

THE FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1073206

Details

Other names	Ferndown U3A
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1999-01-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: The Charity provides educational , recreational and social activities in the Ferndown area of Dorset for those no longer in full-time employment. Currently there about 92 groups. Most activities are held from mid-September until the end of May. The subscription is £58 for our accounting year. We have approximately 611 members.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** FERNDOWN AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-30	£96,096	£90,852	-	-
2024-05-30	£73,468	£71,628	-	-
2023-05-30	£55,387	£56,648	-	-
2022-05-30	£42,850	£56,993	-	-
2021-05-30	£25,518	£17,693	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Josephine Anne Hutton	Chair	2019-12-13
Angela Margaret Larcombe		2021-03-12
Anthony Stephen Clarke		2025-01-01
DAVID MICHAEL LAMB		2024-01-31
Deborah Margaret Gill		2022-12-16
Dr Ansuya Patel		2022-12-16
Joan Marshall Brearley		2021-03-12
Judith Christine Hodges		2025-01-01
Linda Joan Pallister		2025-01-01
Lynda Elise Lily Pas		2025-01-01
Malcolm Gill		2017-12-15
PAUL ELLIS		2023-12-15
Patricia Anne Sharp		2025-01-01
Robert Lyndon Wellman		2025-01-01
VALARIE ANN TUCKER		2023-12-15
Vivian Lee Dedman		2022-03-11

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MANAGEMENT REPORT for the year ending 31 May 2025

Registered Charity Number: 1073206

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ferndown & District University of the 3rd Age (Fu3a) is a member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated association.

The **Trustees** are the members of the Committee elected annually at the AGM. The following members served during the year 2024 -2025:

Glyn Bosanko, Jo Brearley, Jane Cresswell, Vivian Dedman, Paul Ellis, Debbie Gill, Malcolm Gill, Anne Hutton, David Lamb, Angela Larcombe, Anu Patel, Thelma Poole, Val Tucker, Carole Ward.

In addition, from January 2025

Tony Clarke, Jude Hodges, Anne Sharp Linda Pallister, Lynda Pas, Robert Wellman

Retired December 2024

- Glyn Bosanko retired after twelve years on the committee. Glyn has been an integral part of Fu3a as Secretary to the committee, Health and Safety Coordinator and brought a strategic approach to meetings. In addition, Glyn ran the golf group and supported musical evenings with his skills on the piano and recorder.
- Thelma Poole also retired this year having been the brochure editor for the last few years. Thelma also ran a number of interest groups focusing on history, who can forget her tales of those naughty Roman soldiers!
- Carole Ward stood down from the committee but remains as associate running our Facebook page.

Administration

- **Honorary President:** Gerry Lewis
- **Independent Examiner:** Ian Burr, 84 Twyford House, Fairways, Ferndown BH22 8BB.
- **Banking:** Lloyds Bank (Ferndown Branch), Victoria Road, Ferndown.
- **Insurance Provider:** **AVIVA** Insurance Limited brokered through Gallagher Insurance

GOVERNANCE

The full Committee met on seven occasions. Sub-groups continued to meet as required, benefitting from the interest and specialist expertise of individual members. Each group is chaired by a committee member who subsequently reports recommendations to the full Committee.

Policy Review

We continue to review our governance and especially our policies. All policies can be accessed through the website. The Policies reviewed this year include:

- **Risk Assessments**
We reviewed all Risk Assessments. All Assessments are available on the website.
- **Health & Safety**
There were no serious incidents to report.
- **Safeguarding**
No issues reported

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS & MANAGEMENT

A Statement of Accounts for the year 1st June 2024 – 31st May 2025 is attached.

These have been audited by our Independent Examiner. The Fu3a continues to use the Third Age Trust 'Beacon' finance system to monitor our monthly cash-flow against budget.

Our Finance & Membership sub-group monitors our policy and practices on financial control and investment. None of the trustees received remuneration or benefits other than for expenses incurred.

During 2024 – 25, accommodation costs continued to rise and once again we incurred some mid-year increases in rentals due to the high cost of utilities.

ACCOMMODATION

With the growing popularity and success of our u3a comes the need to find additional venues. We are constantly looking for alternative venues in and around the Ferndown area and this year it has proved to be quite a challenge. Many of the venues which we use are extremely well used by other members of the community and get booked up very quickly.

We have continued to utilise local Care Homes who have been very welcoming and accommodating but it must be remembered that the care home is primarily the residents' home.

We are currently using nineteen different venues which provide accommodation for seventy groups. Sixteen groups meet in members' homes including two delivered via Zoom and ten groups - such as the walking groups -do not require accommodation. We continued to use the Barrington Theatre for 'First Friday Talks' and major events such as our "Open Day".

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has continued to grow and as a result we ended the year with 611 members. Our "New Member Coffee Afternoons" have enabled new members to meet the Committee and ask any questions they might have, in an informal setting. These meetings have been well received. This year we had a number of oversubscribed groups. Allocations reflected the order of preference on enrolment form.

COMMUNICATION

Communication with members is important to us. Communication with members is normally done via email (9 members do not have email access but most have a buddy to support them) Emails are sent out through the Beacon Administration system which in turn is maintained by our Beacon Administrator and the Membership Secretary. This is a huge task. In summer 2024 approximately 35,000 items had to be input.

