

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1084934

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2001-02-08

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

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Activities

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

Activities: The promotion of educational activities among older people and the encouragement of social gatherings. Achieved by the creation of separate self help groups under the umbrella of our organisation. Typical groups include; singing, gardening, science, arts, conversation, languages, discussion, photography, walking, etc. We currently have over 60 such groups.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EAST GRINSTEAD
- East Sussex
- Kent
- Surrey
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£54,582	£62,645	-	-
2024-08-31	£46,869	£44,795	-	-
2023-08-31	£44,785	£38,364	-	-
2022-08-31	£33,548	£34,491	-	-
2021-08-31	£44,509	£46,952	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Stansall	Chair	2025-05-29
Andrea Trigg		2022-07-15
Gary Michael Wood		2022-09-02
Katrina Valerie Whitfield		2022-11-16
Malcolm Francis		2023-11-22
Nigel Lea		2025-02-27
Valerie Wade		2024-06-27

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2025

Registered Charity 1084934

Contact address:

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Trustees

Susan Hodgson	Chair
Anthony Stansall	Vice Chair (<i>Appointed 29/05/2025</i>)
Keith Mason	Treasurer
Nigel Lea	Treasurer elect (<i>Appointed 27/02/2025</i>)
Valerie Wade	Assistant Treasurer
Andrea Trigg	Secretary
Katrina Whitfield	Membership Secretary
Janet Taylor	Groups Co-Ordinator
John Wells	IT Support - Beacon
Malcolm Francis	IT Support - Website
Gary Wood	Event Co-Ordinator

Structure, governance and management

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Objects of the charity

EG u3a is part of a UK-wide movement of locally-run groups, providing an opportunity, for those no longer in full time work, to learn together, enjoy activities, make friends, and have fun. Typical groups include bridge, singing, science, arts, foreign languages, discussion, walking etc.

Achievements and performance

We have had another very successful year and our membership has grown to over 800 members. Consequently, we have expanded the number, and range, of the interest groups we offer. This expansion of groups is thanks to those members who willingly share their talents and give up their time to become group leaders. As well as leading the more academic study groups, our group leaders also organise a wide-range of outings and other activities. From walking to trips to London museums, golf to darts – there really is something for everyone to enjoy at EG u3a. The groups are organised and supported by our Groups Co-ordinator, Janet Taylor and John Wells, who manages Beacon, our IT software.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

We also arrange outings which are organised by our Events Co-ordinator, Gary Wood. This year we had very successful trips to Brooklands Museum, Portsmouth and to Canterbury, which included a guided tour of the beautiful Cathedral. Later in the year we will be visiting Winchester Christmas Market. Last Christmas, two groups attended carol concerts at Sackville college, our local Jacobean Alms House.

Gary also organises our Monthly Open Meetings, which continue to be very popular. At these meetings we invite speakers who talk on a range of subjects. Several of our members do not belong to a specific group, but value the opportunity to meet with friends in a welcoming atmosphere on a regular basis. At these meetings, as well as members, we welcome visitors, who can find out more about EG u3a and meet the committee. We also invite visitors to our annual Open Day, which is always well attended.

We keep in touch with our members via our newsy and colourful newsletter and we also have a private Facebook group, which any member can contribute too. We have a website which we keep up to date as we are aware that this is the first place many people will come to for information on EG u3a. Members can now join via our website, as well as the usual methods. We hope to encourage more members to use these paperless methods to lighten the burden of our Membership Secretary, Katrina Whitfield.

Inevitably, an expanded u3a means more work for our Treasurer, Keith Mason. Fortunately, we have recruited an Assistant Treasurer, Valerie Wade, to help with the finances for various outings and events. This year Malcolm Francis, IT Support, has created a new finance system, which means that the work of the treasurer and assistant treasurer have been simplified.

Reserves

At 31 August 2025, East Grinstead held bank balances of £21,221 (2024: £29,584) after excluding balances held for specific groups.

The charity is in the process of asking Group Leaders to submit applications for funding from reserves to enable successful groups to purchase items of equipment.

This report was approved by the Management Committee on and signed on its behalf by:

18 NOVEMBER 2025



Susan Hodgson
Chair

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of East Grinstead U3A

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the financial statements of East Grinstead U3A (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

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Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do 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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated:24/11/2025

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Year ending 31 August 2025

Receipts & Payments Account

All receipts & payments are unrestricted

	2024/25	2023/24
	Total	Total
	£	£
Memberships	8,894	10,686
Other group income	25,039	24,893
Events & outings	19,180	9,543
Donations	223	317
Income tax recoverable	1,103	1,414
Interest received	143	16
TOTAL RECEIPTS	54,582	46,869
Capitation	3,172	2,780
Newsletter	169	169
Publicity	92	90
U3A Magazine	2,372	3,546
Group leaders' meetings	1,011	1,038
Expenses of hub meetings/other Meridian events	2,569	2,144
Room hire & group expenses	24,698	22,878
Cost of events & outings	21,599	7,408
Office expenses	1,783	1,692
Storage charge	1,008	168
Independent examiner's fees	900	516
Bank charges	227	581
Licence fees	945	0
New Members meeting	691	0
	61,236	43,010
Assets purchased	1,409	1,785
TOTAL PAYMENTS	62,645	44,795
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	(8,063)	2,074
Cash funds brought forward	33,013	30,939
Cash funds carried forward	24,950	33,013

