

BARNSLEY & DISTRICT U3A

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Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1999-10-01

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Activities

Objects: The advancement of education and in particular the education of older people and those retired from full time work by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development in Barnsley and the surrounding locality.

Activities: PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL, LEISURE TIME AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FOR OLDER PEOPLE NO LONGER IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT IN BARNSELY AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BARNSELY AND DISTRICT
- Barnsley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,562	£71,858	-	-
2024-03-31	£64,702	£61,650	-	-
2023-03-31	£69,031	£65,896	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,259	£4,978	-	-
2021-03-31	£20,955	£19,451	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Pauline Buttling	Chair	2024-01-01
Catherine Kasperek		2021-04-01
Frederick Brookes		2025-06-21
Hannah Mary Lucas		2024-01-01
Helen Katherine Rose		2024-06-28
Helen Marie Dew		2023-06-06
Jean Mary Embury		2023-06-07
Lynn Ann Maloney		2024-08-05
Niall Clarke		2022-06-06
Susan Wilson		2026-01-01
Vanda Margaret Outram		2024-01-19

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BARNLSLEY & DISTRICT U3A 2024 - 2025 ANNUALREPORT

The 2024 AGM passed successfully thanks to the work of all involved. Our membership is stable and increased to approximately 1300 members. Following the AGM regarding the committee, the positions of Vice Chair, Development Officer and Buzz Editor remained vacant. The posts of Chair and Business Secretary were filled successfully on the day. The role of Development Officer was filled later by a member with previous experience. Two members were appointed to the committee taking on the role of Treasury Support Officer and Social Secretary respectively. Later in autumn 2024, the role of Vice Chair was filled successfully leaving the Buzz Editor role still vacant.

The lack of a Buzz editor raised the challenge of how to manage the Buzz. The newsletter is a way of communicating with the membership and promoting the achievements of Barnsley u3a. Information regarding the role and the need for a replacement editor had been circulated several times with no response, leaving the committee with a difficult decision to make regarding its future. The choice was either not to continue with the Buzz or to move it online where it could be more easily managed by a committee member. Having an online Buzz was a preferable option to none at all. It has now been online since the autumn and will continue in this format, with the committee continuing to deal with several issues that have been raised due to this move.

The committee invited members to meetings to see it in action. This invitation was taken up by one member who claimed it was a useful experience. Over the year, the committee considered several pertinent matters: e.g. the use of pay pal as a method of membership renewal, succession planning, the national Fit for the Future campaign and elections for national u3a council and local positions and safeguarding issues. A SGM was held to discuss the need for an increase in subscriptions from £12.00 to £15.00 as of April 2025 which was upheld. Any necessary Activity Safety Checks were carried out and a policy was developed regarding the need for safety mechanisms to be in place at all venues to ensure members' protection when attending groups. One venue failed to comply with requests for evidence of legal safety procedures being in place and eventually Barnsley u3a had to withdraw the venue from our books.

As we continue to embrace technology, our website and social media have become a valuable asset. As our biggest sources of publicity, it is pleasing to know that our public Facebook page received 24,000 views during January and February 2025 which seems to be a recurring trend. The

website information provided, including the online Buzz, is kept up to date, importantly as the majority of new members join online.

New groups began in 2024 - 2025 including: Turkish Dining, Thursday Jive, Make do and Mend, Literature @ Darfield, Debating Matters, Recycling Visits, Creative Writing, Dog Walking and The Philosophers. More are in the pipeline showing the membership to be responsive to new areas of learning.

Our groups still go from strength to strength with their activities and raising our profile.

The cycling group now have jerseys with our logo on the back promoting us as they speed through the highways and byways. There were many highlights during the year, but mention must be made of the York Festival at which many of our members attended and performed. From music to sport to history to crafts we made our mark on the event with success in the penalty shootout confirming that our members are active in many ways.

Our Choir twice treated members with their summer and Christmas concerts. The Old Blowers continue to entertain, not only ourselves, but performing and educating in local schools and Flutes Galore performed at external venues as well as at the regional Music Fest in York. The Concert Party has grown, becoming well known in the area treating their audiences to their own special repertoire.