Once again, we produced our brochure in hard-copy format and electronically on the website. This year we did not have flyers printer and instead additional brochures were printed.

We have found new members were attracted to the brochure. Thank you to the proof-readers, and also to those who delivered brochures. This has impacted positively on postage costs.

We continue to develop our Website, and our Facebook presence also continues to grow.

OUR PROGRAMME

Over the last year the Committee has endeavoured to offer a varied programme of lifelong learning and support the u3a values of “Learn, Laugh and Live”.

During 2024 – 25 we were able to offer ninety-six groups supported by sixty-nine group leaders. All members were able to select up to eight activities. In addition, we introduced a monthly update of groups with vacancies. This has proved popular as those who have time on their hand have been able to add to their range of interests.

All members were able to participate in the monthly “First Friday Talks” as well as a range of “In house” talks given by members.

GROUP LEADERS

Our Group Leaders remain Fu3a’s greatest resource. They are the life blood of Fu3a. Each leader gives freely of their time and works hard to ensure members have a wide range of experiences. In support of new Group Leaders, we have introduced a “New to Group Leadership” meeting. These have provided an opportunity for feedback.

EVENTS

Social Events continue to be popular and are attended well. Once again we hosted a wide variety of events including Quiz Night, Musical Showcase and Wine Tasting evenings.

Our new event, “Carols and Mince Pies” proved extremely popular and will be repeated in the coming year. Additionally, we were treated to a lovely Christmas meal in the beautiful setting of the Remedy Oak Golf Club. The drama group presentation, “Foul Play at Redcliffe Bay” was warmly received by all in attendance.

VISITS

On occasions, our Visits Programme has been oversubscribed, highlighting the popularity of visits. This year we enjoyed trips to the Isle of Wight, South Kensington Museums, Seaton Tramway and Bath. Our International Study trip, “Viva Espana”, took us to the wonderful cities of Seville, Cordoba and Carmona.

Our performing arts group ran a special outing to Chichester which was open to all Fu3a members. The take up was high and we will repeat in the coming season.

Thanks must go to all those involved in organising both the Visits and Events.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR

We have continued to support a charity selected by our members. In 2024 the charity was the Leonardo Trust who support Carers. The year started with a presentation and all in attendance received a copy of the trust's informative booklet, "If Only I had Known."

Over the year we raised funds through a Wine Tasting Evening, Craft Fair, Raffles and other smaller activities. Members contributed to the wonderful total of £3119.92.

As the charity of the year runs from January to December the current charity is "The Ferndown Forest Hospice." So far this year we have raised around £1000 and hope to increase this with the Charity Coffee Morning in November.

MEMBERS' WELFARE, MILESTONES & SUCCESSES.

The welfare of our members is important to us. If you know of anyone who is unwell please let us know. We send cards and if appropriate make contact. We know that the cards sent out are appreciated. However, we are also keen to acknowledge milestones in members' lives such 100th birthdays. So please keep us informed.

VOLUNTEERS

A significant number of members undertake a wide range of tasks to ensure that Fu3a continues to be a lively and successful organisation. These include those who support Friday Coffee Mornings, provide support to group leaders and help stacking chairs. Thank you to everyone who does their bit. We are extremely grateful to everyone involved.

Finally, I would like to thank all the committee for their hard work. These are amazing people who work tirelessly to ensure we are successful. They too are all volunteers.

Anne Hutton, Chairman

On behalf of the Trustees

Ferndown & District u3a End Of Year Statement of Accounts 1/6/2024-31/5/2025

Current Account			
Income & Expenditure:			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
Third Age Trust: Annual Membership Subscription			£ 2,444.00
Central, Equipment, Meetings			£ 2,201.26
Sundry Items			£ 552.35
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 37,626.00		
HMRC GIFT AID	£ 5,475.00		
GROUP FUNDS	£ 1,477.00		£ 3,275.96
GROUPS - ACCOMMODATION			£ 35,598.72
FIRST FRIDAYS			£1,882.79
EVENTS	£7,455.40		£ 8,303.00
VISITS	£ 44,063.03		£ 36,594.00
Sub-totals	£96,096.43		£90,852.08
Current Account Operating Surplus	£ 5,244.35		
BALANCE OF TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT	£ 5,000.00		
Current Account Surplus	£ 10,244.35		
Reserve Account - Income & Outgoings			
	Income		Outgoings
TRANSFERS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 40,000.00		
INTEREST	£ 2,399.65		
TRANSFERS TO CURRENT ACCOUNT			£ 45,000.00
Sub-totals	£ 42,399.65		£ 45,000.00
Reserve Account Deficit	-£ 2,600.35		
Total Surplus/Deficit for the year:			
Current Account - Surplus		£ 10,244.35	
Reserve Account - Deficit		-£2,600.35	
Combined - Surplus		£7,644.00	
Balance Sheet at 31st May 2025			
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT		£15,436.23	
COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT FUND		£26,547.10	
Total		£41,983.33	
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st MAY 2024			
Current A/c £5191.88 + Reserve A/c £29147.45		£34,339.33	
PLUS SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		£7,644.00	
Total		£41,983.33	

01/06/2025

Notes:-

£6416 of the current a/c balance is ring-fenced for overseas trips deposits & buffer for exchange rate fluctuations

Combined surplus figure free cashflow is therefore £1228



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 May 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1073206

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 31/05/2025.

