

TAMWORTH THIRD AGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1076113

Details

Other names TAMWORTH U3A

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-06-19

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

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Activities

Objects: THE ADVANCEMENT OF EDUCATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK BY ALL MEANS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Recreational and educational activities for retired or semi-retired people

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** TAMWOTH AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£58,847	£57,931	-	-
2024-12-31	£34,390	£32,515	-	-
2023-12-31	£50,407	£55,446	-	-
2022-12-31	£27,388	£26,896	-	-
2021-12-31	£17,755	£18,629	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Judy Emery	Chair	2017-03-08
Anthony Harris		2016-02-01
David Pratty		2018-03-01
Eileen Davies		
Gwenda Davies		2024-01-30
Johm Stewart Earl		2024-01-30
John Fulford		2023-02-08
John Kenneth Faulkner		2020-02-12
Kathryn Mary Darby		2018-05-01
Lisbeth Barbara Kirkwood		2018-03-01
Martyn John Hall		
ROGER EVANS		2013-09-23
Sue Evans		2015-07-01
Susan Barnden		2015-02-01
Sylvia O'Sullivan		
Xenia Priest		2020-02-12

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2025

The Chairman's Report for Tamworth U3A 2025 should be a reflexion of all that happened in that year and we have certainly had a very successful and busy year.

We have grown again with our membership total being 523 members. We have also started in that year a new group "Line Dancing with Latin Rhythms" which is extremely popular and we have a very enthusiastic teacher Robert. I feel that the increase in people asking for information about joining our group is because we now have an excellent website with lots of information and it is kept up to date by our very own Webmaster Gwen. A very valuable advertising tool. If you know of any forthcoming events in the town that you think our members would be interested in attending please let Gwen know. Check out the Gallery on the website and you will find lots of photos of members enjoying themselves, some maybe more than others!!!

Our Speaker Secretary John Earl organised an eclectic group of speakers and entertainers during 2025. We were entertained firstly by Chris and his guitar playing songs by the Shadows and also the beautiful and talented Holly who took us back to the songs of the 50's and 60's. The speakers had a variety of subjects from Richard III, magpies, Robert Peel, Children's TV favourites, Crimson Fields and how can we forget Rocket to the Moon, the story of NASA and the race to the moon by Kevin. We finished the year with our very own Tamworth U3A choir who sang carols and Christmas songs to get us in the Christmas spirit led by their musical director David Brookes.

In June we went on our U3A holiday to Scarborough. This was organised by the holiday trio Sue, Sue and Roger. As usual they did an excellent job and worked hard to make sure everybody had a good time. Having our very own exclusive coach again meant we could have complete control of the trips we went on. The weather and the company were excellent with lots of great memories made.

The other big event organised was the Picnic at Elford Walled Gardens. This time the weather wasn't good and we managed some how to cram in the marquee to shelter from the rain and eat the delicious picnic supplied by Jeffries Catering. Thanks again go the volunteers of the gardens, especially Mary, who made the event the success it became. Think the war spirit came out in all of us!!! It did eventually stop raining and some of us managed to see the lovely gardens. It was a great way to spend an afternoon. Eating, drinking and chatting!!!

Over the year lots of day trips were organised. The garden appreciation group excelled with a garden trip nearly every month. From Upton House, John's Garden, Biddulph Grange Garden, Trentham, Easton Walled Garden and Walsall Arboretum just to name a few. Sue, Sue and Roger again were the expert organisers. So much hard work involved and some excellent gardens visited.

The History Group under the leadership of Martyn had a day trip to Oxford and the members visited many interesting historical buildings while they were there. Also the Medieval Group had a day in St Albans and one of the places they visited was an arranged tour of St Albans Cathedral under the expert guidance of Robert Bates, the leader of that group.

This year for the first time we entered a decorated Xmas tree at St Editha's church for Tamworth U3A. Thanks to all the people involved. I personally thought it was a really successful entry and advertised what we can offer new members. Apparently we won first prize for the most well hidden switch for the electric lights, which had to be turned off every night!!!!

On the committee we have the lovely Eileen who will send a card to any member who is having a hard time and needs cheering up or has health issues. Please contact her she is ready and waiting to send a card to make sure that member doesn't feel alone or forgotten. She has a gift of knowing exactly what to say. We are here to support our members.