The Race Night and Halloween ceilidh were well received, with the new venue being more spacious for dancing. The annual Christmas meal was reduced in numbers but, as always, enjoyed and well complimented. Courtesy of the Travel Group, bu3a visited Chester Christmas Market, Macclesfield Treacle Market and Skipton Market with a canal cruise, and a short break to ABBA Voyager.

Bu3a continues to be active in the Barnsley Ageing Well community raising our profile at events including Make Your Move and Ward Alliance and Age UK localised events. We have become a partner in an Arts Council initiative, Creative People and Places, due our "grass roots" manner of working when providing group activities. The application was submitted in January 2025, with the result being known in June 2025. Our link with Experience Barnsley provided an opportunity to participate in the filming of Knowing Your Neighbourhood series of short videos. You may be seeing familiar people when these films are screened at the local cinema.

In December an application was submitted to the King Charles Award for Voluntary Service on behalf of Barnsley u3a. We were successfully nominated and will receive a further visit to progress our application. Thanks to our members, Dan Jarvis MP and Cllr Sarah Tattershall who submitted letters of support. At the time of writing the report, the assessor's visit is planned for February with the result in the summer.

In the 25th year of the new century, Barnsley u3a remains a popular choice for retired and semi-retired. Attracting members, either newly or semi-retired, is a task for us all. Word of mouth seems to be working as our numbers increase, so to all present members, please carry on the good work! Bu3a now has over 1330 members who continue to receive excellent support from each other at whatever level, due to their openness and hospitality. Our thanks go to each member for all their support.

Pauline Buttling. Bu3a Chair.

INCOME	2024 25	2023 24	EXPENDITURE	2024 25	2023 24
Advertising Revenue	£180.00	£303.00	Affiliation Fees	£5,444.00	£5,004.00
Blue Box Contributions	£36,913.94	£38,132.82	Beacon Access/Simple	£1,362.25	£1,249.92
Buzz Posting Contributions	£1,336.49	£1,533.00	Buzz Posting	£1,545.12	£1,799.30
Disbursements	£1,047.06	£0.00	Buzz Printing	£2,197.99	£4,094.21
Donations	£17.40	£818.26	Capital Purchases	£1,306.43	£299.11
Gift Aid	£0.00	£4,349.12	Choir Accompanist	£1,116.00	£1,087.65
Membership Subs	£16,115.70	£13,234.80	Committee Expenses	£203.82	£370.99
Miscellaneous Gains	£5.30	£31.92	Events	£400.00	£0.00
Monthly Raffle	£893.42	£924.92	General Postage	£9.70	£9.60
New Memb Subs (not used)	£0.00	£4,335.83	General Printing	£329.00	£540.87
Ringfenced for Groups	£140.00	£765.23	General Purchases	£854.00	£556.47
Third Age Magazine	£291.40	£273.50	Licence Fees	£106.21	£64.20
U3A Sales	£0.00	£0.00	Miscellaneous Costs	£257.48	£138.58
BMBC GRANT	£500.00	£0.00	New Members Link	£9.30	£56.79
			Ringfenced for Groups	£113.00	£300.00
			Room Hire	£47,900.25	£42,918.98
			Speaker Fees	£515.05	£290.00
			Stationery	£203.57	£152.30
			Storage Unit	£1,944.38	£1,830.40
			Third Age Purchases	£528.28	£280.05
			U3A Day Costs	£0.00	£258.00
			Web Domain	£30.00	£129.99
			Zoom	£155.50	£218.66
			Drawdown of grant	£320.88	£0.00
General Income Total	£57,440.71	£64,702.40	General Expense Total	£66,852.21	£61,650.07
40s Night (from 2023)	£0.00	£262.00	40s Night (from 2023)	£0.00	£725.00
Christmas Lunch	£2,713.50	£2,441.89	Christmas Lunch	£2,552.25	£2,406.10
Ceilidh	£928.50	£1,625.50	Ceilidh	£904.25	£1,049.10
Race Night	£480.00	£0.00	Racenight	£300.00	£65.80
			30th Anniversary events	£250.00	
Social Income Totals	£4,122.00	£4,329.39	Social Expense Total	£4,006.50	£4,246.00
			Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME - FINAL TOTAL	£61,562.71	£69,031.79	EXPENSES - FINAL TOTAL	£70,858.71	£65,896.07
CASH & RESERVES					
Current Account C/F	£2,656.99	£3,952.99			
Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00			
Savings Accounts	£10,898.33	£18,445.06			
Stamps Value	£405.55	£719.20			
Choir Account	£2,198.28	£2,530.38			
Choir Cash in Hand	£186.79	£576.84			
Groups Cash in hand	£1,434.22	£1,416.74			
TOTAL	£17,780.16	£27,641.21			