**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**

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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.*

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

14/9/2025

Name:

IAN DAVID BULL

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

RETIRED SOLICITOR

Address:

*84 TWYFORD HOUSE, FARWAYS,
FERNDOWN, DORSET, BH22 8BB*

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT for the year ending 31 May 2024

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LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Glyn Bosanko, Jo Brearley, Clare Clayton, Jane Cresswell, Vivian Dedman, Paul Ellis, Debbie Gill, Malcolm Gill, Anne Hutton, David Lamb, Angela Larcombe, Anu Patel, Thelma Poole, Chris Preece, Bob Reeve, Richard Tucker, Val Tucker, Carole Ward.

Paul Ellis joined the Committee in December 2023. David Lamb was co-opted to the committee in February 2024.

Sadly, Richard Tucker died in July 2023. Richard was a long-standing Trustee who supported the development of Fu3a.

In December 2023, Chris Preece, Clare Clayton and Bob Reeve retired from the Committee.

Clare was Accommodation Secretary for the last six years and ran a number of groups as well as organising Charity Sponsored Walks to support our "Charities of the Year". Bob served as Vice Chair for six years followed by six years as Chairman, leading fu3a to the successful organisation it is today. Both will be missed.

- **Honorary President:** Gerry Lewis
- **Independent Examiner:** Ian Burr, 84 Twyford House, Fairways, Ferndown BH22 8BB.
- **Banking:** Lloyds Bank (Ferndown Branch), Victoria Road, Ferndown.
- **Insurance Provider:** AVIVA Insurance Limited brokered through Gallagher Insurance

GOVERNANCE

The full Committee met on six occasions. Sub-groups continued to meet as required, benefitting from the interest and specialist expertise of individual members: each group is chaired by either the Chairman or one of the Vice-Chairmen, subsequently reporting recommendations to the full Committee.

Policy Review

We continue to review our governance, especially our policies. All policies can be accessed through the website. To support transparency, we signposted some policies more clearly.

- **Risk Assessments**
We reviewed all our Risk Assessments Policies and uploaded to the website.
- **Health & Safety**
There were no serious incidents to report.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS & MANAGEMENT

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During 2023 – 24 accommodation costs continued to rise and we incurred some mid-year increases in rentals due to the high cost of utilities.

During the year, we replaced two items of equipment. An upgraded projector and a microphone were purchased. Both these items support our Friday Talks.

ACCOMMODATION

With the growing popularity and success of our u3a comes the need to find additional venues. Many of the venues which we use are extremely well used by other members of the community and get booked up very quickly.

We are currently using fifteen different venues, have fourteen groups meeting in members' homes and two being delivered via Zoom.

We are constantly looking for alternative venues in and around the Ferndown area and this year it has proved to be quite a challenge. We have started to utilise local Care Homes who have been very welcoming and accommodating.

We continued to use the Barrington Theatre for 'First Fridays' and major events such as the Open Day and a few groups are also now using the side rooms.

MEMBERSHIP

Our membership has continued to grow and as a result we ended the year with 579 members. As part of our drive to connect to new members, we introduced "New Member Coffee Afternoons". These afternoons enabled new members to meet the Committee and ask any questions they might have, in an informal setting. These meetings have been well received.

COMMUNICATION

Communication with members is important to us. Communication with members is normally done via email (only 9 members do not have email access). In January 2024 we circulated a questionnaire to members. Responses were positive and supportive and gave food for thought on moving forward.

We continue to develop our website and now have a Facebook presence.

OUR PROGRAMME

Over the last year the Committee has endeavoured to offer a varied programme of lifelong learning and support the u3a values of Learn, Laugh and Live. During 2023 – 24 we were able to offer eighty groups supported by sixty-two group leaders. All members were able to select up to eight activities. In addition, all members were able to participate in the monthly “First Friday” talks as well as a range of “Travellers Tales,” talks given by members.

Once again this year we produced our brochure in hard-copy format and electronically on the website.

GROUP LEADERS

Our Group Leaders remain Fu3a’s greatest resource. They are the life blood of Fu3a. Each leader gives freely of their time and works hard to ensure members have a wide range of experiences. In support of new Group Leaders, we have developed a guidebook for group leadership and introduced a “New to Group Leadership” meeting.

EVENTS

Social Events continue to be popular and are attended well. Once again we hosted a wide variety of events e.g. a Barn Dance, Quiz Night, Musical Showcase, Variety Show, Storyteller and Wine Tasting evening. Additionally, we were treated to a lovely Christmas meal in the beautiful setting of the Remedy Oak Golf Club.

VISITS

On occasions, our Visits Programme has been oversubscribed, highlighting the popularity of visits. This year we enjoyed trips to a concert at the Royal Albert Hall, Mottisfont, Stockbridge and Tuckton, as well as a wonderful few days in Verona and Venice.

Thanks must go to all those involved in organising both Visits and Events.

CHARITY OF THE YEAR

We have continued to support a charity selected by our members. In 2023 the charity was “SERV Wessex– The Blood Runners.” Through a sponsored walk, craft fair and other smaller activities members contributed to the wonderful total of £4,400.