News flash we are now on the map as far as Head Office of U3A is concerned. Recently appointed National Film Studies subject advisor is our very own David Pratty. He even has his own page on the NATIONAL U3A website with a very flattering image!! Well done Dave.

Recently we lost one of our Group Leaders Mike Pate. He was instrumental in starting the Ukulele Group a few years ago and it has grown considerably. They have entertained us many times with Mike being the lead vocalist. I am pleased to say that the group will continue under the very capable hands of Brian Beasley. I would like to send my condolences to all the family and friends of members who we lost last year and this year. We have very special memories of our time with those members and they will never be forgotten.

Before I step down as Chairman I would like to thank the committee and the Group Leaders who work very hard on your behalf to make this such a successful and friendly organisation.

Thank you for voting me as your Chairman for 2025.

Statement of affairs as at 31st December 2025

Cash book balance brought forward from 2024	£13,028.29
Difference between receipts /payments	£916.03
Sub-total being balance per cash book @31/12/2025	£13,944.32
Add back unpresented cheques	
Balance per bank statement at 31/12/2025	£13,944.32
Petty cash balance B/fwd from 2024	£26.64
Add cash receipts	£0.00
Deduct payments	£22.90
Petty cash balance 2025	£3.74
Total Funds	£13,948.06
Deduct group liabilities	£8,289.00
Sub total	£5,659.06
Add No2A/c	£558.66
Add Deposit A/c	£8,937.86
FUNDS AVAILABLE	£15,155.58

<u>Examiner</u>
<u>Treasurer No. 1 A/c</u>

Balance Sheet 2025

INCOME	
Annual Subs	5,378.30
Monthly meeting	3,405.26
Ambling	425.50
Riviera	395.91
Skittles	624.00
St. Albans	1,110.00
Riviera	719.64
Sub Total	12,058.61
Groups	
Art	1,505.00
Choir	2,693.00
Gardening	9,098.00
History	1,715.00
Light Exercise	2,063.00
Tai Chi	2,753.00
Bowls	1,655.00
Film Club	445.00
Dance	855.00
Church History	190.00
Medieval History	195.00
Holiday	21,630.00
Debating	267.00
Bridge	0.00
Painting	1,395.16
Archaeology	240.00
Local History	90.00
Quiz	0.00
Sub Total	46,789.16
TOTAL	58,847.77

EXPENDITURE	
Room rental	1,440.00
Speakers	1,014.00
Audit	60.00
Capitation Fee	1,916.00
Committee Meetings	445.44
Closed Groups	322.83
St. Albans	1,110.00
U3a Magazine	530.12
Travel	8.10
Printing/Stationery/Ink	245.87
Postage	18.58
Banner	52.50
Cards/Flowers	46.00
Equipment/Computer	110.00
Skittles	624.00
Ambling	430.00
Leaders Lunch	817.47
Picnic	1,914.40
To Choir	422.00
Sub Total	11,527.31
Groups	
Art	1,233.88
Choir	3,288.77
Gardening	9,583.90
History	1,555.00
Light Exercise	2,116.00
Tai Chi	2,875.35
Bowls	1,462.50
Film Club	240.00
Dance	821.97
Church History	196.00
Medieval History	252.00
Holiday	20,380.00
Debating	280.00
Bridge	127.32
Painting	1,717.74
Archaeology	224.00
Local History	0.00
Quiz	50.00
Sub Total	46,404.43
TOTAL	57,931.74
Petty Cash	
Opening Bal 2025	26.64
Income 2025	0.00
Sub Total	26.64
Expenditure 2025	22.90
Sub Total	3.74
Closing Balance	3.74