In accordance with instructions we have examined the books and records maintained by the treasurer.
The accounts give a fair and true view of the state of affairs.

Name: HILARY NEWTON

Name: STEPHEN HYNER

Signature: H. R. Newton

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 13/5/25

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Barnsley Treasurer <bu3a.treasurer@gmail.com>

Report to Accounts

1 message

Hilary & Mike Newton <hilmike@blueyonder.co.uk> 15 May 2025 at 21:23 To: "bu3a.treasurer@gmail.com" <bu3a.treasurer@gmail.com>, pauline <bu3achair@gmail.com>

Hello

I have put together a few notes to the accounts and asked Steve to look at them before I send them to you. Steve is happy with these and has nothing further to add.

In respect of our being able to pay other Charities through the books, I have spoken with Alan Swann before putting this together and he is of the same opinion as me and was aghast that they were still being paid this way, despite the fact that this was brought up at last year's audit. There is the possibility that the Regulations that were in place when Alan and I were on committee could have been overwritten now by the Charities Commission and if that is the case then you obviously can pay charities but before the audit next year if you are still wanting me to do it I would like to see some evidence of that change.

The full notes I have put together are shown below.

Regards

Hilary

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

We have signed the accounts off for you as we agree that the figures shown do now reflect the current situation in respect of our finances, however we are very concerned about some of the things we saw whilst carrying out the audit. These are set out below and need to be addressed.

CHARITIES – When I handed over to you two years ago it was my understanding that we cannot pay another charity through the books, this was a Charity Commission requirement. If this requirement has been amended by the Charity Commission in the past two years, as an auditor of the accounts please show me the current regulation. If nothing has been changed, just because our committee has had a vote and decided that you can pay these does not make it right as our committee does not carry more weight than the Charities Commission. The only money you can pay to a speaker who represents a charity is reasonable expenses (mileage etc.) If they require a speaker fee you either have to pay the individual speaking and they can then pay the money over to their charity or you can get them to sign a waiver (copy sent to you earlier) which then needs to go into our accounts. I don't see the problem in paying the individual and letting them pay the money over to their charity and this resolves the problem.

PAYING INVOICES BEFORE THE FINAL MEETING DATE SHOWN – none of us know whether we may have to cancel a meeting for any reason so it is prudent to ensure that invoices are NOT paid until after the last meeting date shown on them. At the end of the day, you are the person looking after the u3a's money and we have to be sure that it is not spent erroneously. I found that there were at least 60 invoices paid too early.

PAYING INVOICES WITH NO DATES SHOWN ON THEM – without checking the dates there is no way of keeping track on what's been paid. The one I looked at was from The Oaks where Canasta is played and covered the period from December to March. Checking the Thursday dates they included Boxing Day which is a bank holiday and we wouldn't have met, therefore we paid for at least one meeting that didn't happen on that one. Dates need to be shown on the invoices and checked off some sort of calendar when paid to ensure this doesn't happen.