WELFARE OF MEMBERS

We introduced a committee role of “Community Liaison” to keep in touch with the welfare of our members.

VOLUNTEERS

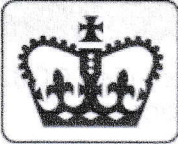
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Anne Hutton, Chairman

On behalf of the Trustees

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Current Account			
Income & Expenditure:			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
Third Age Trust: Annual Membership Subscription			£ 2,316.00
Central, Equipment, Meetings			£ 2,729.40
Sundry Items			£ 1,284.98
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 33,911.00		
HMRC GIFT AID			
GROUP FUNDS	£ 1,307.92		£ 1,053.88
GROUPS - ACCOMMODATION			£ 25,760.11
FIRST FRIDAYS			£ 2,008.06
EVENTS	£ 7,636.06		£ 6,172.02
VISITS	£ 30,613.33		£ 30,304.35
Sub-totals	£ 73,468.31		£ 71,628.80
Current Account Operating Surplus	£ 1,839.51		
BALANCE OF TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT			£ 5,000.00
Current Account Deficit			£ 3,160.49
Reserve Account - Income & Outgoings			
	Income		Outgoings
TRANSFERS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 25,000.00		
INTEREST	£ 1,754.59		
TRANSFERS TO CURRENT ACCOUNT			£ 20,000.00
Sub-totals	£ 26,754.59		£ 20,000.00
Reserve Account Surplus	£ 6,754.59		
Total Surplus/Deficit for the year:			
Current Account - Deficit		£ 3,160.49	
Reserve Account - Surplus		£ 6,754.59	
Combined - Surplus		£ 3,594.10	
Balance Sheet at 31st May 2024			
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT		£ 5,191.88	
COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT FUND		£ 29,147.45	
Total		£ 34,339.33	
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st MAY 2023			
Current A/c £8352.37 + Reserve A/c £22392.86		£ 30,745.23	
PLUS SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		£ 3,594.10	
Total		£ 34,339.33	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

On accounts for the year ended

31/5/2024

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Independent examiner's statement

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

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

30/5/24

Name:

IAN DAVID BURR

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

RESERVED SOLICITOR

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FERNDOWN, DORSET, BH22 8BB

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FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A
MANAGEMENT REPORT for the year ending 31 May 2023
Registered Charity Number: 1073206

*This report meets all the current statutory reporting requirements
prescribed by the Charity Commissioners*

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Jenny Bass, Glyn Bosanko, Jo Brearley, Clare Clayton, Jane Cresswell, Vivian Dedman, Debbie Gill, Malcolm Gill, Anne Hutton, Angela Larcombe, Anu Patel, Thelma Poole, Bob Reeve, Jean Stone, Richard Tucker.

In December 2022 Jenny Bass and Jean Stone retired from the Committee, and Debbie Gill and Anu Patel joined it. During the course of 2023 Chris Preece, Val Tucker and Carole Ward were co-opted on to it.

Our **Honorary President** is Gerry Lewis.

Our **Independent Examiner** is Ian Burr, 84 Twyford House, Fairways, Ferndown BH22 8BB.

Our **Bankers** are Lloyds Bank (Ferndown Branch), Victoria Road, Ferndown.

OUR PROGRAMME

We continue to strive to offer the best opportunities for Lifelong Learning, Recreation and Leisure to all those living in Ferndown and the surrounding areas who are no longer in full-time employment.

For 2022-23 we advertised 88 Groups, led by 61 Group Leaders, to 568 members who were able to enrol in up to eight different Groups.

We continue to champion the advantages of our enrolment process which gives every member - new or returning - an *equal* opportunity to join their chosen Groups. We believe that this is a fairer system than asking new members to wait until vacancies arise. This arrangement also helps support a flow of 'new blood' into the membership.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS & MANAGEMENT

A Statement of Accounts for the year 1st June 2022 – 31st May 2023 is attached. These have been audited by our Independent Examiner.

Our reserves are considered sufficient to meet current and future liabilities.

We continue to use the Third Age Trust 'Beacon' finance system to monitor our monthly cash-flow against budget. Our Finance & Membership sub-group monitors our policy and practice on financial control and investment .

We did not receive income from contracts from central government or a local authority, nor did we receive any grant funding from these sources. Our charity does not make grants as the main way of carrying out its purpose. We did not operate outside England and Wales, and we did not receive income from outside the UK. We have no trading subsidiaries. None of the trustees received remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred, and none were paid for any services. None of the trustees resigned and took up employment with the charity (Fu3a does not employ any staff).

FU3A CHARITY OF THE YEAR

In 2018 we began a tradition of identifying a 'Fu3a Charity of the Year', mindful of the fact that individual U3As make donations to other charities only on a marginal basis.

A total of £3230 was raised in the 2022 calendar year for *Lewis Manning Hospice Care*.

ACCOMMODATION

Securing appropriate, accessible and safe accommodation at a reasonable cost remains an on-going challenge. In 2022-23 we used nine different venues in the wider Ferndown area, with 14 Groups meeting in members' homes. Two Groups continued to meet via Zoom.