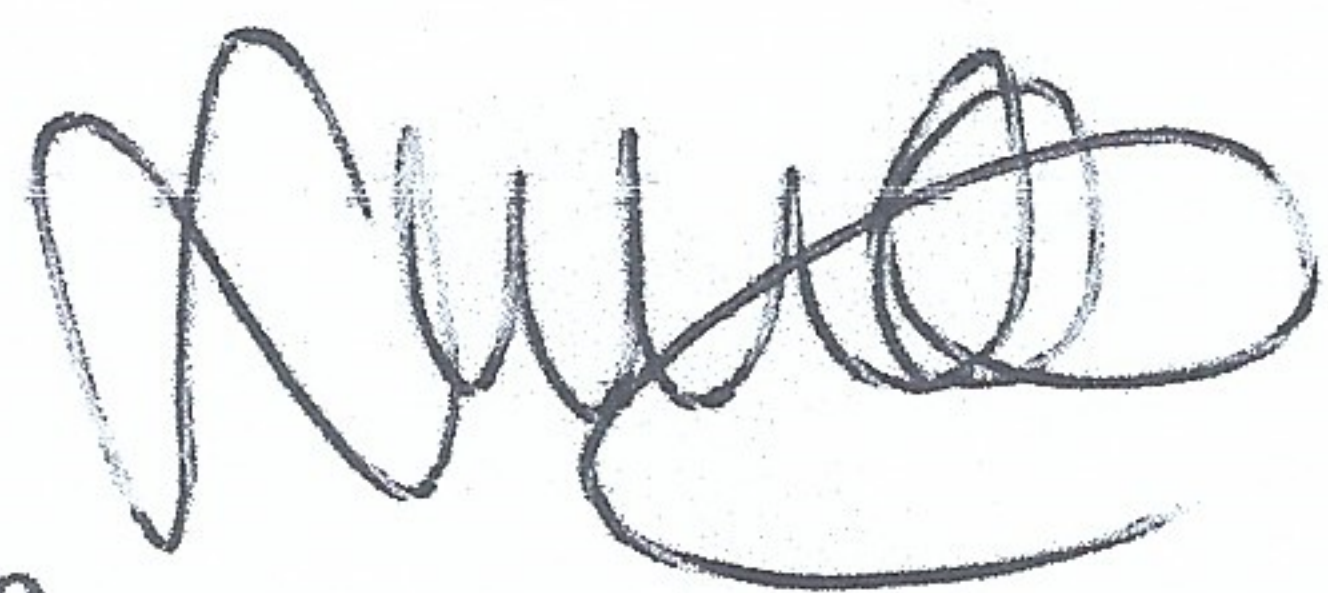
Examination of the accounts for Tamworth Third Age year ending 31st.
December 2025

Balance 1st Jan = 13,298.
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1. Opening balance for 2025 agreed with bank statement. (closing balance 2024). *fixed*
2. Sample entries taken from accounts checked against bank statement agreed. *6-8 ea. ment*
3. Final entries for individual groups checked and agreed.
4. Closing balance agreed with closing amount on bank statement.
5. Balance sheet , statement of affairs checked.
6. No discrepancies found during and the accounts where in order.

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S. Windridge



05/02/2026

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM FEBRUARY 2025

Another year has gone by and I am standing here again giving my Chairman's Report for 2024 to you.

We have had another successful year and our membership is now 479 and growing. We are getting new members every month and lots of enquiries. This is keeping our membership secretary John Fulford very busy and also John Faulkner our Deputy Treasurer.

One of our big highlights this year is the creation of our new website by Gwen Davies our computer wizard. She has spent days and hours making sure everything is accurate and more attractive to the users. This will be a big asset to the growth of the group. We find that the new members are more technical savvy and expect to have information at their fingertips. Gwen continually updates everything and also she is adding new information when she receives it. Please send Gwen any information you think our members would benefit from.

We had a very successful U3A holiday in May 2024, organised by our very own travel agent Sue, to Llandudno with Alfa Travel. What made it more enjoyable was that we had the coach totally to ourselves and could decide what we wanted to do. The scenery was spectacular and the company even better. Many happy memories were made.

We also had a trip to Stratford in June organised by Sylvia including a very informative tour of Shakespeare's school. The rest of the day was spent exploring Stratford and some of us visited the butterfly farm. It started a bit damp but by the end of the day the sun had come out. Sylvia also organised, later in the year, a skittles night at Bolehall Manor which included a fish and chip supper. Everybody said how much they enjoyed the night. Thank you Sylvia.

The Gardening Appreciation group worked hard as usual and booked and organised some interesting garden trips. These included Botanical Gardens, beautiful Hidcote Gardens, Baddesley Clinton House and gardens and the atmospheric Batsford Arboretum. They finished the year with a Xmas lunch at the Castle Hotel including the Light Exercise Group, Friday Lunch group, Sunday lunch group and the Ambling Group. Sue and Sue you excelled yourselves.

