THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE)

England & Wales · Charity number 1079444

Details

Other names	U3A (DUNSTABLE), U3A (DUNSTABLE)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2000-02-18
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: 1) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE NOT IN FULL TIME GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT WHO ARE IN THEIR THIRD AGE (BEING THE PERIOD OF TIME AFTER THE FIRST AGE OF CHILDHOOD DEPENDENCE AND THE SECOND AGE OF FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT AND/OR PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITY) RESIDING IN DUNSTABLE AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY.2) THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR LEISURE TIME AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE ABOVE PERSONS IN THE INTERESTS OF THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE

Activities: 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 the area of Dunstable and its surrounding locality.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DUNSTABLE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREA
- Central Bedfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£61,007	£63,620	-	-
2024-03-31	£46,454	£49,998	-	-
2023-03-31	£47,000	£53,000	-	-
2022-03-31	£21,121	£22,640	-	-
2021-03-31	£12,860	£11,777	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Frank Shaw	Chair	2024-06-10
David Courtenay		2024-06-17
Elizabeth Anderson		2024-06-17
Gail Dance		2024-06-17
Michael Dance		2024-06-17
Nicholas Porter		2022-07-27
Patricia Boult		2023-06-19
Robert McGee		2024-06-17
Susan Porter		2024-06-17
Timothy Anderson		2024-06-17

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Accounts

Dunstable

Registered Charity No: 1079444

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Newsletter Editor Frank Shaw **Webmasters** Andy Hodge/Nick Porter

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"To help advance the 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."

2024-25 Another busy year when much was achieved
The Trustees met 10 times during the year to manage the affairs of Dunstable u3a. to ensure that its objectives and policies were maintained. The workload was shared by the Trustees according to their interests and expertise, many of them being new to their roles. The Trustees thank Bernie for supporting the transition and organising the celebration of our 25th year. We also thank all the volunteers who have made a significant contribution.

Sustaining & building our membership

During the year 2024-25, 108 new members were recruited. The 2025 membership renewal resulted in the majority of living members renewing, with the exception of members who, through a combination of ill-health or relocation, decided not to renew their membership. By April 2025 renewal period, we are pleased that the total membership had stabilized at over 800.

Membership of Dunstable u3a remains a popular choice for people retiring from employment or no longer having childcare responsibilities. However, for many they are described as the sandwich generation with both elderly and grandchildren caring responsibilities. Dunstable u3a is recognized as one of the largest charity organisations in Dunstable providing a valuable educational and social network service for third agers.

Attendance at the quarterly New Members' meetings has varied. At these meetings new members are given the opportunity to meet others and to discuss with trustees what they would like from their local u3a. It also helps us discover the attributes that the new members bring with them.

Dunstable 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2024 AGM, which was well attended, was held on 17th June in line with our Constitutional rules.

Many new members were elected to the committee: Chair Frank Shaw; Treasurer Michael Dance; Secretary Bob McGee; Trustees Sue Porter, Gail Dance, Elizabeth Anderson, Timothy Anderson, David Courtenay.

Following the formalities of the AGM, members present were entertained by two of our popular musical groups. The Ukulele group, headed by Peter Smith, greeted members as they took their seats. with a melody of uplifting and modern tunes. The in-person AGM was followed by the Dunstable u3a choir, conducted by Liz Higgens, who performed a variety of carefully selected inspiring songs.

Monthly Meetings were held, with guest speakers, on the 3rd Monday of the month at the Dunstable Methodist church. Attendance has been strong, often with attendance over 200 members and there is a real buzz in the hall when the doors open at 1:15pm. We have had a variety of speakers during the past year. These ranged from factual educational talks to more light hearted entertainment.

The Monday meetings remain conducive for socializing, an increasingly important benefit to our members, particularly the newer members. We are grateful to all those who take on the many roles that enable the meetings to happen. We are seeking more helpers to share the load.

25th Anniversary Celebrations

Bernie Naughton led and organised a very successful celebration of our first 25 years. Starting on the Thursday, sharing birthday cake with us under the clock tower was one of the first activities that our new MP undertook. Celebrations in the Town Centre on Saturday at a special market drew a lot of interest. Through music and dance and intriguing stalls we won many new friends and reaffirmed many existing ones. On the Sunday our 25 longest serving members were invited to a special tea party where many happy memories were shared. On the Monday our monthly meeting was replaced with a party worthy of such a memorable event. The new Chair Elect of the Third Age Trust,

Allan Walmsley, the Mayors of Dunstable and Houghton Regis all joined our celebrations. Certificates were presented to our 25 longest serving members and past Chairs. Then we were entertained by a professional 'Rat Pack' singer with a suitable medley of songs. And of course there was cake! We also got ten minutes of air time with an interview on BBC Three Counties Radio with Babs Michelle.

The 2024 Christmas Concert was another success and the members present were entertained with an excellent performance of music, singalong, magic and a short sketch, all performed by Dunstable u3a members. Special thanks to Pat Boult for making it happen and everyone who participated.

Social Group Outings

The Social Committee, consisting of a small team of dedicated and hard-working members, had a busy and challenging year. They again created a varied and attractive range of trips. It is pleasing that a recent request for new committee members to replace those standing down has received a positive response.

We do appreciate everyone's hard work that enabled the trips to be enjoyed by many frequent trippers. Although a couple of trips had to be cancelled, there has been keen uptake for most trips. It is pleasing to see some of our newer members are already joining the trips and leaving positive feedback on their Facebook pages.

Payment by card is now possible and improved card processing facilities are being researched. Notable successes include the visit to the Black Country Museum and the Christmas trip which was heavily oversubscribed but unfortunately the venue could not accommodate any increase in numbers. Those fortunate to get seats had an Abba good time!