In 2022-23 we continued to use the Barrington Theatre only for 'First Fridays' and major events such as the Open Day. Its rental charges are relatively high, and accommodating Fu3a Groups there would impact significantly on our finances. Your Committee believes that such a change is unnecessary given our successful use of the KGV Regency Room, the Youth Centre and Heatherlands, for example; but the potential use of available local accommodation is kept under review.

ADMINISTRATION

Once again this year we produced our brochure in hard-copy format, supported by our strongly developed website. Communication with members is normally done via email (fewer than 1% of our members do not have email access).

Committee sub-groups continued to meet as required, benefitting from the interest and specialist expertise of individual members: each group is chaired by either the Chairman or one of the Vice-Chairmen, subsequently reporting recommendations to the full Committee for confirmation or amendment.

We continue to keep our governance under review, especially our policies relating to Health & Safety, and the Assessment of Risk. There were no serious incidents to report.

VOLUNTEERS

Our Group Leaders and Committee Members remain the Charity's greatest resource, since without them it would be impossible to achieve our objectives. A significant number of other members undertake a wide range of tasks to ensure that our charity continues to be a lively and successful organisation. We estimate that in 2022-23 at least 120 members contributed in at least one of these categories, and we are extremely grateful to everyone involved.

None of the trustees or volunteers work directly and unsupervised with children or adults at risk.

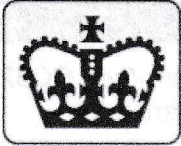
On behalf of the Trustees

Bob Reeve
Chairman

November 2023

Ferndown & District u3a End Of Year Statement of Accounts 1/6/2022-31/5/2023

Current Account			
Income & Expenditure:			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
Third Age Trust: Annual Membership Subscription			£ 2,244.00
Central, Equipment, Meetings			£ 1,992.20
Sundry Items			£ 780.11
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 27,870.00		
HMRC GIFT AID	£ 4,293.81		
GROUP FUNDS	£ 1,258.47		£ 353.87
GROUPS - ACCOMMODATION			£ 28,818.99
FIRST FRIDAYS			£1,251.26
EVENTS	£4,324.83		£ 4,784.57
VISITS	£ 17,640.00		£ 16,423.49
Sub-totals	£55,387.11		£56,648.49
Current Account Operating Deficit			£ 1,261.38
BALANCE OF TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT	£ 6,000.00		
Current Account Surplus	£ 4,738.62		
Reserve Account - Income & Outgoings			
	Income		Outgoings
TRANSFERS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 14,000.00		
INTEREST	£ 924.95		
TRANSFERS TO CURRENT ACCOUNT			£ 20,000.00
Sub-totals	£ 14,924.95		£ 20,000.00
Reserve Account Deficit			£ 5,075.05
Total Surplus/Deficit for the year:			
Current Account - Surplus		£ 4,738.62	
Reserve Account - Deficit		£5,075.05	
Combined - Deficit		£336.43	
Balance Sheet at 31st May 2023			
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT		£8,352.37	
COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT FUND		£22,392.86	
Total		£30,745.23	
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st MAY 2021			
Current A/c £3613.75 + Reserve A/c £27467.91		£31,081.66	
LESS DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		£336.43	
Total		£30,745.23	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

On accounts for the year ended

31/5/2023

Charity no (if any)

1073206

Set out on pages

1 and 2

(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 31/05/2023.

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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

17.10.2023

Name:

IAN DAVID BURR

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

RETIRED SOLICITOR

Address:

8 TWYFORD HOUSE, FAIRWAYS
FERNDOWN, BH22 8BB

Section B

Disclosure

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<p>Set out on pages</p>	<p>On account for the year ended</p>	<p>Period to the financial year ends of</p>
<p>Responsible and basis of report</p>	<p>As the charity trustee in the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p>	<p>I report to the trustee of the Trust on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the financial year ended 31/03/2017.</p>
<p>Independent examiner's statement</p>	<p>I have completed my examination in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and I confirm that the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Act and that the accounts are true and fair.</p>	<p>I report to the trustee of the Trust on my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the financial year ended 31/03/2017. I have followed the guidance given by the Charities Commission under section 142(1)(a) of the Act.</p>
<p>signed:</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Relevant professional body (if any):</p>
<p>Address:</p>		

THE FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1073206

Accounts

FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A
MANAGEMENT REPORT for the year ending 31 May 2022
Registered Charity Number: 1073206

This report meets all the current statutory reporting requirements

The Charity Commissioners require a response to a number of specific questions, and these are included below (marked 'CC Ref.') where applicable

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ferndown & District University of the 3rd Age (Fu3a) is a member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated association.

The **Trustees** are the members of the Committee elected annually at the AGM. The following members served during the year:

Keith Banks, Jenny Bass, Glyn Bosanko, Jo Brearley, Clare Clayton, Jane Cresswell, Vivian Dedman, Malcolm Gill, Anne Hutton, Angela Larcombe, Thelma Poole, Bob Reeve, Jean Stone, Richard Tucker.

Keith Banks retired from the Committee in March 2022.

We welcomed our **Honorary President**, Gerry Lewis, to our meetings by invitation.

Our **Independent Examiner** is Ian Burr, 84 Twyford House, Fairways, Ferndown BH22 8BB.