I would like to thank all the Group Leaders for their continued hard work. They are the backbone of this group and it wouldn't be so successful without them. The new Group Leader for the Light Exercise Group, taking the reins from Pam, is Lisbeth. Thank you Pam for doing such a splendid job, quietly and efficiently, for a number of years.

The U3A choir has had a very busy year with a number of concerts including the cheese and wine concert at Elford Church. They finished the year at, the extremely cold St Editha's Church, with the U3A Ukulele Group. How they managed to sing and play their instruments I will never know. Even with the cold it was well attended and extremely enjoyable. Well done Choir.

Last year we lost some very close friends of the group and I would like to send my condolences to the family and friends of those members. One of those members was Judy Nestor a past Chairman and Speaker Secretary. She devoted a lot of her time to this group and was also involved in many other groups in the Tamworth area. She was always the first to volunteer if she could and I miss her on the stage with me, correcting my mistakes with her lovely smile!!!

The committee members work extremely hard on your behalf to make this a safe and enjoyable space to be involved and we would always welcome any feedback from you to make it even better. Thank you committee members for doing a fantastic job.

If you know of any member who is having a hard time health wise or personal and would appreciate a card to cheer them up please get in touch with our Welfare Officer Eileen. She will be very happy to send them an appropriate card. She is very good and seems to know the right thing to say.

The Assembly Rooms staff have always made us welcome and we are very grateful to be able to use this beautiful building for our monthly meetings. Thank you to the technical team and front house staff.

I would like to end my Chairman's Report for 2024 with thanking you all here today for letting me be Chairman for the past very busy year.

Judy Emery
Chairman

Statement of affairs as at 31st December 2024

Cash book balance brought forward from 2023	£11,153.13
Difference between receipts /payments	£1,875.16
Sub-total being balance per cash book @31/12/2024	£13,028.29
Add back unpresented cheques	£270.00
Balance per bank statement at 31/12/24	£13,298.29 /
Petty cash balance B/fwd from 2024	£32.69
Add cash receipts	£0.00
Deduct payments	£6.05
Petty cash balance 2024	£26.64
Total Funds	£13,054.93 ✓
Deduct group liabilities	£8,062.10
Sub total	£4,992.83
Add Deposit A/c	£8,645.74
FUNDS AVAILABLE	£13,638.57

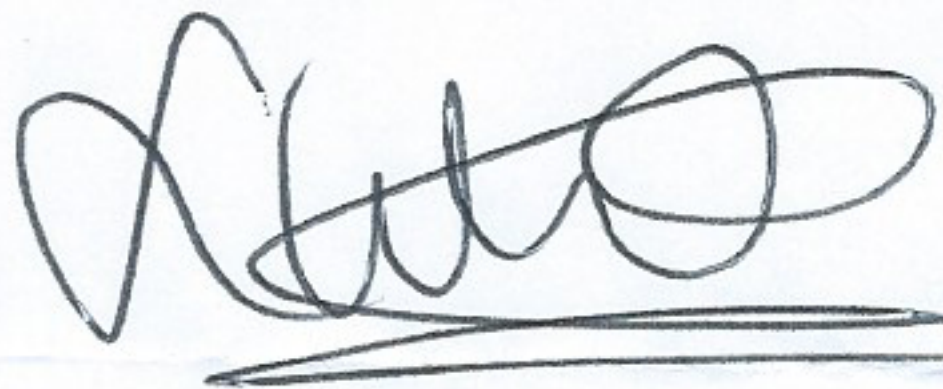
Balance Sheet 2024

INCOME	
Annual Subs	4,620.00
Monthly meeting	3,459.55
Stratford	1,155.80
Skittles	384.00
Cards	24.75
Light Exercise	0.62
Riviera	422.82
Sub Total	10,067.54
Groups	
Art	1,195.00
Choir	2,903.25
Gardening	7,145.00
History	1,890.00
Light Exercise	1,932.00
Tai Chi	2,401.50
Bowls	1,247.40
Film Club	390.00
Science	0.00
Church History	320.00
Medieval History	465.00
Holiday	2,050.00
Debating	327.00
Bridge	102.00
Painting	1,460.95
Archaeology	330.00
Local History	114.00
Quiz	50.00
Sub Total	24,323.10
TOTAL	34,390.64