Group Activities

Groups remain the backbone of Dunstable u3a and many new members join the u3a seeking to join particular groups. Demand for group membership remains high with many groups having a waiting list. Innovative approaches have created increased capacity in some cases. It is also encouraging to see new groups being formed and others being actively researched. There are now 82 different Groups covering a wide variety of subject areas. We are grateful to all of the leaders and coordinators for managing these groups, and the many others who support them. There could not be a u3a without them.

We recognise that events happen in life that mean leaders cannot continue indefinitely and there are benefits whenever we are able to create options for such circumstances. It is helpful to give as many members as possible the opportunity to experience some of the tasks and satisfaction associated with being involved in facilitating groups to prepare for such events and encourage them to create new groups.

The Group Liaison Officers (GLO's) are kept very busy, particularly with their proactive approach to optimising the membership experience.

New groups launched this year, it is pleasing that exciting potential new groups continue to be suggested. Some require some research to create a viable route to their creation, these include a county history group and a possible film group.

On 31st January 2025, group leaders met for an education & social gathering at Dunstable Golf Club. They met the trustees and were informed about a number of changes. All group leaders were made aware of the latest version of the Group Leaders Handbook, which is available online to ease common access to the latest updates. A buffet lunch provided an opportunity to socialise and an open question session in the afternoon allowed a variety of issues to be discussed.

Replacement of outdated equipment continues including the purchase of a new pool laptop. The

central assets register has been reviewed and updated.

Group leaders continue to be encouraged and supported in the use of the Beacon management system to improve communication and manage group capacity. They are also encouraged to make use of the Website and Facebook to interact with their members and create wider awareness.

Communicating with the Membership

Keeping members informed remains a priority. The monthly **Keep in Touch (KIT)** newsletter is distributed by email where possible, however more than 80 members do not have email. The rising cost of postage for these was reviewed and where possible committee members now hand deliver almost half of them. We continue to encourage members to receive the bi-monthly **Third Age Trust Matters magazine** as it contains a wealth of information about what u3a's are doing in many parts of the country. Regional Bulletins are distributed by email. A Factsheet is given to members attending monthly meetings. It provides updates on speakers, group availability, coach trips and travel, requests for assistance and latest news. Putting the above information on the website and Facebook eases and widens access. **Our Facebook page** remains an important facility for keeping our members informed, but is even more important in helping generate wider awareness of the u3a that we are seeking.

Third Age Trust (TAT) AGM October 2024

In October the Dunstable u3a Chair attended the TAT AGM at Milton Keynes. The new Chair, Allan Walmsley had previously visited our 25th Anniversary celebrations so was already aware of us. The main topic was the new structure to better enable the Trust meet the needs of the organisation whilst handling the increasingly challenging external bureaucracy. The proposed structural revisions were strongly supported. The drive to increase national membership was also featured. Promotional activities include PR initiatives and advertising on Boom Radio. Passing on our TAM magazines to not yet members is another initiative.

East of England Representation.

The trustee for the East of England Maurice Austin, has been replaced by Ian Mathews, effective from April 2025.

Financial Management

We have continued to manage our members' fees in a prudent manner with all purchases having to pass a 'value for money' test. To that end we plan to hold the annual membership fee at £15.00 in 2026/2027.

The 2023-24 Annual Accounts form part of these AGM documents circulated to the membership and you will see that we hold a healthy financial reserve. Many of our operational costs are increasing but suffice to say we still finish this year in a strong financial position. Due to the retirement of our previous Independent Examiner and other changes, we have had to change our provider of this mandatory service. We chose Terry Thatcher.

The Accounts were not fully completed in time for their approval at the AGM. A Special General Meeting was therefore held on 19th January 2026. More than 200 members attended who voted very strongly to accept the accounts with only one vote against.

Role of Trustees

Dunstable u3a is fully compliant with the requirements of our Constitution (formally adopted on 21st June 2021) and the model Trustee Code of Conduct which outlines the 6 main duties expected from Trustees in performance of their role. (The Charity Commission essential trustee guidance)

Summary

This has been an exciting year with many people taking on key roles. Thank you not only to those who have strived to take on those roles and make them work but also the many others who have given their support to make it work. We thank Bernie Naughton for all she has done to form the team and prepare an environment in which it could flourish. We go forward in a good situation, but recognising the need to broaden participation in preparation for next year when many officer and trustee roles will be required to be filled.

Looking to the future

Dunstable u3a is a vibrant, thriving self-help organisation which provides members with numerous opportunities to keep on learning, experimenting and finding activities that keep the brain and body fit and healthy. It also provides a unique environment in which mature people can enjoy beneficial social interaction.

It is a well-established and purposeful organisation now in its 25th year since inauguration. It is financially strong and provides excellent value for money, social & educational services for its members. With a membership of over 800 members and a strong committee we can offer security and further development. The committee will continue to aim to recruit both members and leaders to sustain its growth and popularity in the future. It will also seek to increase the range and capacity of activities to maintain and improve the membership experience and to continue to provide good value.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by

Frank Shaw. Chair 21 January 2026

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable u3a Main Account for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
	31st March 2024	31st March 2025
	£	£
Balance b/fwd at 1st April	**31,618.88**	**28,676.52**
Receipts inc transfers	36,183.98	35,448.06
Less: Payments	-49,997.84	-50,179.75
Transfers	10,270.50	-1,000.00
Plus outstanding payments	1,081.50	0.00
Less outstanding deposits	-600.50	0.00
Balance c/fwd	**28,556.52**	**12,944.83**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable u3a Social Account for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
	31st March 2024	31st March 2025
	£	£
Balance b/fwd at 1st April	**1,078.90**	**2,726.27**
Plus Petty Cash at 1st April	104.39	89.31
Total b/fwd	1,183.29	2,815.58
Bank Receipts	9,731.00	13,405.39
Less Bank Payments	-8,098.71	-13,440.95
Petty Cash variance	0.00	10.12
Surplus/Deficit	1,632.29	-25.44
Balance c/fwd	**2,815.58**	**2,790.14**
Represented by:		
Cash in Social Bank	2,726.27	2,690.71
Cash in Petty Cash	89.31	99.43
Total	**2,815.58**	**2,790.14**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable u3a Membership Account for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
	31st March 2024	31st March 2025
	£	£
Bank Balance b/fwd	**7,353.75**	**6,979.24**
Plus membership receipts	10,171.99	12,050.06
Less transfer to main/deposit accounts	-10,270.50	-18,500.00
Less pending deposit	-276.00	0.00
Surplus/Deficit	-374.51	-6,449.94
Bank Balance c/fwd	**6,979.24**	**529.30**