NOTES ON SHEETS IN FILE – it doesn't matter if in the income file or the expenses, the sheet in the file should explain itself. An example of this was in the Income file where there was a sheet that just had a photocopy of a paying in slip for £100 but nothing to explain what it was for. On looking into it we found it was ringfenced for walking football. All it needed on this sheet was that wording, Ringfenced – Walking Football. There were others in both files, one was for supplies for the New Members Link, all that is in the file is a receipt but no explanation as to who or what it was for.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL – There was an reimbursement made to one of our members where the receipt clearly shows as £79.99 but this was paid out as £77.99. Another example is an invoice received where the full total of the invoice was £650 but the total written on the invoice was £620 and this is the amount paid. This one was in our favour but it so easily could have been the other way. There was another reimbursement for one of our members that had several errors. The amount actually paid had been added up 10p wrong, it was all entered as committee expenses and should have been split between postage and stationery and there was also another invoice for £47.59 attached to it which was not paid.

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The 2023 AGM had fourteen applications, from a membership of about 1200, to create a full Committee, a situation contrary to many other u3as. However, there were several changes during the year. The Vice-Chair and the Business Secretary left due to personal reasons; the latter role was taken on by a Committee member. The Buzz Editor resigned from Committee but stayed as Buzz Editor. Following the departure of the Chair, an Acting Chair and an Acting Vice Chair were appointed. A new role of Monthly Members' Meeting Co-ordinator was created. Members joined the committee to take on roles as Webmaster and Development Officer.

In September 2023, Bu3a returned to its 'original' home of Priory Campus, after a forced absence due to the pandemic.

The Committee considered succession planning, personal data protection and embedding Simple Membership as the critical communication platform and database system. When Risk Assessment and Copyright issues needed attention, Bu3a had Committee members with former relevant experiences. Activity Safety Checks (formerly Risk Assessments) and PAT testing of electrical equipment was efficiently carried out between June and November. The majority of the 34 venues used by Bu3a met Safety Check requirements by November 2023.

Copyright and its complexities caused considerable concerns. Workshops were offered to all Group Coordinators with information pertinent to the nature of their activities. A policy and an information video were produced to support current and future Coordinators and members re copyright issues.

Many new groups started in 2023-24 including: User Friendly IT Devices, Laughter Yoga, Concert Party, Beginners' Guitars, Encaustic Art, Life Before Us, Modern Jive, and Eating Out in Penistone. A procedure for setting up New Groups was established. The Cycling Group celebrated their 10th Anniversary by riding from Old Moor to Sprotborough. The Motorbike Group spent 5 days in Wales, riding 150 miles each day. Walking Cricket was featured on The One Show after a visit by Angela Rippon. Bu3a members participated in the first county match between Yorkshire and Worcestershire. Walking Football members played in a 6-a-side South Yorkshire tournament. On the musical front, the Choir had a capacity crowd for their Christmas concert in their new venue in Wombwell. The first post-pandemic Ceilidh was predictably sold out. The Old Blowers developed a programme of performances in local schools and Flutes Galore performed at external venues as well as at the regional Music Fest. The Concert Party will play for the Mayor's "Final Countdown" event. Stringalongs also perform for external audiences.

The Travel Group delivered an extensive programme of day trips and short breaks to Great Yorkshire Show, Northumberland, Alvaston Hall, Studley Castle, Beverley and Castle Howard.

The annual Christmas meal was well attended and, as always, well complimented.

The Buzz format changed to a slimmed-down printed version, with additional material available online. Visuals and external extracts in The Buzz are tightly managed to comply with copyright rules. The Interim Buzz was renamed the 'e-Buzz'.

Cost of subscriptions remain unchanged for 2024-25. An annual shortfall of £6-8,000 in our Blue Box income and room hire expenditure was published. Our healthy reserves and increasing membership enable meeting this gap in the short term.

The March '23 Consultation survey outcomes were shared with members. The 38 respondents, from a membership of 1200, wrote a lot and most of it was fulsome praise. The 'apparent' apathy could be read as near total-satisfaction with what was already on offer in our 125 groups.

The Events Team ensured Bu3a are active participants in the Barnsley ageing well community by raising our profile at events including Penistone Show, Darton Community Gala, Barnsley Main Heritage Day and several Ward Alliance and Age UK localised events. New banners were created for the Penistone Drop-In and for The Old Blowers.