EXPENDITURE	
Room rental	2,040.00
Speakers	1,160.00
Audit	60.00
Capitation Fee	1,864.00
Committee Meetings	392.83
Sewing	60.00
Mah Jong	39.77
U3a Magazine	913.12
Travel	59.00
Printing/Stationery/Ink	209.34
Postage	75.00
Stratford	1,155.80
Cards/Flowers	131.52
Equipment/Computer	79.97
Skittles	360.00
Ambling	30.00
Leaders Lunch	610.07
Christmas (2023/24)	390.55
Sub Total	9,630.97
Groups	
Art	1,364.00
Choir	2,483.64
Gardening	7,025.77
History	1,495.00
Light Exercise	2,378.62
Tai Chi	2,216.00
Bowls	1,254.00
Film Club	210.00
Science	0.00
Church History	375.95
Medieval History	403.53
Holiday	2,200.00
Debating	252.00
Bridge	0.00
Painting	948.00
Archaeology	198.00
Local History	80.00
Quiz	0.00
Sub Total	22,884.51
TOTAL	32,515.48
Petty Cash	
Open Bal 2020	32.69
Income 2020	0.00
Sub Total	32.69
Expenditure 2020	6.05
Sub Total	26.64
Closing Balance	26.64

Examination of the accounts for Tamworth Third Age for year ending 31st Dec. 2024.

- Opening balance for 2025 agreed with the closing balance and bank statement for 2024.
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- All entries in the accounts check against the bank statements and agreed.
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- Final entries for individual groups checked against balance sheet and agreed.
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- Closing balance checked and agreed with bank statement.
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- Balance sheet and accounts checked and agreed with the statement of affairs and agreed.
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- No discrepancies were found during the examination and the accounts were in good order.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Windridge', with a horizontal line underneath.

S. Windridge

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – AGM 2024

Before I step down as your Chairman I have one last job to do and this is to give my Chairman's report for 2023. We have had a very busy and successful year. The membership is now over 460 members and is increasing monthly with many enquiries of people wanting to join. The main reason being is to take part in the many groups we have on offer and also to meet new people. This is a way of keeping those brain cells functioning and not falling asleep in front of the TV!! As we all know that when you stop working you lose contact with your colleagues and it can be a lonely time. The committee and I work hard to make this a safe and fun environment to be part of. You as members are the key in making this a thriving organisation.

In May we celebrated the coronation of Charles III, not the northern soap opera Coronation Street, which I got mixed up with recently. In hindsight maybe there is a comparison if you read and believe the media? There was a lot of work involved with the committee to organise this. We did learn some things along the way not to do a buffet again!!!

In May, some of us, went on the Tamworth U3A holiday to Babbacombe. What a wonderful time we had. We managed to pick the only summer week of the year and it was gloriously hot. The coach company, the hotel staff were very welcoming and we had some lovely trips included. Thank you Sue for again organising such a great time. There is a lot of hard work and stress involved in doing this and she makes it look so easy which I know it isn't. Thank you.

The gardening appreciation group run by Sue and Sue has been very successful this year. They reintroduced the garden trips again after having to stop these due to the pandemic, which was hugely popular and full coaches on many of the trips. I have had people asking to join U3A because they have heard about the garden trips. They started with RHS Bridgewater, Salford in May and finished in October with Trentham gardens with a visit every month in between. Well done ladies for all your hard work and Roger who was quietly in the background supporting you both.

Please remember that if you know of any member who is not well or needs cheering up we have our Welfare Officer Eileen who is ready to send a lovely card and she always seems to know what to say. I had one recently from her when I fractured my back and was feeling a bit low. It certainly cheered me up to know people were thinking about me. I would also like to send my condolences to the family and friends of members who are no longer with us.

We have had two new committee member joining us this year and they are John Earl and Gwen Davies. I am sure John will be a valuable member and he is also our official photographer. He did a sterling job when we had the coronation event. The other new

committee member is Gwen Davies and she is our IT saviour. She has already done a lot of work on creating a new data base (this is where we keep all your contact details) and made it more user friendly and we can retrieve information into Excel which will be very useful. Lisbeth our Membership Secretary is stepping down from this role but staying currently on the committee. She has been an outstanding secretary. This role needs a very competent and organised person with computer skills. She has these in bucket loads. I have enjoyed working with her and she has made my job much easier. Thank you Lisbeth I will miss you. She has agreed to stay on and help the new Membership Secretary get to grips with this role and the new Membership Secretary is John Fulford. I am sure John will be delighted to hear she will be by his side for a few months.