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable u3a Deposit Account for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
	31st March 2024	31st March 2025
	£	£
Bank Balance b/fwd	**0.00**	**0.00**
Plus transfers in	0.00	19,500.00
Plus interest	0.00	103.84
Surplus/Deficit	0.00	19,603.84
Bank Balance c/fwd	**0.00**	**19,603.84**

I confirm that these accounts are correct according to the information and explanations provided. 30.11.25

Prepared by Mike Dance, Treasurer Terry Thatcher (Terry Thatcher, examiner) Approved by Frank Shaw, Chair

Receipts and Payments: All Dunstable U3A Accounts for the period from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025		
	2024	2025
	All accounts	All accounts
Receipts	£	£
Group income	34,839.70	35,220.51
Inactive group balances	44.00	58.45
Gift Aid	1,076.28	0.00
Membership subscriptions	10,157.48	12,119.06
Social Committee trips receipts	9,731.00	13,405.39
Sales of u3a diaries	116.00	0.00
Interest	0.00	103.84
Miscellaneous	125.51	100.10
Total receipts	**56,089.97**	**61,007.35**
Payments		
Group payments	32,648.07	35,183.04
Social Committee trips payments	8,067.63	13,440.95
Third Age Trust Membership subscriptions	3,168.00	3,348.00
Third Age Trust mailing	1,170.59	1,387.00
Beacon and Licences	868.00	936.21
Trustee expenses	247.93	420.42
Stationery	481.66	13.90
Postage	1,060.25	530.39
Toners/Cartridges	2,283.28	0.00
Printing	1,082.24	994.61
Purchase of u3a diaries	197.99	0.00
Account examiner fee	200.00	480.00
u3a meetings	0.00	1,017.30
25th Anniversary celebrations	0.00	1,237.12
Monthly Speakers	966.80	764.04
Hall hire and catering	4,837.37	2,994.91
Miscellaneous	288.19	411.31
Payments sub total	**57,568.00**	**63,159.20**
Asset purchases	531.55	461.50
Total payments	**58,099.55**	**63,620.70**
Net of receipts/(payments)	-2,009.58	-2,613.35
Cash funds last year (as per Bank+petty cash)	**40,155.92**	**38,471.34**
Plus outstanding payments	1,081.50	0.00
Less outstanding deposits	-876.50	0.00
Cash funds this year (as per Bank+petty cash)	**38,351.34**	**35,868.11**

I confirm that this account is correct according to the information and explanations provided

Terry Thatcher, examiner
30.11.25

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	Dunstable U3A		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2025	**Charity no (if any)**	1079444
Set out on pages	1&2 (double sided)		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31March 2025.

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 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.

Signed: T Thatcher **Date:** 30 November 2025

Name: Terence Thatcher

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Recovery from 2 years of lockdown was sluggish but fortunately members have risen to the challenge with many new members bringing with them renewed energy and purpose. 2023-24 will be remembered as the year when we struggled to recruit leaders; group leaders and trustees. Fortunately, this has now been resolved as we journey through this our 25th year with new found hope and confidence.

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These Monday meetings have become a conduit for socializing. As a member explained that membership of the u3a had provided him with a Lifeboat as he struggled to reconnect his life after a major and unexpected change.

The 2023 Christmas Concert was an outstanding success and the 300 members present were entertained to an excellent performance of music, singalong, and seasonal readings, all performed by Dunstable u3a members. Members were heard saying that it was a great success, simply the best concert ever delivered by Dunstable u3a performers.

Members started arriving from 1:30pm and were greeted with a melody of tunes by the Ukulele group lead by Peter Smith.

The Concert began at 2pm with a rousing rendition of 'Oh Come All Ye Faithful' performed by all present. This was followed by the u3a Choir, conducted by Liz Higgens, who performed a beautiful version of 'Look to the Day' and many more. Liz Higgens and Fred Thomas performed an excellent piano duet version of the Twelve Days of Christmas.

A profoundly moving story, Kenny's Snowman, was written and read by John Hunt. The poetry of the occasion continued to flow with waves of humour and reality as Margaret and Pat's double act echoed the modern & traditional aspects of Christmas.

The atmosphere in the venue was full of excitement and members said they would have liked the concert to go on longer.

Social Group Outings

The Social Committee, consisting of a small team of dedicated and hard-working members, had a busy but challenging year. Ten day trips were organised including the annual trip to the seaside and a Christmas extravaganza. These coach outings were very popular and spaces tend to get filled as soon as they were announced.

The outing to see the London Christmas lights was a spectacular success even though the 55 u3a members headed off from Dunstable in the pouring rain. The evening started with a visit to Kennedy's Fish & Chips restaurant in the city centre where the food was delicious & the service outstanding.

The first social outing of 2024 to Lincoln Cathedral and Waterfront was a lovely visit to the historical and beautiful Cathedral city of Lincoln which was not a disappointment. Besides the magnificent Cathedral nearby was Lincoln Castle built by William the Conqueror in 1068.