Our **Bankers** are Lloyds Bank, Ferndown Branch, Victoria Road, Ferndown.

OUR PROGRAMME

We continue to strive to offer the best opportunities for Lifelong Learning, Recreation and Leisure to all those living in Ferndown and the surrounding areas who are no longer in full-time employment.

For 2021-22 we advertised 88 Groups, led by 68 Group Leaders, to 560 members who were able to enrol in up to eight different Groups.

We continue to champion the advantages of our enrolment process which gives every member - new or returning - an *equal* opportunity to join their chosen Groups. We believe that this is a fairer system than asking new members to wait until vacancies arise. This arrangement also helps support a flow of 'new blood' into the membership.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS & MANAGEMENT

A Statement of Accounts for the year 1st June 2021 – 31st May 2022 is attached. These have been audited by our Independent Examiner.

Our reserves are considered sufficient to meet current and future liabilities.

We continue to use the Third Age Trust 'Beacon' finance system to monitor our monthly cash-flow against budget. Our Finance & Membership sub-group monitors our policy and practice on financial control and investment (CC Ref.36).

The following statements are included in response to Charity Commission requirements which reflect its continuing concern about illegal activity (such as money laundering) across the charity sector. While there has never been the slightest suggestion that any FU3A monies have been misappropriated, we nonetheless recognise that we are expected to respond and have systems in place to provide an audit trail if required.

- Our charity does not make grants as the main way of carrying out its purpose (CC Ref.10)

- We did not receive income from contracts from central government or a local authority (CC Ref.11), nor did we receive any grant funding from these sources (CC Ref.14)

- We did not receive income from outside the UK (CC Ref.17)

- We did not operate outside England and Wales (CC Ref.20)

- We have no trading subsidiaries (CC Ref.27)

- None of the trustees received remuneration or benefits other than expenses incurred (CC Ref.29), and none were paid for any services (CC Ref.30)

- None of the trustees resigned and took up employment with the charity (Fu3a does not employ any staff: CC Ref.31)

FU3A CHARITY OF THE YEAR

In 2018 we began a tradition of identifying a 'Fu3a Charity of the Year', mindful of the fact that individual U3As are not permitted to make donations to other charities except on a marginal basis (the sums we raise are kept entirely separate from the Fu3a accounts).

A total of £3296 was raised in the 2021 calendar year for the *Fletcher Foundation*.

ACCOMMODATION

Securing appropriate, accessible and safe accommodation at a reasonable cost remains an on-going challenge. In 2021-22 we used nine different

venues in the wider Ferndown area, with 14 Groups meeting in members' homes.

During the winter period we were informed that the Barrington Centre Management Committee were considering a significant increase to their rental charges; it was clear that a major driver in this was to ensure Ferndown residents did not 'subsidise' Barrington users living outside the town itself. In December the Fu3a Chairman and Vice Chairmen attended a meeting of the Management Committee, and stressed the obvious importance of Fu3a bookings for the Barrington's overall budget. We argued that we should qualify for a 'Community Rate' given that c.60% of Fu3a members live in Ferndown. This factor was acknowledged, but the hire charges subsequently announced still reflected a three-fold increase on the rates we had paid previously. The Fu3a Committee concluded that we could not afford that level of increase, and we found alternative accommodation at the King George V Centre and the Heatherlands Centre. Only 'First Fridays' now remain at the Barrington.

ADMINISTRATION

Once again this year we produced our brochure in hard-copy format, supported by our expanding website. Communication with members is now generally done via email (fewer than 1% of our members do not have email access).

The following Committee sub-groups continued to meet as required, benefitting from the interest and specialist expertise of individual members:

- Finance & Membership
- Accommodation, Equipment & Risk
- Visits & Events
- Brochure Production
- Governance

Each group is chaired by either the Chairman or one of the Vice-Chairmen, subsequently reporting recommendations to the full Committee for confirmation or amendment.

We continue to keep our governance under review, especially our policies relating to Health & Safety, and the Assessment of Risk. There were no serious incidents to report (*CC Ref.4*).

VOLUNTEERS

Our Group Leaders and Committee Members remain the Charity's greatest resource, since without them it would be impossible to achieve our objectives. A significant number of other members undertake a wide range of tasks to ensure that our charity continues to be a lively and successful organisation. We estimate that in 2021-22 at least 110 members contributed in either or both of these categories (*CC Ref.35*), and we are extremely grateful to them all.

None of the trustees or volunteers work directly and unsupervised with children or adults at risk (CC Ref.37).