There is going to be a new all singing and dancing U3A website which will be launched soon. Tony and David are having training sessions soon so they will know how to get the most out of it. We should be able to promote Tamworth U3A better and include more information and photos. This is a U3A national relaunch.

Thank you to the Assembly Rooms staff for their support through 2023, always willing with a smile to help if we need it. It is nice to have their expertise in this beautiful building.

Thank you also to the Group Leaders who share their skills and time with all of us. Totally voluntary.

Also a big thank you to the current committee who have done a sterling job as always and such a lovely bunch of people to work with.

Looking forward to another exciting and busy year. My last thank you is to all of you because you make this such a successful group, give yourself a big pat on the back.

Judy Emery
Chairman

Combined Statement of Affairs for 2023

No 1 a/c

Book balance from 2022	14,835.21 ✓
Difference between receipts and payments	-2,132.08
Sub Total	12,703.13
Transfer from No2 A/c	3,450.00
Transfer to deposit account	-5,000.00
Add back un-presented cheques	15.00 ✓
Balance as per Bank statement	11,168.13 ✓

No 2 a/c

Book balance from 2022	5,916.56 ✓
Difference between receipts and payments	1,683.40
Sub Total	7,599.96
Transfer to deposit account	-3,500.00
Transfer to No.1 account	-3,450.00
Add back unpresented cheques	
Balance as per Bank statement	649.96 ✓

Deposit A/c

Book balance from 2022	0.00
Transfer from No.1 A/c	5,000.00 ✓
Transfer from No.2A/c	3,500.00 ✓
Interest	43.99 ✓
Balance as per Bank statement	8,543.99 ✓

Bank Balance No1 A/c	11,168.13 ✓
Bank Balance No2 A/c	649.96
Bank Balance deposit A/c	8,543.99 ✓

Total as per Bank Statements 20,362.08

Minus Group Liabilities 6,940.15 ✓

Sub Total 13,421.93 ✓

Petty Cash Held 32.69 ✓

Total Funds £13,454.62 ✓

Treasurer



Examiner

 03/03/2024

Balance Sheet 2023

INCOME	
Annual Subs	4,465.00
Monthly meeting	2,923.20
Gift Aid (2022)	539.60
Riviera	876.24
Ambling	25.00
Coronation	3,300.00
Cheque nott presem	35.00
Ancestry	25.00
Meal ((Deposit))	150.00
Sub Total	12,339.04
Groups	
Art	505.00
Choir	2,470.80
Gardening	9,530.00
History	1,766.00
Light Exercise	2,892.00
Tai Chi	1,903.00
Bowls	393.00
Film Club	223.25
Science	160.00
Church History	270.00
Medieval History	555.00
Photo Club	10.00
Debating	30.00
Bridge	55.32
Local History	75.00
Sub Total	20,838.37
TOTAL	33,177.41

EXPENDITURE	
Room rental	1,900.00
Speakers	885.00
Audit	
Capitation Fee	1,640.00
Transfer to Deposit A/c	2,000.00
Committee Meetings	330.20
Short Mat (Transfer Costs)	150.00
U3a Magazine	371.36
Ancestry	25.00
Travel	39.29
Printing/stationery	267.13
Sewing	90.00
Coronation	4,203.00
Miscellaneous/Cards	55.75
Equipment/Computer	445.00
Subs Refund	20.00
Ambling	48.00
Leaders Lunch	656.96
Meal Deposit	150.00
Sub Total	13,276.69
Groups	
Art	1,304.33
Choir	2,315.24
Gardening	9,237.20
History	3,726.00
Light Exercise	2,744.00
Tai Chi	2,214.00
Bowls	437.00
Film Club	180.00
Science	490.67
Church History	308.00
Medieval History	323.00
Photo Club	133.36
Debating	84.00
Bridge	30.00
Local History	56.00
Sub Total	23,582.80
TOTAL	36,859.49
Open Bal 2022	14,835.21
Income 2023	33,177.41
Sub Total	48,012.62
Expenditure 2023	36,859.49
Sub Total	11,153.13
Closing Balance	11,153.13