Group Activities

Groups have been and remain the backbone of Dunstable u3a and many new members cite the joining of a particular group as the reason why they joined the u3a. Unfortunately, demand for group membership has resulted in some members having to join a waiting list. There are now 82 different Groups covering a wide variety of subject areas and there are 100 leaders and coordinators managing these groups. A few new groups started throughout the year and all the places filled quickly. Regrettably, a few groups have closed due to the lack of volunteers to lead them, or other factors.

The newly formed Travel Group successfully delivered its Christmas Turkey & Tinsel trip in December and has another short holiday planned.

The Group Liaison Officers (GLO's) are kept busy at the Monday meetings.

In October 2023, group leaders met for an education & social gathering in Creasey Park Football Centre. They met the trustees and were informed about a number of changes. All group leaders were provided with the latest version of the Group Leaders Handbook, which has been updated to contain many changes, including those relating to Insurance and Risk Assessment.

Group leaders requiring replacement for outdated equipment have been helped with the purchase of new equipment. There has been advice offered on PAT testing and most equipment used in outside venues, especially the Churches, has been tested. A central assets register is held of all u3a equipment in use by groups or committee members.

Group leaders wishing to improve communications with their members have had training in the use of the Beacon management system. They were also encouraged to make use of the Website and Facebook to interact with their members.

Communicating with the Membership

Feedback from members that they wanted to receive regular information from their u3a has resulted in the continuation of the monthly **Keep in Touch (KIT) letter**. We also encourage new members to receive the bi-monthly **Third Age Trust Matters magazine** as it contains a wealth of information about what u3a's are doing in many parts of the country.

Members who attend the monthly meetings also receive **a Factsheet,** containing information about new groups starting and groups looking for new members including factual news about u3a current activities, including forthcoming events. All these papers are on the website so even if members do not attend the Monday meetings, they can still access them.

Our Facebook page, which started during lockdown, has been a powerful medium to showcase the many activities in which members have participated. These include activities and pictures of the Social Outings, Christmas concert performance and the many happy walkers, to name but a few, investing in their health and wellbeing in the beautiful Bedfordshire countryside.

Third Age Trust (TAT) AGM 2023

In October the Dunstable u3a Chair and Secretary participated in the TAT AGM via Zoom. The AGM was chaired by Liz Thackray current Chair, who steered us through the formalities. It was important to learn about the many developments being considered or already in the pipeline. Developments such as the expansion of Beacon (the membership database) and its integration within the new website structure will have an impact throughout u3as well into the future.

East of England Representation.

The newly elected trustee for the East of England Maurice Austin, visited us, attended a members Monday meeting and subsequently stayed as a visitor for the regular committee meeting. He shared with us the forthcoming plans for separating the u3a Board of Trustee and the Council of Representatives. This proposal will be voted on at the October 2024 AGM at which Dunstable u3a have 3 votes by virtue of our membership size.

Financial Management

Following the closure of the Dunstable NatWest bank branch Dunstable u3a decided to change its bank accounts from NatWest bank to Lloyds Bank which still has a physical Dunstable branch.

Our Treasurer advised that we keep the NatWest bank account open for the time being, which was fortuitous as many members used this old bank account to renew their 2024 membership. The formalities of changing a bank account are torturous but the transfer has gone smoothly and staff at Lloyds have been welcoming and helpful.

Many of our financial transactions are now done online and this year saw this increase to:

- 80% of all membership renewals were done online.
- 80% of the Social Trip payments are now made at Monday meetings, using the Sum-up card machine.
- 99% of all payments made by the treasurer are by bank transfer.
- 96% of all group income & expenditure is operated online through the main account.

We have continued to manage our members' fees in a prudent manner with all purchases having to pass a 'value for money' test. To that end we were able to hold the annual membership fee at £12.00 in 2023/2024. We have reduced our bank reserve in line with the Charity Commission 'best practice' advice. However, to cover our inflationary operational costs, we have proposed a modest increase in the 2025/2026 membership fee to £15.00. This still represents a fee £1.50 less than what it was in 2019 the pre-Covid year.

The 2023-24 Annual Accounts form part of these AGM documents circulated to the membership and you will see that we hold a healthy financial reserve. Many of our operational costs are increasing but suffice to say we still finish this year in a strong financial position.

Independent Examiner of Charity Accounts.

Due to the retirement of our previous Independent Examiner, we have had to change our provider of this mandatory service. Following three quotes we selected Hancock & Hastings Limited, Accountants, Registered Office: 4 Carlisle Close, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 3PH. Our accounts have been examined by Hancock & Hastings Accountants and their report forms part of the AGM technical papers circulated to the membership prior to the 2024 AGM.

Role of Trustees

Dunstable u3a is fully compliant with the requirements of our Constitution (formally adopted on 21st June 2021) and the model Trustee Code of Conduct which outlines the 6 main duties expected from Trustees in performance of their role. (The Charity Commission essential trustee guidance)

In line with the advice from Third Age Trust (TAT) the following policies have been reviewed and formally adopted by the committee in November 2023

- Members Code of Conduct
- Trustees Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Complaints Procedure
- Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection Policy
- Privacy Policy
- Grievance Policy.

This has been a difficult year when we experienced unusual turnover with the recruitment and retention of trustees. Thanks to the generosity of time given by all the current trustees we have been able to continue providing all the services. Thanks also go to Sally Clark for standing in for the Group Liaison Officer who was indisposed for a short period. The past few months have been a nervy time when recruitment of replacement trustees was slow but the response from several Red Alert letters resulted in a valiant response from members. So, as we go forward towards the AGM, we are fortunate to have a keen and eager group of members hoping to be elected and form the next committee.

Nominees:

Please note the following nominees for election at the 2024 AGM, plus the members who proposed and seconded them.