On behalf of the Trustees

Bob Reeve
Chairman

November 2022

Ferndown & District University of the Third Age

Statement of Accounts 1st June 2021 to 31st May 2022

Current Account		
Income & Expenditure:		
	<i>Income</i>	<i>Expenditure</i>
ADMINISTRATION:		
Third Age Trust: Annual Membership Subscription		£ 2,272.00
Central, Equipment, Meetings		£ 2,393.24
Sundry Items	£ 151.00	£ 1,107.80
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 10,263.00	£ 201.00
HMRC GIFT AID	£ 1,598.03	
GROUP FUNDS	£ 1,080.44	£ 662.91
GROUPS - ACCOMMODATION		£ 21,009.38
FIRST FRIDAYS		£837.63
EVENTS	£3,790.00	£ 3,477.67
VISITS	£25,968.25	£ 25,032.30
Sub-totals	£42,850.72	£56,993.93
Current Account Operating Deficit		£14,143.21
BALANCE OF TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT	£ 14,000.00	
Current Account Deficit		£ 143.21
Reserve Account		
Income & Outgoings	Income	Outgoings
TRANSFERS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	£ 0.00	
INTEREST	£ 31.89	
TRANSFERS TO CURRENT ACCOUNT		£ 14,000.00
Sub-totals	£ 31.89	£ 14,000.00
Reserve Account Deficit		£ 13,968.11
Total Surplus/Deficit for the year:		
Current Account		£ 143.21
Reserve Account		£ 13,968.11
Combined Deficit		£14,111.32
Balance Sheet at 31st May 2022		
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT		£3,613.75
COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT FUND		£27,467.91
Total		£31,081.66
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st MAY 2021		
Current A/c £3756.96 + Reserve A/c £41436.02		£45,192.98
LESS DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR		£14,111.32
Total		£31,081.66
10/31/2022		



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name FERNDOWN AND DISTRICT USA

On accounts for the year ended

31st MAY 2022 Charity no (if any) 1073206

Set out on pages

1 AND 2 (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 DD / MM / YYYY.

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

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

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
• the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn 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.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

14. 11. 2022

Name:

IAN DAVID BURR

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

RETIRED SOLICITOR

Address:

84 TWYFOLD HOUSE, FAIRWAYS, FERNDOWN, DORSET, BH22 9GB

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight 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.

<p>Report to the trustee</p> <p>On account for the year ended</p> <p>Set out on page</p> <p>I report to the trustee on my examination of the charity's accounts for the year ended</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts of the charity for the year ended</p> <p>I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts for the year ended</p> <p>I have carried out my examination in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reporting) Regulations 2008</p> <p>The accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements</p> <p>I have no comment and have carried out my examination in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reporting) Regulations 2008</p> <p>I have no comment and have carried out my examination in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 2006 and the Charities (Accounts and Reporting) Regulations 2008</p>	<p>Signed</p> <p>Name</p> <p>Position</p> <p>Address</p>
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THE FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1073206

Accounts

Ferndown & District University of the Third Age

Statement of Accounts 1st June 2020 to 31st May 2021

Current Account			
Income & Expenditure:			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Expenditure</i>
ADMINISTRATION:			
Third Age Trust: Annual Membership Subscription			£ 1,708.00
Central, Equipment, Meetings			£ 1,926.40
Sundry Items			£ 1,778.87
MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS	£ 20,615.00		
HMRC GIFT AID	£ 3,801.59		
GROUPS - ACCOMMODATION			£ 1,659.90
FIRST FRIDAYS			£ 300.00
VISITS & EVENTS:			
Events	£660.00		£ 280.00
Visits - Local			£ 50.00
Visits - Lake District	£ 386.00		£ 9,990.00
Visits - Bruges	£ 56.10		
Sub-totals	£ 25,518.69		£ 17,693.17
Current Account Operating Surplus	£7,825.52		
BALANCE OF TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVE ACCOUNT			£9,000.00
Current Account Deficit	-£1,174.48		
Reserve Account			
Income & Outgoings			
	<i>Income</i>		<i>Outgoings</i>
TRANSFERS FROM CURRENT ACCOUNT	£9,000.00		
INTEREST	£27.36		
TRANSFERS TO CURRENT ACCOUNT			£ 0.00
Sub-totals	£ 9,027.36		£ 0.00
Reserve Account Surplus	£ 9,027.36		
Total Surplus/Deficit for the year:			
Current Account		-£ 1,174.48	
Reserve Account		£ 9,027.36	
Combined Surplus		£ 7,852.88	
Balance Sheet at 31st May 2021			
CURRENT BANK ACCOUNT		£ 3,756.96	
COIF CHARITIES DEPOSIT FUND		£ 41,436.02	
Total		###	
ACCUMULATED FUND AT 31st MAY 2020			
Current A/c £4,931.44 + Reserve A/c £32,408.66		£37,340.10	
ADD SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR		£ 7,852.88	
Total		£45,192.98	

FERNDOWN & DISTRICT U3A
MANAGEMENT REPORT for the year ending 31 May 2021
Registered Charity Number: 1073206

This report meets all the current statutory reporting requirements.

The Charity Commissioners require a response to a number of specific questions, and these are included below (marked 'CC Ref.') where applicable.

LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Ferndown & District University of the 3rd Age (Fu3a) is a member of the Third Age Trust as an unincorporated association.

The **Trustees** are the members of the Committee elected annually at the AGM. The following members served during the year:

Keith Banks, Jenny Bass, Glyn Bosanko, Clare Clayton, Malcolm Gill,
Judith Hodges, Derek Holden, Anne Hutton, Bob Reeve, Jean
Stone, Richard Tucker, Yvonne Warner, and Ralph
Weeks.

Judith Hodges and Derek Holden formally retired from the Committee in March 2021.

Jo Brearley and Thelma Poole were **Associate Members** of the Committee for part of the year, and were elected as full members in March 2021. Angela Larcombe joined as an Associate Member at the same time.