Bu3a once again took centre-stage in Experience Barnsley with a display of Food Memories.

The sold-out Yorkshire and the Humber Regional Summer School had 5 of the 10 tutors from Barnsley u3a, and several Bu3a attendees. Bu3a is a member of SYNETH (South Yorkshire Network) working with neighbouring u3as to share good practice and consult on common issues. The Treasurer attended a regional Treasurers Workshop resulting in a networking support group. *The issue of raising funds for other charities and organisations was addressed. Consultation with the Charity Commission and the Third Age Trust confirmed Bu3a's constitution precludes Bu3a from directly fundraising.*

Barnsley now has over 1340 members who receive excellent support from the Group Coordinators who put such skill and effort into their group activities. Our thanks go to each of them.

In looking forward, Barnsley u3a has a firm base and a diverse population. However, we are aware of the need to attract younger members, either newly retired, semi-retired or those with time to commit to our principles and ethos. It is an ongoing challenge as we age that we have to be open to change. Being volunteers, Bu3a's Committee, Support teams and Coordinators are exemplary, and all credit goes to them for the hard work and time they give freely.

INCOME	2023/24	2022/23	EXPENDITURE	2023/24	2022/23
Advertising Revenue	£303.00	£0.00	Affiliation Fees	£5,004.00	£4,932.00
Blue Box Contributions	£38,132.82	£33,091.60	Beacon Access/Simple	£1,249.92	£1,360.16
Buzz Posting Contributions	£1,533.00	£1,652.50	Buzz Posting	£1,799.30	£1,445.21
Donations	£818.26	£235.43	Buzz Printing	£4,094.21	£5,699.00
Gift Aid	£4,349.12	£2,083.98	Capital Purchases	£299.11	£1,614.16
Membership Subs (renewals)	£13,234.80	£12,826.60	Choir Accompanist	£1,087.65	£390.00
Miscellaneous Gains	£31.92	£209.66	Committee Expenses	£370.99	£33.49
Monthly Raffle	£924.92	£851.87	Coordinators Buffet	£0.00	£772.09
New Member Subs	£4,335.83	£3,009.70	Events	£0.00	£204.41
Ringfenced for Groups	£765.23	£1,857.50	General Postage	£9.60	£1,199.16
Third Age Magazine	£273.50	£298.16	General Printing	£540.87	£969.88
U3A Day	£0.00	£150.00	General Purchases	£556.47	£816.94
U3A Sales	£0.00	£101.50	Licence Fees	£64.20	£85.89
			Miscellaneous Costs	£138.58	£252.19
			New Members Link	£56.79	£55.23
			Ringfenced for Groups	£300.00	£2,100.19
			Room Hire	£42,918.98	£36,101.80
			Speaker Fees	£290.00	£421.00
			Stationery	£152.30	£865.21
			Storage Unit	£1,830.40	£2,135.98
			Third Age Purchases	£280.05	£433.31
			U3A Day Costs	£258.00	£295.95
			Web Domain	£129.99	£2.40
			Zoom	£218.66	£318.98
General Income Total	£64,702.40	£56,368.50	General Expense Total	£61,650.07	£62,504.63
40s Night (from 2023)	£262.00	£1,293.00	40s Night (from 2023)	£725.00	£558.00
Christmas Lunch	£2,441.89	£2,156.00	Christmas Lunch	£2,406.10	£2,191.58
Ceilidh	£1,625.50		Ceilidh	£1,049.10	£0.00
Race Night	£0.00		Racenight	£65.80	£0.00
Social Income Totals	£4,329.39	£3,449.00	Social Expense Total	£4,246.00	£2,749.68
			Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME - FINAL TOTAL	£69,031.79	£59,817.50	EXPENSES - FINAL TOTAL	£65,896.07	£65,254.21
CASH & RESERVES					
Current Account C/F	£3,952.99	£1,817.27			
Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00			
Savings Accounts	£18,445.06	£17,055.39			
Stamps Value	£719.20	£1,120.36			
Choir Account	£2,530.38	£1,986.90			
Choir Cash in Hand	£576.84	£392.41			
Groups Cash in hand	£1,416.74				
TOTAL	£27,641.21	£22,372.33			