Trustee Position		**Membership Number**
Officers		
Chair		
Frank Shaw:		D2829
Proposer:	Bernie Naughton	D2335
Seconder:	Pat Boult	D2504

Vice-Chair		
Vacancy		D
Treasurer		
Michael Dance		D2869
Proposer:	Christine Adams	D2353
Seconder:	Nick Porter	D2654
Secretary		
Bob McGee		D2771
Proposer:	Victor Clinton Dove	D2758
Seconder:	Bernie Naughton	D2335
<u>Trustees</u>		
1) Sue Porter		D2653
Proposer:	Dorothy Hodder	D2280
Seconder:	Nick Porter	D2654
2) Gail Dance		D2870
Proposer:	Christine Adams	D2353
Seconder:	Nick Porter	D2654
3) Elizabeth Anderson		D1998
Proposer:	Timothy Anderson	D1997
Seconder:	Dorothy Hodder	D2280
4) Timothy Anderson		D1997
Proposer:	Elizabeth Anderson	D1998
Seconder:	Dorothy Hodder	D2280
5) David Courtenay		D2880
Proposer:	Bernie Naughton	D2335
Seconder:	Nick Porter	D2654

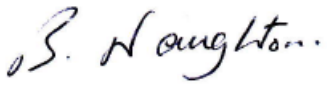
Looking to the future

Dunstable u3a is a vibrant, thriving self-help organisation which provides members with numerous opportunities to keep on learning, experimenting and finding activities that keep the brain and body fit and healthy**.**

It is a well-established and purposeful organisation now in its 25th year since inauguration. It is financially strong and provides excellent value for money, social & educational services for its members. With a membership of 754 members and a strong committee we can offer security and further development. The incoming committee will have new ideas and will aim to recruit both members and leaders to sustain its growth and popularity in the future.

The highlight of 2024 will be the planned 25th Anniversary celebrations in September, when we unveil and showcase the best of what Dunstable u3a has to offer its members and provide a memorable event which we aim to share with the population of Dunstable.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by May 2024



Bernie Naughton. Chair

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444					
Receipts and Payments Account Dunstable U3A Main Account					
for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024					
		2023		**2024**	
		£		**£**	
Receipts					
Group Support		35,568.83		34,839.70	
Inactive group balances		3,260.39		44.00	
Gift Aid		957.17		1,076.28	
Membership for year Jan-Dec 2023 (from Membership Account)		6,944.95		10,270.50	
Sales of u3a diaries		138.50		116.00	
Miscellaneous		130.75		108.00	
Total receipts		47,000.59		46,454.48	
Payments					
Group support		37,618.68		32,648.07	
Third Age Trust membership subsciptions		3,264.00		3,168.00	
Third Age Trust mailing		957.52		1,170.59	
Beacon & licences		880.00		868.00	
Trustee expenses		258.22		247.93	
Stationery		471.28		481.66	
Postage		1,085.74		1,060.25	
Toners/Cartridges		2,112.86		2,283.28	
Monthly Speakers		1,090.00		966.80	
Printing		4.50		1,082.24	
Zoom		28.78			
Purchase of u3a diaries		220.26		197.99	
Advertising in The Vine		460.00			
Account Examiner fee		200.00		200.00	
Third Age Trust meetings		102.75			
Hall hire & catering		3,417.63		4,837.37	
Miscellaneous		-		254.11	
Payments sub total		52,172.22		49,466.29	
Asset purchases		835.58		531.55	
Total payments		53,007.80		49,997.84	
Net of receipts/(payments)		-6,007.21		-3,543.36	
Cash funds last year		37,626.09		31,618.88	
Cash funds this year (as per Beacon accounts)		*31,618.88*		**28,075.52**	

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444					
Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable U3A Main Account					
	31st March 2023			**31st March 2024**	
	£	*£*		**£**	**£**
Current Account					
Balance b/f at 1st April	37,626.09			31,618.88	
Receipts	47,000.59			46,454.48	
Less: Payments	53,007.80			49,997.84	
Current Account Total		*31,618.88*			**28,075.52**
REPRESENTED BY:		***£***			**£**
Cash in Main Current account					
		31,618.88			**28,075.52**
Bank reconciliation:					
Balance per bank statement at 31st March 2024	*31,478.88*				28,556.52
Plus: Outstanding deposits	140.00				600.50
	31,618.88				29,157.02
Less: Outstanding payments					-1,081.50
As per accounts at 31st March 2024	**31,618.88**				**28,075.52**

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444					
Income and Expenditure Account Dunstable U3A Membership Account					
for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024					
	2023			**2024**	
	£	*£*		**£**	***£***
Income					
Membership receipts					
(1st April 2023-31st December 2023)					
Gross receipts	909.50			2,844.50	
Less: bank fees for card payments (SumUp)	2.24	907.26		3.00	2,841.50
Membership receipts					
(1st January 2024 to 31st March 2024)					
Gross receipts	7,369.08			7,312.98	
Less: bank fees for card payments (SumUp)	15.33	*7,353.75*		17.51	7,330.49
Membership receipts 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024		*8,261.01*			10,171.99
(including donations of £.00)					

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable U3A Membership Account					
	31st March 2023				**31st March 2024**
Balance b/f 1st April 2023		6,037.69			7,353.75
Plus receipts 1st April 2023 - 31st March 2024		8,261.01			10,171.99
Less: Membership receipts for year 1st Jan 2023 - 31st Dec 2023		6,944.95			10,270.50
(transferred to Dunstable U3A Main account)					
Balance as per bank 31st March 2024		**7,353.75**			**7,255.24**
Bank reconciliation:					
Balance per bank statement at 31st March 2024					6,979.24
Plus: Outstanding deposits					276.00
As per accounts at 31st March 2024					**7,255.24**
B. Naughton.		C. Adams			