We welcomed our **Honorary President**, Gerry Lewis, to our meetings by invitation.

Our **Independent Examiner** is Ian Burr, 84 Twyford House, Fairways, Ferndown BH22 8BB. Our **Bankers** are Lloyds Bank, Ferndown Branch, Victoria Road, Ferndown.

OUR PROGRAMME

We continue to strive to offer the best opportunities for Lifelong Learning, Recreation and Leisure to all those living in Ferndown and the surrounding areas who are no longer in full-time employment.

In 2020-21 we advertised 93 Groups, led by 72 Group Leaders, to 499 members (compared with 626 the previous year). The membership fee was £42.

We continue to champion the advantages of our enrolment process which gives every member - new or old - an equal opportunity to join their chosen Groups. We believe that this is a fairer system than asking new members to wait until vacancies arise. This arrangement also helps support a flow of 'new blood' into the membership.

Members had the opportunity to enrol in up to eight different Groups from the following curriculum areas:

- Art & Design (9)
- Bridge (6)
- Discussion Groups (11)
- History (8)
- Travel (4)
- Sport & Fitness (21)
 - Language & Literature (12)
 - Music (11)
 - Science & Technology (6)
 - Food & Drink (5)

By the beginning of June the impact of the Covid pandemic was already being felt, but the Committee was unanimous in agreeing that we should encourage members to re-enrol for 2020/21. Our aim was to be 'ready to resume business' as soon as Government pandemic regulations and Third Age Trust advice allowed.

Almost 500 members responded to this call, and your Committee much appreciated their encouragement. It was clear that members did not want our U3A to close down - as many U3As did - 'until it was safe to come out', but to be ready to open again as soon as practicable.

In September, we went to considerable efforts to put special surface cleaning and social distancing measures in place - but all to no avail. We relied increasingly on Zoom video-conferencing for maintaining as many Fu3a activities as possible, all of which followed government requirements and Third Age Trust advice (eg outdoor activities took place under the Rule-of-6 regulation).

We were impressed by how successfully many of our members adjusted to meeting via Zoom. Many of them enthusiastically supported our *Something Every Day* programme, and we were enormously heartened by the messages of appreciation and encouragement we received. I want to renew my thanks to everyone who presented within that programme.

Given the uncertainty surrounding Covid, it was difficult to budget with certainty for the 2021-22 year. We were not spending as much as we would normally have done - though it is important to remember that our fixed costs (Third Age Trust membership, Beacon membership, brochure production, licences, etc) remained in place. With that in mind, our Finance & Membership sub-group undertook

detailed scenario planning, allowing us to offer current members a voucher for £32 to set against the normal membership fee held at £42.

We were able to hold an outdoor, socially-distanced Open Day at the end of May, and encouraged current members to re-enrol and find new members to join us. The results have been encouraging.

Our overall aim continues to be to reduce our reserves towards the level expected by the Charity Commissioners for our kind of organisation, with the goal of operating a balanced budget (at the level of pre-Covid membership fees and enrolments) by 2023.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS & MANAGEMENT

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Our reserves are considered sufficient to meet current and future liabilities.

We continue to use the Third Age Trust Beacon finance system to monitor our monthly cash-flow against budget. Our Finance & Membership sub-group monitors our policy and practice on financial control and investment (CC Ref.36).

Note: The following statements are included in response to Charity Commission requirements which reflect its continuing concern about illegal activity (such as money laundering) across the charity sector. While there has never been the slightest suggestion that any FU3A monies have been misappropriated, we nonetheless recognise that we are expected to respond and have systems in place to provide an audit trail if required.

- Our charity does not make grants as the main way of carrying out its purpose (CC Ref.10)
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FU3A CHARITY OF THE YEAR

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The final total raised in 2020 for *MacMillan Caring Locally* was £2573. Our current success in raising c. £3000 for the *Fletcher Foundation* in 2021 will be formally included in next year's Report.

Information is attached about the short-listed nominations and voting procedure for determining our Charity of the Year 2022.

ACCOMMODATION

Securing appropriate, accessible and safe accommodation at a reasonable cost remains an on-going challenge. Were it not for the pandemic, we would have used 11 different venues in the wider Ferndown area, with 20 Groups meeting in members' homes.

ADMINISTRATION

Once again this year we produced our brochure in hard-copy format, but communication with members is now generally done via email (fewer than 6% of our members have no email access at home).

The following Committee sub-groups continued to meet as required, benefitting from the interest and specialist expertise of individual members:

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significant number of other members undertake a wide range of tasks to ensure that our charity continues to be a lively and successful organisation. We estimate that in 2020-21 at least 100 members contributed in either or both of these categories (CC Ref.35), and we are extremely grateful to them all.

None of the trustees or volunteers work directly and unsupervised with children or adults at risk (CC Ref.37).

On behalf of the Trustees

Bob Reeve
Chairman

November 2021



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name: FERNDOWN & DISTRICT USA

On accounts for the year ended

31st MAY 2021 Charity no (if any) 1073206

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 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 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.

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 27.10.2021

Name: IAN DAVID BULL

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

LETLED SOLICITOR

Address: 84 TWYFOLD HOUSE, FAIRWAYS
FERNDOWN, DORSET
BH22 8BB

Section B

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