

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:			
	Income		Expenditure
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			



CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
FERNDOWN AND DISTRICT U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31st MAY 2022

Charity no
(if any)

1073206

Set out on pages

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(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:

Date:

14. 11. 2022

Name:

IAN DAVID BURR

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

RETIRED SOLICITOR

Address:

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FERNDOWN, DORSET, BN22 96B

Section B Disclosure

Disclosure

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.