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444						
Receipts and Payments Account Dunstable U3A Social Account						
for the period from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024						
		2023			**2024**	
		£	*£*		**£**	**£**
Income by trip						
Cambridge						
Brighton		759.00				
Bletchley Park		1,023.50				
Canons Ashby		831.00				
William Morris		735.00				
Cheltenham		735.00				
Stamford					1,760.00	
Ely					950.00	
Hook Norton					1,309.00	
London Lights					2,190.00	
Lincoln					1,049.00	
Newmarket					1,477.00	
Brighton					736.00	
Coton Manor					260.00	
		4,083.50			9,731.00	
Expenditure by trip						
Cambridge		710.00				
Brighton		747.46				
Bletchley Park		1,018.00				
Canons Ashby		813.67				
William Morris		706.27				
Cheltenham		7.56			769.00	
Stamford					1,741.15	
Ely					931.66	
Hook Norton					1,349.84	
London Lights					2,182.19	
Lincoln					1,017.72	
Newmarket					16.37	
Brighton					6.30	
Coton Manor					3.40	
Voulez Vous deposit					50.00	
		4,002.96			8,067.63	
Transfer to Main acount						
General expenses		*23.05*			31.08	
		4,026.01			8,098.71	
Surplus for the year (net of receipts/payments)			*57.49*			1,632.29
Statement of Assets & Liabilities Dunstable U3A Social Account						
		31st March 2023			**31st March 2024**	
		£	*£*		**£**	**£**
Current Account						

Balance b/f at 1st April 2023		1,033.36			1,078.90	
Plus Petty Cash at 1st April 2023		92.44	1,125.80		104.39	1,183.29
Receipts			4,083.50			9,731.00
Less payments			-4,026.01			-8,098.71
			1,183.29			2,815.58
Represented by :						
Cash in Social bank account			1,078.90			2,726.27
Cash held in Petty Cash			104.39			89.31
			1,183.29			2,815.58
Dunstable U3A Accounts prepared by Christine Adams, Trustee:			Signature			
			C. Adams			
Chair, Dunstable U3A, Bernadette Naughton:			Signature			
			B. Naughton.			
Date:						
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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Charity Name University of the Third Age (Dunstable)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2024	**Charity no (if any)**	1079444
Set out on pages	1 - 8 (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 31/03/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	AClHancock	**Date:**	23/05/2024
Name:	Amy Claire Hancock		
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):	FCCA		
Address:	4 Carlisle Close Dunstable, Beds LU6 3PH		

Section B	Disclosure
	Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.	N/A

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE)

England & Wales - Charity number 1079444

Accounts

Dunstable

Registered Charity No: 1079444

Dunstable **U3A Trustees' Annual Report: 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023**

The Trustees submit their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2023 based on the requirements of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (2005).

Structure, Governance and Functions

Trustees

Chair:	Bernie Naughton
Vice-chair:	Vacancy
Secretary:	Linda Lawson
Treasurer:	Edwina Byass
	Christine Adams (Co-opted November onwards)
Trustees:	
Membership Secretary:	Alan Sparshott (June until September)
	Sept. onwards covered by Bernie Naughton.
Speaker Secretary:	Vacancy covered by Bernie Naughton
Group Liaison Officer:	Sally Clark (November onwards)
	Martin Young (August until November)
	Miriam Murtagh (until April)
Minutes Secretary	Heather Brown**.**
Welfare Secretary	Laina Geleit
Social Media Secretary	Nick Porter (co-opted September onwards)

Non trustee positions

Assets Registrar	Nick Porter
New Members Secretary	Penny Tooth
Newsletter Editor	Janet Davison
Webmasters	Andy Hodge/Nick Porter
Logistics Officer	Victor Dove.

Purpose. "By the members for the members"

2022-23 A Busy Year when much was Achieved.

The Trustees met 11 times during the year to manage the affairs of Dunstable u3a in this, its 24th year since formation, and to ensure that its objectives and policies were maintained. The workload continued to be shared by the Trustees according to their particular interests and expertise. The Trustees thank all the other members who have made a significant contribution to the management of Dunstable u3a

The core objective of Dunstable u3a is:

To help advance the 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.

2022 will be remembered as the Post Covid Year when we emerged from lockdown and discarded our masks and sanitizer. At our first open meeting the small group of attendees described how getting back together again as a great experience. Recovery to our previous way of operating was slow with members still fearful of meeting in large crowds. Many members were also mourning the loss of loved ones and even more in need of the social companionship that the many u3a activities could provide.

Rebuilding our membership

Continuing on from the previous involvement of the Pathfinder scheme, trustees sought to recruit new members as we had lost many members during the two years of Covid-2019. This was spearheaded by the Public Relations (PR) group and amongst other publicity, included advertising in the Vine magazine. During the year 2022-23, 120 new members were recruited. The 2023 membership renewal resulted in the majority of members renewing, with the exception of 70 members, who through a combination of ill-health or relocation decided not to renew their membership. At the end of the 2023 renewal period, we are pleased that the total membership had stabilized at 780.

Attendance at the quarterly New Member meetings, which are held in the Methodist Church, has increased. At these meetings new members are given the opportunity to meet others and to discuss with trustees what they would like from their local u3a

Dunstable Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 2022 AGM was held on 20th June in line with our Constitutional rules.

Following the formalities of the AGM, members present were entertained to a carefully selected performance of songs by the Dunstable u3a choir, conducted by Liz Higgens. This was a reflective and at times sombre concert, due to the recent loss of their long-term choir leader.

Monthly Meetings were held, with guest speakers, on the 3rd Monday of the month. Attendance has increased since the reopening of monthly meetings in March 2022. Regular monthly attendance is now over 200 members and there is a real buzz in the hall when the doors open at 1:15pm. We were fortunate in having some excellent speakers during the past year. These ranged from factual educational talks to light hearted entertainment when speakers had the audience participating, and on one occasion, even bidding for precious antiques; although only in role play. Competition was much in evidence.

The 2022 Christmas Concert was an outstanding success and the 230 members present were entertained to an excellent performance of music, singalong and seasonal readings, all performed by Dunstable u3a members.