Tamworth Third Age

07/01/2024

No 2 Account

Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Receipts	Payments	Excess of Receipts over Payments
	£	£	£
Babbacombe 12 June 2023	13,753.00	14,903.00	(1,150.00) ✓
CBSO 1 June 2023	182.00	234.50	(52.50) ✓
Coronation 22 May 2023	3,295.00	3,300.00	(5.00) ✓
Llandudno 2024		150.00	(150.00) ✓
	<u>17,230.00</u>	<u>18,587.50</u>	<u>(1,357.50)</u>

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
Cash at Bank and in Hand		
Lloyds Bank	650.46 ✓	5,507.96 ✓
Total Funds	<u>650.46</u>	<u>5,507.96</u>
Prepaid to Alfa	(150.00)	
Due to Middletons	0.00	1,150.00 ✓
Due to Tamworth Borough Council		
Net Funds	<u>800.46</u>	<u>4,357.96</u>
Funds		
Accumulated Surplus b/f	2,357.96	2,353.46
Surplus for the Year	(57.50)	4.50
Accumulated Surplus c/f	2,300.46	2,357.96
Loan from /(to) No 1 Account	(1,500.00)	2,000.00
Total Funds	<u>800.46</u>	<u>4,357.96</u> ✓

checked to accounts ✓



John Faulkner
Treasurer, No 2 Account

Examiner

Samantha Gadsby - 28 Nemesia, Tamworth, B77 4EL

Charity :- University of the Third Age (U3A Tamworth)

Examiners Statement :-

I am a Finance Director for three companies within a group and have been for 3 out of the past 5 years that I have worked for these businesses. I run the entire accounting function for all 3 entities within the group this includes setting and managing budgets, running monthly balance sheet reconciliations and bank reconciliations. I do all the preparation of the year end accounts, produce the profit & loss accounts and balance sheet to then be finally checked by our chartered accountants and submitted to HMRC.

I can confirm that as part of this audit I have :-

- Confirmed the amount of income included within the accounts to that shown within the Charity's bank account statement.
- Confirmed that all payments leaving the Charity's bank account have been accounted for correctly within their transactions.
- Checked that the accounting records that have been kept are complete and true to the required standard.
- Compared the accounts to ensure they are consistent with the underlying accounting records.
- Checked a sample of entries from the list of transactions to the invoices and receipts.
- Checked that funds of the charity have been accounted for and reported correctly in the accounts.
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On conclusion of this examination, I can confirm no matter of concern has been identified.

Examiner



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Samantha Gadsby - 28 Nemesia, Tamworth, B77 4EL

Charity :- University of the Third Age (U3A Tamworth)

Examiners Statement :-

I am a Finance Director for three companies within a group and have been for 3 out of the past 5 years that I have worked for these businesses. I run the entire accounting function for all 3 entities within the group this includes setting and managing budgets, running monthly balance sheet reconciliations and bank reconciliations. I do all the preparation of the year end accounts, produce the profit & loss accounts and balance sheet to then be finally checked by our chartered accountants and submitted to HMRC.

I can confirm that as part of this audit I have :-

- Confirmed the amount of income included within the accounts to that shown within the Charity's bank account statement.
- Confirmed that all payments leaving the Charity's bank account have been accounted for correctly within their transactions.
- Checked that the accounting records that have been kept are complete and true to the required standard.
- Compared the accounts to ensure they are consistent with the underlying accounting records.
- Checked a sample of entries from the list of transactions to the invoices and receipts.
- Checked that funds of the charity have been accounted for and reported correctly in the accounts.
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England & Wales - Charity number 1076113

Accounts

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AGM FEBRUARY 2023

I can't believe that it has been 12 months since I was standing here giving my Chairman's Report to you all. A lot has certainly happened and the group membership has grown tremendously, which is very satisfying. The ethos of Tamworth U3A is to hopefully make it as friendly and welcoming as possible to everybody. Especially at our time of life when your circumstances have changed and you wonder how you are going to fill the days and make new friends in a safe environment. Keeping the brain working is also important and having the time to learn new skills. Meeting and talking to people and sharing experiences together can help you not feel you are on your own. The committee and I try to listen to any suggestions or criticism you may have and strive to improve things. We welcome your feedback.

We have started quite a few more groups including the Photographic Group, Pub Quiz Group, Christian History & Theology and Local History Group. I think we need more days in the week to cover them all. We certainly have a huge variety of different topics and leisure activities to offer our members. As I have said countless times before, if you have a skill you would like to share and set up a group the committee and I will support you. It is your U3A.