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Name: HILARY NEWTON

Name: STEPHEN HYNTER

Signature: H. R. Newton

Signature: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 24. 4. 24

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Audit report from Stephen Hyner and Hilary Newton

Changes Required

- Put the ledger number at the top of the sheet on the right hand side and enter the date of the ledger entry at the left hand side at the top.
- Where relevant, show a split of cash and cheques when recording amounts.
- Don't process an invoice until AFTER the last date we are being charged for to ensure that all meetings are held before paying for them. Keep these invoices at the front of the expenses file so that they don't get forgotten.
- EVERY entry in either Income or Expenses MUST have a corresponding sheet in the paper file which clearly explains what the payment is for.
- If something is found in the bank account (membership, renewals, disbursement, simple membership etc.), create a sheet for the entry to explain it.
- You can put multiple bank entries on one sheet BUT make a record of each entry that you are putting together as one listing which shows the separate dates, date this in the accounts as the date of the last entry.
- If you have a query on an invoice when it comes in, keep it at the front of the file until the query is resolved. Don't allocate it a number until it is actually being processed. ALSO, if a corrected invoice is received, there is no need to keep the original but if you want to do this, staple them together in the file putting a note on the original explaining what was wrong with it. Allocating a number to an invoice in dispute when it is not being paid only causes extra work for you and confusion for the auditors.
- Take a screen shot of the Bank account balances towards the end of the last day in the Financial year as this will confirm the amounts in the accounts to be correct.

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It has been another strong year for Barnsley u3a; with some 1,200 members, an impressive 125 Activity groups and a full Executive Committee of 14 people already in place for 2023-24, it was not surprising to be told at the regional AGM in May that “we look to Barnsley to see how it’s done”. Recruitment and retention of members and of Committee members is a major u3a issue but Barnsley is doing so well. Our fine 26-year history rests on the shoulders of countless outstanding, long-term, selfless volunteers who have set the example that we are trying hard to follow and match.

The single, most memorable day of the year was, perhaps, the visit in April of the BBC’s ‘The One Show’ to report on Bu3a ‘ambassador extraordinaire’ Mac McKechnie’s Walking Cricket fame. A Community Award for Mac from Radio Leeds led to clips on Look North and Calendar, a full article in The Guardian and then Angela Rippon with full TV crew at Dodworth for a ‘One Show’ report that will go out on the 9th of June to coincide with the Summer’s Test Matches. The 5- minute slot is excellent and will create hundreds of membership requests to join u3as throughout the country.

We try hard to let people know who we are but still remain hampered by our mysterious ‘u3a’ name. U3a Day in September was a great success in town with Flutes Galore, The Stringalongs and The Old Blowers supporting Bu3a groups in the library and members who distributed our 2023 publicity leaflets in the Town Square. Wanting to spend less on hiring gazebos for such events, we decided to purchase our own blue and yellow 6m x 3m gazebo which has our name emblazoned on it. Its first outing was at Monk Bretton Methodist Church in October when the Mayor planted a rowan tree to commemorate our 25th anniversary, u3a’s 40th anniversary and The Queen’s Canopy project. The Mayor, a Bu3a fan, subsequently invited 20 members of Bu3a to an excellent Town Hall visit.

The biggest and hopefully the best innovation of the 2022-23 year has been our move to Simple Membership for our website and our internal management system. Its predecessors, Sitebuilder and Beacon, were creaking and the Sitebuilder website actually failed in November 2022 but it still took a bit of a leap of faith to abandon them. Simple Membership had been adopted by some strong u3as and would cost the same £1 per member per year so we went for it.