The September monthly meeting date had to be changed as it coincided with the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II. Fortunately, we were able to rearrange the meeting and had a speaker well suited to the occasion.

Social Group Outings

The Social Committee have had a busy but challenging year. The re-opening of day trips began with a Mystery Tour to Cambridge for a fun day filled with food, drinks and retail therapy. Due to insufficient bookings the planned trip to Bristol had to be cancelled. However, as confidence in socializing grew again so did the demand for coach seats. Seats on recent social trips were filled as soon as the bookings were announced.

Trips to Bletchley Park Museum, William Morris Museum and Cheltenham Town were very popular and were fully booked, with some members prepared to be added to a waiting list. The Social Committee have been successful in recruiting new members, but with more volunteers they could organize additional outings.

Group Activities

Groups have been and remain the backbone of Dunstable u3a, but severely impacted by lockdown, with a marked reluctance for many members to rejoin face to face meetings. During this past year the situation has slowly changed and with many new members joining, demand for group membership has resulted in some members having to join a waiting list. There are now 78 different Groups covering a wide variety of subject areas¸ and there are 96 leaders and coordinators managing these groups. There has been a number of new groups started throughout the year and all have quickly filled the places. Regrettably, a few groups have closed down due to the lack of volunteers to lead groups, or due to health-related issues amongst members.

The Travel Group closed down during lockdown, but has since restarted. The enthusiasm of a dedicated leader has resulted in its first holiday being booked for December.

Outdoor groups, which were popular during lockdown have continued to grow and walking groups in particular are enjoyed and well attended.

In October, group leaders met for an education & social gathering in Creasey Park Football Centre. They met the trustees and were informed about a number of changes. All group leaders were provided with the latest version of the Group Leaders Handbook, which has been updated to contain many changes, including those relating to Insurance and Risk Assessment.

Group leaders requiring replacement for outdated equipment have been helped with the purchase of new equipment. There has been advice offered on PAT testing and most equipment used in outside venues, especially the Churches, has been tested.

Group leaders wishing to improve communications with their members have had training in the use of the Beacon management system. They were also encouraged to make use of the Website and Facebook to interact with their members.

Communicating with the Membership

Feedback from members that they want to receive regular information from their u3a has resulted in the continuation of the monthly Keep in Touch letter. This is in addition to the Newsletter sent to all members three times a year. The Newsletters are full of factual information, stories from group leaders and news about what is happening in the coming months.

Members who attend the monthly meetings also receive a Factsheet, containing factual news about u3a current activities, including what's coming up. All these papers are on the website so even if members don't attend, they can still access the Factsheet etc.

Our Facebook page, started during lockdown, has been a powerful tool to showcase the many activities that members have participated in. These include activities such as Social Outings, the Sequence dancers who waltzed their way onto the front page of the Third Age Trust magazine, and the many happy walkers investing in their health and wellbeing.

Third Age Trust (TAT) AGM 2022

In October the Chair and GLO attended the Third Age Trust AGM in Milton Keynes, and met the current Chair, Liz Thackray, and several of the regional trustees who are providing much of the trustee training and support nationally. In addition to the formal part of this AGM, it was important to learn about the many developments being considered or already in the pipeline. Developments such as the expansion of Beacon (the membership database) and its integration within the new website structure will have an impact throughout u3as well into the future.

East of England and the Hertfordshire Network

The Hertfordshire Network, of which Dunstable u3a was a member, decided to close down, as the East of England Regional Committee was offering almost the same programme as had previously been offered at Network Level.

Financial Management

The Dunstable u3a bank accounts are currently with NatWest bank. However, with the planned closure of the Dunstable branch from the beginning of May, it has been decided to switch to the Dunstable Lloyds branch.

There has also been a change of Treasurer in the past year, but we are fortunate that Edwina, the previous treasurer has stayed in post to prepare the year-end accounts and to help her successor to take over the treasurer role. The transfer has gone smoothly and the new treasurer is now in place

There have been numerous changes to the management of our accounts including:

- 60% of all membership renewals were done on-line this year
- 80% of the Social Trip payments are now made at Monday meetings, using the Sum-up payment machine.
- 99% of all payments made by the treasurer are by bank transfer.
- 100% of all group income & expenditure is operated online through the main account.

We have continued to manage our members' fees in a prudent manner with all purchases having to pass a 'value for money' test. To that end we were able to reduce the annual membership fee to £8.50 in 2022/2023. Membership for the 2023/2024 is £12.00 and it is planned to keep it at this level for 2024/2025. This remains lower than pre-Covid membership fees

The 2022-23 Annual Accounts form part of these AGM documents circulated to the membership and you will see that we hold a healthy financial reserve. Many of our fixed costs are increasing but suffice to say we still finish this year in a strong financial position.

The effective management of our financial affairs has been evidenced and reported on by David Gayfer, Independent Examiner of charity accounts. He reported that he had no items of concern.

Role of Trustees

Dunstable u3a is fully compliant with the requirements of our Constitution (formally adopted on 21st June 2021) and the model Trustee Code of Conduct which outlines the expected standards of behaviour from Trustees in performance of their role.

In line with the advice from Third Age Trust (TAT) the following policies have been reviewed and formally adopted

- Members Code of Conduct
- Finance Policy including the use of a debit card
- Trustees Code of Conduct
- Disciplinary Procedure
- Complaints Procedure
- Safeguarding Policy
- Data Protection
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

This has been a difficult year when we experienced unusual churn with the recruitment and retention of trustees. Thanks to the generosity of time and effort by Sally Clark and Edwina Byass who remained

active in their previous roles we have been able to service the requirements of the groups. As we prepare for the 2023 AGM and with the further uncertainty during the past few weeks, when the future survival of Dunstable u3a hung in the balance, we are very fortunate to have the following nominations for election and re-election.