At the December Monthly meeting Christmas concert we were entertained by our very own choir and the new Ukulele Group. It was a lovely way to start the Christmas festivities and the U3A anthem performed by the Ukulele group was brilliant. Thank you to everybody who made it such a lovely afternoon.

We have lost quite a few members over the last year and I would like to send my condolences to the family and friends of those members. We lost two committee members during the year Brenda Griffiths and Virginia Oates and they were both dedicated and enthusiastic members of our team. We miss them very much.

We have only one committee member who has not put themselves up for re-election and that is Carole our Group Leader Co-ordinator. Unfortunately Carole is not here today but I would like to thank her for all her hard work in looking after the Group Leaders and being a valuable member of our committee. Xenia will be taking on the role of Group Leader co-ordinator from Carole and I am sure she will be making herself known to the group leaders in the next few weeks. We have one new committee member joining us this year and that is John Fulford who looks after the RAF club. I am sure he will be an asset to the team.

Our Welfare Officer, Eileen always wants to hear from any member who knows of somebody who is not well or just having a rough time. She will then send them a card, in fact I had one recently from her which helped me going through a bad patch with my granddaughter seriously ill. It certainly cheered me up and to know somebody was thinking of me. I have had an email from another member who wants me to thank Eileen. It reads "During my recent illness I was a recipient of a card from Eileen. This is a small action that helps to lift the spirit when you are feeling low. Eileen's kind words were so apt that it turned me around. Please thank her on behalf of myself and others in the same position. Diane."

The highlight of the year was definitely our Platinum Jubilee Afternoon Tea held here at the Assembly Rooms on the 1st June. A lot of hard work by the committee to make sure it was such a success. We had a beautiful singer Irina who was booked by Judy. Xenia, Sue Evans and Sue Barnden made sure the tables and the room looked beautiful. David our film buff put together a video of the life of the queen which we watched while we ate our afternoon tea provided by the catering team here. Martyn our Deputy Chairman started the meeting by giving us a talk on the coronation year 1953. We are planning with the Assembly Rooms events staff to make our May 10th Monthly Meeting a celebration of the coronation of Charles III and also just a chance to have another good time. Further details will be communicated to you when we have discussed the final arrangements. So definitely watch this space!!!

On the 12th August we had a U3A 4 day break to Wells, the smallest city in England. The trip was arranged by our holiday rep Sue Evans and was a huge success even though the weather was unbearably hot. It just meant we had to drink more wine and gin to keep cool!! What a little gem Wells is and certainly worth a visit. Think all the members enjoyed themselves.

We also had a successful Open Day in September to advertise our Group and also celebrate the U3A's 40th birthday. I managed to get the Tamworth Herald to advertise the event and a follow up article plus a picture, which was of the lovely ladies manning the Art group table and Barbara our Tai Chi leader. It gave us an opportunity to showcase the different groups we have on offer and I want to thank all the group leaders who took part. Lot of hard work but well worth it if we can reach out and explain what U3A can offer people who have retired and are not sure how to fill their days. Somebody said to me that when you join U3A you don't have any spare time, and that is true!!!!

I would like to thank the staff at the Assembly Rooms for always making us feel so welcome and making sure everything is organized for us. It certainly makes my job a lot easier knowing they are there to help with any eventualities that might occur.

Before I finish my Chairman's report I would like to thank my committee for their continued support during the past 12 months. As I have said many times before I cannot do this role on my own it is a team effort. Thank you.

Judy Emery
Chairman

TAMWORTH U3A ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR TO 31st December 2022

Accounts Check: January 2023 – No. 1 Account

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| 2) Petty Cash | All transactions checked against cash book. Unable to check float which was unavailable. |
| 3) Invoices/Receipts | Spot checked carried out all in order |
| 4) Accounts & Analysis | <p>The accounts for the year comprising of receipts and payments agree with the balance sheet and Statement of Affairs which show funds available at 31st December 2022. Gross funds verified to Bank Statements supplied</p> <p>The result for the year was an excess of receipts over payments of £392.05</p> <p>After deduction of the individual Group Liabilities and the addition of the £2000 float to the Social Account the funds available are £7,228.53 The Group Liabilities at December 2022 were £9,684.58.</p> |
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It is noted that at the present time the only person with access to online bank accounts is the Treasurer of No. 1 Account and highly recommend that the Treasurer of no. 2 account also has access.

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