of the start of the new membership year has helped avoid both the anticipated deficit and a reduction in reserves in 2022/2023.

Elizabeth Nuttall, Treasurer

19 October 2023

Statement of receipts and payments in the year to 31 August 2023

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Haslemere u3a AGM – Chairman’s Report

In this, my first year as Chairman, we have enjoyed a full and interesting year. As well as various social events, we have seen the growth of groups, some of which are oversubscribed. This strongly suggests the formation of a second or further group. This hinges on the willingness of someone to take on leading a new group, possibly from within the membership of an existing one. Talk to a current group leader: they will probably describe it as a rewarding experience despite the effort involved. We have also seen the formation this year of new groups including Desert Island Music and Maths for Fun.

We have around 700 members, a good recovery from the early years of the 2020s.

The website has continued as a popular and important resource of Haslemere u3a. Our Webmaster, Nic Monks, is to be congratulated for the calm and authoritative way that he dealt with the outage that effected all u3a branches early in the year. Further developments are in the pipeline.

Apart from group activities, there have been a number of events, notably regular quizzes, presided over by Colin Sherlock and his team of supporters. An inter-u3a quiz has also been initiated by us.

Our speaker talks have presented a variety of informative and entertaining talks supplemented by short presentations from our own groups including books and ukulele.

The Committee, as well as Group Leaders, continue sterling work in the background, ensuring the smooth running of Haslemere u3a. A few deserve special mention: Lorna Wright is relinquishing the post of Groups Coordinator after long and excellent service; Mandy Blanks, also retiring, has been an exemplary Secretary; not on the Committee, but leaving the post of Excursions Secretary after a long stint is Don Stacey. The Treasurer, Liz Nuttall, has also resigned.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Jock Gardner

THE HASLEMERE U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1053049

Accounts

The Haslemere U3A

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 Sep 2021 to 31st August 2022

Objectives and Activities

The charitable purposes are as set out in the constitution, to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment 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 Haslemere and its surrounding locality.

Public Benefit

The trustees consider their activities operate in the public benefit, in accordance with the duty imposed by section 4 of the 2006 Charities Act. The Trustees have also had regard to the guidance on public benefit published by The Charities Commission.

Achievements

We have now emerged from the covid pandemic and are no longer subject to any COVID restrictions. Few of our group meetings are now held remotely, which is a welcome return to normality. Our normal monthly speakers meetings took place throughout the year and our Group Leaders party took place once again in June.

We have produced a smart new flyer for publicity purposes, which has much more information and pictures than our last version, deals with a few of the myths surrounding u3a and has been well-received. The intention is to update this annually each July. It has been distributed to various local venues and used on our recruitment stalls, which have now become a regular feature at local events. By making an effort to meet local people at these, by renewing our press releases to the local newspaper and free local magazines and by use of our Facebook page, we have been able to continue raising our profile in and around Haslemere.

We now have a number of members who are still working part-time and this appears to be a continuing trend – a very welcome development, as these people tend to be younger and more active. It is hoped that they will attract some of their part-time working colleagues to our ranks.

Our monthly Members Newsletter has been improved, with more items and illustrations in it. This is emailed to members, placed on our website and posted on our noticeboard. We continue to improve our website, though for a few of our groups there is still room for improvement in updating the information on their pages.

Our excursions have been well-attended. These included visits to Kensington Palace, the Mechanical Music Museum and Royal Courts of Justice. Regular quiz evenings have been introduced and are proving a success.

We have taken steps to be more welcoming to everyone, particularly new members. Meeting and greeting people at Enrolment Day and at monthly speakers meetings is now a

regular feature, while we have also introduced a coffee morning for new members each September.

Structure, governance and management

The governing document for Haslemere U3A is the constitution of Haslemere U3A, adopted at the AGM on 14 November 2005 and amended at the AGM on 14 November 2016 and at the AGM on 8 November 2021.

The charity is a community benefit society

New charity trustees are elected by members according to constitution above.