Nominees:

Please note the following nominees for election in 2023 plus the members who proposed or seconded them.

Treasurer

Christine Adams		Membership no	2353
Proposer:	Bernie Naughton	Membership no	2335
Seconder:	Edwina Byass	Membership no.	2535

Secretary

Victor Clinton Dove		Membership no	2758
Proposer:	Sally Clark	Membership no.	2020
Seconder:	David Hunt	Membership no.	2560

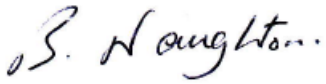
Trustees

1) Heather Brown		Membership no.	2370
Proposer:	Linda Lawson	Membership no.	331
Seconder:	Nick Porter	Membership no.	2654
2) Nick Porter		Membership no.	2654
Proposer:	Janet Davison	Membership no.	1178
Seconder:	Malcolm Davison	Membership no.	806
3) Pat Boult		Membership no.	2504
Proposer:	Linda Lawson	Membership no.	331
Seconder:	Penny Tooth	Membership no.	1705
4) Peter Tasker		Membership no.	415
Proposer:	June Byrne	Membership no.	855
Seconder:	Dudley Lowe	Membership no.	945

Looking to the future

Dunstable u3a is a well-established, strong, lively and purposeful organization, which provides an excellent value for money, social & educational service for its members. With a membership of 780 members and a strong committee we can offer security and further development. The incoming committee will have new ideas, and will aim to recruit both members and leaders to sustain its growth and leadership in the future.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by



Bernie Naughton. Chair

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444

Receipts and Payments Account Dunstable U3A Main Account

for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	2022	**2023**
	£	**£**
Receipts		
Group Support	*11,129.79*	35,568.83
Inactive group balances	-	3,260.39
Gift Aid	*1,155.69*	957.17
Membership for year Jan-Dec 2022 (from Membership Account)	-	6,944.95
Sales of u3a diaries	-	138.50
Miscellaneous	*905.25*	130.75
Museum of Timekeeping	*456.00*	-
Total receipts	*13,646.73*	47,000.59
Payments		
Group support	*10,754.65*	37,618.68
Third Age Trust membership subsciptions	*2,936.50*	3,264.00
Third Age Trust mailing	*395.56*	957.52
Beacon & licences	*908.00*	880.00
Trustee expenses	-	258.22
Stationery	*390.24*	471.28
Postage	*796.54*	1,085.74
Toners/Cartridges	*702.19*	2,112.86
Monthly Speakers	*1,105.00*	1,090.00
Printing	*156.00*	4.50
Zoom	*175.89*	28.78
Purchase of u3a diaries	-	220.26
Advertising in The Vine	*470.68*	460.00
Account Examiner fee	*200.00*	200.00
Third Age Trust meetings	*70.00*	102.75
Hall hire & catering	*86.09*	3,417.63
Newsletters	*502.19*	-
Social Committee funds	*866.05*	-
Miscellaneous	*967.88*	-
Payments sub total	*21,483.46*	52,172.22
Asset purchases	*1,156.79*	835.58
Total payments	*22,640.25*	53,007.80
Net of receipts/(payments)	*-8,993.52*	-6,007.21
Cash funds last year	*45,182.61*	37,626.09
Cash funds this year (as per Beacon accounts)	*37,626.09*	**31,618.88**

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable U3A Main Account

	31st March 2022		**31st March 2023**	
	£	*£*	**£**	**£**
Current Account				
Balance b/f at 1st April	*45,182.61*		37,626.09	
Receipts	*21,121.42*		47,000.59	
Less: Payments	*22,640.25*		53,007.80	
Current Account Total		*43,663.78*		**31,618.88**

REPRESENTED BY:	**£**	**£**
Cash in Main Current account	*37,626.09*	
Cash in Membership Account (now a separate account)	*6,037.69*	
	43,663.78	31,618.88

Bank reconciliation:	
Balance (as above)	31,618.88
Plus: Deposit banked by cash in March 2023 but unidentified (in suspense)	60.00
(Update: the deposit has since been identified and attributed to the correct group)	31,678.88
Less: Deposited in March 2023, but banked in April 2023 (cleared in April 2023)	-120.00
Less: Duplicated payment in March 2023 (now set against April invoice)	-80.00
As per bank statement 31st March 2023	**31,478.88**

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (DUNSTABLE) Charity no. 1079444

Income and Expenditure Account Dunstable U3A Membership Account

for the period from 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

	2022		**2023**	
	£	*£*	**£**	**£**
Income				
Membership receipts				
(1st April 2022-31st December 2022)				
Gross receipts	*1,437.00*		909.50	
Less: bank fees for card payments (SumUp)	*0.00*	*1,437.00*	2.24	907.26
Membership receipts				
(1st January 2023 to 31st March 2023)				
Gross receipts	*6,041.50*		7,369.08	
Less: bank fees for card payments (SumUp)	*3.81*	*6,037.69*	15.33	**7,353.75**
Membership receipts 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023		*7,474.69*		8,261.01
(including donations of £13.00)				

Statement of Assets and Liabilities Dunstable U3A Membership Account

	31st March 2022	31st March 2023
Balance b/f 1st April 2022	*7,955.00*	6,037.69
Plus receipts 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2023	*6,041.50*	8,261.01
Less: Membership receipts for year 1st Jan 2022 - 31st Dec 2022	*7,958.81*	6,944.95
(transferred to Dunstable U3A Main account)		
Balance as per bank 31st March 2023	*6,037.69*	**7,353.75**

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 University of the Third Age (Dunstable)		
On accounts for the year ended	31 March 2023	**Charity no (if any)**	1079444
Set out on pages	Three (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: 31/03/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 all 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 in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:	David Stephen Gayfer	**Date:**	10 May 2023
Name:	David Gayfer		
Relevant professional qualification	FCCA		

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Section B 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 details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.	n/a