Bu3a Web Manager, Robin Northcut, and Membership Secretary, Trudy Atkinson, took the lead in a three-month trial in January to learn the new system so that we could use it for our April ‘23 renewals and then start to

build a brand-new website. It has been a fast learning curve for them and they deserve our sincere gratitude. It is a great example of how the Committee works behind the scenes to keep our u3a moving ahead. The website is already popular, and it will develop fast under the talented team of Robin Northcut, Janet Elvy and Helen Simms.

Our search for the perfect venue for Monthly Meetings continues although The Metrodome has, in general, served us well; the Rigby Suite has been full for every meeting. Some of the meetings have been very good indeed; perhaps the most memorable moment was the Yorkshire Air Ambulance speaker showing a video of himself being rescued by the helicopter crew after suffering a cardiac arrest on the pitch before a Barnsley FC match. Ian McMillan, the 'Bard of Barnsley' was a real 'hit' and he accepted our offer to become an Honorary Bu3a Member. Alison Spencer from Barnsley Hospital's 'The Well' for cancer survivors was very impressive. Alan Swann's comedy show was hilarious. Milly Johnson was predictably 'down-to-earth' and funny. It has been a varied, happy and worthwhile programme that has brought us together on a regular basis.

Of course, our main business is helping retirees to have a meaningful, happy, retirement. Our 125 groups are wide-ranging and offer so much friendship and enjoyment. Our Buzz magazine that enables these groups to showcase their 'work' remains pretty unique; with a new flexible website and moving with the times, the paper Buzz will now contract in size and more Bu3a information and photos will go into the website's Buzz section. Our huge thanks to Helen Simms for her forward-looking and committed work on the Buzz; it's a massive task that she is driving ahead superbly.

Our most sincere thanks to Committee members Hilary Newton and Margaret Saxton who stand down as Treasurer and Social Secretary after their maximum six years on Committee. Finally, enormous thanks to every single Coordinator, to their assistants and to the multitude of members who help out in any way at all to make Bu3a such a vibrant and successful organisation. Here's to 2023-24!

DEREK BACON (CHAIRMAN)

INCOME	2022/23	2021/22	EXPENDITURE	2022/23	2021/22
Advertising Revenue	£0.00	£395.00	Attraction Fees	£4,932.00	£4,000.50
Blue Box Contributions	£33,091.60	£11,726.76	Beacon Access Fee	£1,360.16	£1,170.00
Buzz Posting Contributions	£1,652.50	£28.00	Buzz Posting	£1,445.21	£1,361.22
Donations	£104.08	£237.40	Buzz Printing	£5,099.00	£6,042.00
Easy Fundraising/Smile Amazon	£131.35	£88.93	Capital Purchases	£1,614.16	£588.98
From CCLA	£0.00	£2,675.88	Choir Accompanist	£390.00	£0.00
Gift Aid	£2,083.98	£2,477.91	Committee Expenses	£33.46	£0.00
Membership Subs (renewals)	£12,826.60	£3,478.00	Events	£204.41	£0.00
Miscellaneous Gains	£209.86	£30.00	General Postage	£1,199.16	£940.70
Monthly Raffle	£651.87	£315.00	General Printing	£969.88	£489.86
New Member Subs	£3,009.70	£2,262.00	General Purchases	£816.94	£585.77
Ringfenced for Groups	£1,857.50	£1,714.50	License Fees	£85.89	£138.99
Third Age Magazine	£298.16	£351.20	Miscellaneous Costs	£252.19	£190.23
USA Day	£150.00	£0.00	Mobile Top-up	£0.00	£0.00
USA Sales	£101.50	£131.25	New Members Link Patty Cash	£55.23	£0.00
RINGFENCED TOTAL	£2,100.19	£1,108.90	Room Hire	£36,101.80	£12,420.05
			Speaker Fees	£421.00	£50.00
			Spring School 2019/20	£0.00	£0.00
			Stationery	£865.21	£1,211.20
			Storage Unit	£2,135.98	£0.00
			Third Age Purchases	£433.31	£485.17
			USA Day Costs	£266.96	£178.34
			Web Domain	£2.40	£0.00
			Zoom	£318.98	£499.11
General Income Total	£56,368.50	£25,912.83	General Expense Total	£61,732.54	£31,479.82
40s Night	£1,293.00	£0.00	40s Night	£558.00	£0.00
60s Night	£0.00	£0.00	60s Night	£0.00	£0.00
Burns Night 2020	£0.00	£0.00	Burns Night 2020	£0.00	£0.00
Anniversary Dinner	£0.00	£3,400.00	Anniversary Dinner	£172.09	£3,631.25
Christmas Lunch	£2,166.00	£2,310.00	Christmas Lunch	£2,191.58	£2,297.27
Race Night	£0.00	£0.00	Social Committee Fiat	£0.00	£43.00
			Social Committee Meetings	£0.00	£0.00
			Dec Meeting	£0.00	£35.50
Social Income Totals	£3,449.00	£5,710.00	Social Expense Total	£3,521.67	£6,007.02
Less Unpresented Cheques			Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00
INCOME - FINAL TOTAL	£59,817.50	£31,622.83	EXPENSES - FINAL TOTAL	£65,254.21	£37,486.84
CASH & RESERVES					
Current Account Crf	£1,817.27	£4,253.98			
Less Unpresented Cheques	£0.00	£0.00			
Savings Account	£17,055.39	£20,000.00			
Stamps Value	£1,120.36	£0.00			
Choir Account	£1,986.90	£1,655.53			
Choir Cash in Hand	£392.41	£222.90			
TOTAL	£22,372.33	£26,132.41			

