

DEVIZES AND DISTRICT u3a

CHAIRMAN'S AND TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR 2023-4

General position

Over the past year our membership number has been maintained to around six hundred and seventy members. As in past years numbers dropped in the early summer and increased again in the winter months. Although Devizes is the centre of our activities, with many members using public transport or walking to activities in the town, a significant number of members come from a wide area of Wiltshire reflecting the 'and District' part of our name. There are some groups who use venues in surrounding villages which the committee would like to encourage. Many of our members live alone and use our u3a for social as well as cerebral activities.

Committee

The hardworking committee reflects the friendliness and approachability of all our members. We have welcomed new committee members to share the workload and have been encouraged by those who have stepped up to cover the roles of those who have been temporarily unable to continue with their tasks. All committee members are committed to ethos of our u3a and are a pleasure to work with.

However, the Vice Chairman and I are very concerned that there is not anyone who has shown an interest in taking over our roles when we retire next year. Our concern is that if, at this time next year, there are no candidates for chairman and vice chairman proposed the future of Devizes and District u3a will be under jeopardy to the extent that a closure may be imposed.

Addendum

Since this report was approved by the trustees, we are pleased to add that Maddie Lestrangle has been proposed as vice chairman.

Finance

As shown in the finance report we are in a very strong financial position. Our treasurers team works very well together. They have had a difficult task in claiming the gift aid rebate. There have also been problems with some members using bank transfers.

Groups

The number of interest groups has also been maintained with no groups closing and at least one starting nearly every month. There are now sixty groups covering a wide range of activities from the very active exercise, cycling and walking groups to the more sedentary card games and artistic groups. Thanks are due to the group leaders and the Group Leaders Coordinator for the continued success of all groups.

Meetings and Visits

The coffee mornings have been well attended and provide an opportunity for welcoming and recruiting new members, and publicising interest groups.

The monthly meetings with visiting speakers have also seen larger audiences and covered a variety of subjects.

Thanks are due to the Speakers Secretary and to those who organise and help with the refreshments.

Thanks, are also due to the Visits Coordinator who has overcome several problems to organise a very successful series of visits.

The Vice Chairman has also organised another holiday.

Geoff Palmer

Chairman Devizes and District U3A

DEVIZES AND DISTRICT U3A

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2024

<u>ORGANISATION</u>	2023/2024	2022/2023
<u>Income</u>		
Annual subscriptions	8,322.00	8,140.00
Bank interest	141.97	25.26
Gift Aid refund (1 Feb to 31 Jan)	1,251.00	955.50
Miscellaneous		
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>9,714.97</u>	<u>9,120.76</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Hire of halls	1,077.27	1,247.00
Speakers	949.00	415.30
General Admin	468.37	398.95
Refreshments	56.73	96.38
Materials & equipment	91.71	499.24
Christmas party	749.64	384.00
Other expenses	11.34	
Third Age Trust Membership fees	4,038.39	3,603.15
Membership of other societies		51.00
Newsletter costs (inc postage)	2,859.93	3,419.56
Website	158.40	247.18
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>10,460.78</u>	<u>10,361.76</u>
<u>Excess/Loss of Income over Expenditure</u>	-745.81	-1,241.00
<u>GROUPS</u>		
<u>Income</u>		
Subscriptions	8,540.30	6,461.19
Misc Income/Refunds		134.14
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>8,540.30</u>	<u>6,595.33</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Hire of halls	4,372.60	4,091.90
Speakers	1,535.00	1,125.00
General Admin	129.34	14.00
Refreshments	1,468.84	713.58
Materials & equipment	391.81	422.74
Other expenses	12.50	172.33
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	<u>7,910.09</u>	<u>6,539.55</u>
<u>Excess/Loss of Income over Expenditure</u>	630.21	55.78
<u>VISITS</u>		
<u>Income</u>	23,330.50	5,790.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	25,779.10	4,629.00
<u>Excess/Loss of Income over Expenditure</u>	-2,448.60	1,161.00
TOTAL EXCESS INCOME OVER (EXPENDITURE)	<u>-2,564.20</u>	<u>-24.22</u>
<u>COMBINED</u>		
<u>Income</u>	41,585.77	21,506.09
<u>Expenditure</u>	44,149.97	21,530.31
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	2023/2024	2022/2023
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Lloyds Current Account	293.95	2,729.78
Lloyds Membership Account	3,493.00	1,769.00
Lloyds Visits Account	1,107.40	2,173.50
Lloyds Savings Account	13,474.59	13,332.62
Funds in hands of Groups	2,098.04	2,107.09
Gift Aid debtor	2,206.50	
Debtors		16,802.50
Venue hire prepayment	6.00	
	22,679.48	38,914.49
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Creditors - Advance Subscriptions	-5,027.00	-4,584.00
Creditors – Visits and holidays receipts in advance	-932.00	-15,329.50
Creditors - other	-283.69	
	-6,242.69	-19,913.50
	16,436.79	19,000.99
<u>Net Assets</u>		
General Fund at start of year (adj)	19,000.99	19,025.21
Excess Income/Expenditure	-2,564.20	-24.22
	16,436.79	
Transfer to designated fund	-500.00	
General Fund c/f		15,936.79
Designated Funds (group enhancement fund) c/f		500.00
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The accounts for both years were approved by
the Committee and Trustees




Mrs Christine Geddes (Treasurer)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT

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