

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*

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:

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	<i>Income</i>		<i>Outgoings</i>
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:

Date:

17.10.2023

Name:

IAN DAVID BURR

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

RETIRED SOLICITOR

Address:

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FERNDOWN, 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.

Report to the trustees/ members of	On account for the year ended	Set out on pages
FERNDOWN & DISTRICT	31/03/2018	1 and 2
<p>I report to the trustees of my examination of the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31/03/2018.</p> <p>As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and accounts with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act).</p> <p>I report a matter of concern in relation to the Trust's accounts and under section 107 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the guidance given by the Charity Commission under section 102(1)(b) of the Act.</p> <p>I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters of concern have come to my attention in relation to the accounts that I have examined. The examination which I have carried out is in accordance with the requirements of the Act.</p> <p>Accounting records were kept in accordance with section 102 of the Act or</p> <p>the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.</p> <p>I have no concerns and have done so in order to provide with the information to which you are entitled to have access in order to provide proper understanding of the accounts to be audited.</p> <p>Please thank the staff of the Trust for their assistance.</p>		
<p>Signed:</p> <p>Name:</p> <p>Relevant professional body (if any):</p> <p>Address:</p>		