In accordance with instructions we have examined the books and records maintained by the treasurer. The accounts give a fair and true view of the state of affairs.

Name: MICHAEL REESE
Signature: *M. Reese*
Date: 19/4/2023

Name: STEPHEN HYNTER
Signature: *Stephen Hynter*
Date: 19th April 2023

**Minutes of the 27th Barnsley and District AGM
held on June 5th 2023 at The Metrodome, Queens Road, Barnsley.**

1. Some 125 Bu3a members attended the meeting.
2. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting including a few new members.
3. Everyone stood in a minute's silence in memory of those members who had passed away during the past twelve months.
4. 'Barnsdale Hood' played a few tunes and raised £50 for the 'Louis George medical fund'
5. There were no questions about the Minutes of the 26th AGM in 2022 so acceptance of them was proposed by Ken Audin, seconded by Chrissie White and approved unanimously by the members.
6. The Chairman summarised his Annual Report for 2022-23 which was available for everyone to read in full on page 15 of the new 'Buzz' issued before the meeting started. The Report emphasises our strength in the number of members and group activities we have. Mention was made of our upcoming appearance on BBC's The One Show when Angela Rippon spent the day with Mac McKechnie and his Walking Cricketers. It was announced that we expect to be returning to Priory Campus for our Monthly Meetings from September. The move to Simple Membership went well and thanks were expressed to Robin Northcut and Trudy Atkinson for their work setting it up. Thanks were given to all 100 or so Coordinators who 'drive forward' our Bu3a. Acceptance of The Annual Report was proposed by Gwenda Midgely, seconded by Jean Constable and approved unanimously by the members.
7. The Treasurer, Hilary Newton, retiring from Committee after the maximum six years, spoke about the Accounts for the year, emphasising how well our decision to rent a storage space at Storefirst had gone with Flutes Galore and the Executive and Events Committees using it to offset the cost of rental. Acceptance of The Accounts were proposed by Jo Kasperek, seconded by Anne Swann and approved unanimously by the members.
8. At this point the Chairman presented cards and flowers to Hilary Newton and to Margaret Saxton who were both having to stand down after six years on Committee. He thanked them for their outstanding and exemplary service as Treasurer and Social Secretary, respectively. They had also received cards and gifts from the Committee itself.
9. The Chairman spoke of his delight in receiving twelve nominations from members to be on the new 2023 Committee, a figure that would probably be much envied throughout the u3a organisation. Added to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman who were entering their second year of office, this gives us the maximum size permitted of fourteen members sitting on Committee.