Admin Details

Name: The Haslemere U3A

Charity Registration Number: 1053409

Address: Haslemere Hall, Bridge Road, Haslemere, GU27 2AS

Trustees

The Trustees in the year 2021 to 2022 were:

Allen Chubb	Chairman
Robert Serman MBE	Vice Chairman
Warwick Lywood	Treasurer
Amanda Blanks	Secretary
Janet Clare Fripp MBE	Membership Secretary
Lorna Wright	Groups Co-ordinator
Diana Serman	Accommodation Secretary
Jock Gardner	Speakers Secretary

None of the trustees receive any remuneration for their services. There are no employees. Trustees meet regularly around twelve times a year. Trustees incurring necessary expenses are reimbursed.

Financial Review

Review of Financial Position

The past year saw a rise in membership from 610 to 674 members as a result of everyone emerging from Covid 19.

The income and expenditure were both substantially higher in 2021/22 compared to 2020/21, due to a return in activity from COVID.

There was a cash deficit for the year of £5190, but excluding the payment for last year's Third Age Trust magazine, there was an operating deficit of £3547.

Reserves

The charity had reserves of £29074 at the end of the financial year.
None of the reserves are restricted.

Reserves are held to cover deficits during underperforming years. The current reserves are higher than required and it is intended to continue a policy of subsidising some activities, especially new ones, in order to reduce our reserves.

The investment policy of the Trustees is to hold surplus funds in a mixture of a low risk deposit account and a higher risk/return equity investment fund.

Going concern

The accounts are prepared on a going concern basis as:

Annual subscriptions can be adjusted to cover our per capita fixed costs while we reduce our reserves and to cover all fixed costs when reserves have been reduced.

Classes and events will be charged to break even over the year.

Accounting Policies

The accounts are prepared on a "receipts and payments" (cash) basis.

The holdings in the COIF Global Equity Fund are valued at the mid market price

Trustees' Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies above and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard" for Smaller Entities published in October 2019.

Statement of Financial Activities for the period ended 31 August 2022

Receipts and Payments	2021/22 to 31/8/22	2020/21 to 31/8/21
Receipts		
Annual membership fees	3,838	3,317
Joining fees		20
Class fees	13,406	748
Trips and visits	10,498	0
Gift Aid	576	484
Donations	20	86
Income from investments	419	469
Total income	28,757	5,123
Payments		
Class expenses	3,532	184
Rents	11,428	1,212
General meeting speakers	664	200
General meeting other	124	144
Trips and visits	9,614	0
Web expenses	115	115
Printing, postage and stationery	215	529
Publicity	517	202
Yearbook	127	145
Third Age Trust Magazine	2,947	0
Third Age Trust fees	3,340	2,773
Functions	742	20
Miscellaneous expenditure	146	105
Paypal bank charges	55	14
Equipment	381	241
Total expenditure	33,946	5,884
Surplus for year	-5,190	-760
Receipts from COIF equity fund sales	5,448	0
Total net cash income	259	-760

Assets and Liabilities	44,804	44,439
Assets		
Lloyds bank main account	2,189	2,259
Lloyds bank membership account	1,653	1,756
PayPal account	1,158	949
COIF equity fund	12,500	19,269
COIF deposit fund	11,254	11,233
Cash floats	320	118
Liabilities		
Payments due for TAT magazine	0	-1,642
Total net assets	29,074	33,943

Other Financial Information	2021/22	2020/21
Capital gain from COIF equity fund	-£1,321	£3,456
Reconciliation		
Total net assets 31/8/21	£33,943	
Minus liability on 31/8/21	£1,642	
Surplus for 2021/22	-£5,190	
Capital gain from COIF equity fund	-£1,321	
Total net assets 31/8/21	£29,074	

All figures in the table are rounded to the nearest pound.

Warwick Lywood
Treasurer

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The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 15/10/2022.

Signed on behalf of the charities trustees

Signature

Allen Chubb

Full name Allen Chubb

Position Chairman

Date

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