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2024/25	2023/24
	Total £	Total £
U3A	21,221	29,584
Groups total	3,730	3,429
	24,950	33,013

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Projector screen	56	56
Portable PA system including microphones	267	267
Printer	71	71
Display Board and Microphones	217	217
Input Mixer, Microphone Stand and Leads	74	74
Wireless Microphone and Leads	44	44
Gazebo	180	180
Storemaster Storage Box	15	15
SumUp Card Reader	40	40
Laptop Memory	39	39
Epson Printer	161	161
Laptop Speaker Amplifier System	153	153
Laney Amp	369	369
Yamaha Keyboard	429	429
Portable Rope Barrier	90	90
Microphone	42	42
Audio/PA Equipment	1,515	1,515
Computer Upgrade	138	138
Lapel Microphone	60	0
IT Equipment	1,349	0
	5,309	3,900

Liabilities

2024/25 independent examination fee	1,500	900
Memberships 2025/26 received early	6,123	7,329
Group attendance 2024/25 received early	520	290
Chatham Docks visit final payment	0	2,335
Room hire for 2024/25 not yet invoiced	652	808
	8,795	11,662

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Achievements and performance

We have had another very successful year and we now have over 700 members and have once again expanded the number, and range, of the interest groups we offer. This is thanks to those members who willingly share their talents and give of their time to lead our groups. Janet Taylor is our Groups Coordinator and she manages the groups supported by John Wells, who deals with our IT software.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

This year we have a new committee member, Malcolm Francis who is also an expert on all things IT. Malcolm has been the driving force behind the makeover of our website. The new website has an updated design and is easier for our group leaders and members to connect and engage with. We have plans to make it more inviting and colourful as we are aware this is the first place many people will come to for more information on EG u3a.

This year we have continued to update our membership process and members can now join via our website, as well as the usual methods. We hope to encourage more members to use these paperless methods to lighten the burden of Katrina Whitfield, our membership secretary.

Our Monthly Open Meetings continue to prove very popular after our move to a larger venue. A number of our members don't belong to a specific group, but value the opportunity to meet with friends in a welcoming atmosphere on a regular basis. Gary Wood, our Events Coordinator, is in charge of booking interesting speakers and organising the afternoon. At these meetings, as well as members, we also welcome visitors, who can find out more about EG u3a in a friendly atmosphere. We also invite visitors to our annual Open Day, which is always very well attended.

Gary is also in charge of organising outings for all the membership. We had a very successful coach trip to Rochester in the summer and a trip to Chatham Docks is planned for autumn. Two groups visited Sackville College, a beautiful Jacobean Almshouse, in summer and we are returning in December for two carol concerts.

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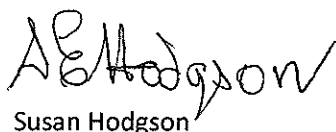
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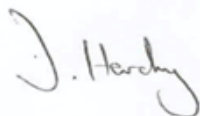
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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Dated: ...02/12/2024....

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Year ending 31 August 2024

Receipts & Payments Account

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	2023/24	2022/23
	Total	Total
	£	£
Memberships	10,686	13,341
Other group income	24,893	22,701
Events & outings	9,543	6,396
Donations	317	0
SUN Dissolution Income	0	175
Income tax recoverable	1,414	2,172
Interest received	16	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>46,869</u>	<u>44,785</u>
Capitation	2,780	2,748
Newsletter	169	414
Publicity	90	30
U3A Magazine	3,546	0
Group leaders' meetings	1,038	850
Expenses of hub meetings/other Meridian events	2,144	1,771
Room hire & group expenses	22,878	20,869
Cost of events & outings	7,408	7,093
Office expenses	1,692	2,009
Storage charge	168	0
Independent examiner's fees	516	360
Bank charges	581	490
Charitable donations	0	525
	<u>43,010</u>	<u>37,158</u>
Assets purchased	<u>1,785</u>	<u>1,206</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>44,795</u>	<u>38,364</u>
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	2,074	6,421
Cash funds brought forward	30,939	24,518
Cash funds carried forward	<u>33,013</u>	<u>30,939</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2023/24	2022/23
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Cash funds are allocated to groups and U3A generally, as follows:		
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Groups total	3,429	3,271
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Projector screen	56	56
Portable PA system including microphones	267	267
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Portable Rope Barrier	90	0
Microphone	42	0
Audio/PA Equipment	1,515	0
Computer Upgrade	138	0
	3,900	2,115
Liabilities		
2023/24 independent examination fee	900	396
Memberships 2024/25 received early	7,329	7,449
Group attendance 2024/25 received early	290	0
Chatham Docks visit final payment	2,335	0
Room hire for 2023/24 not yet invoiced	808	0
	11,662	7,845

The accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 29 NOVEMBER 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Susan Hodgson
Chair

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Sandra Webb	Chair	(Resigned 16/11/2022)
Keith Mason	Treasurer	
Andrea Trigg	Secretary	(Appointed 15/07/2022)
Linda Howard	Secretary	(Resigned 12/07/2022)
Katrina Whitfield	Membership Secretary	(Appointed 16/11/2022)
David Bignell	Membership Secretary	(Resigned 31/05/2023)
Janet Taylor	Groups Co-Ordinator	(Appointed 16/11/2022)
John Wells	Beacon Administrator	
Gary Wood	Event Coordinator	(Appointed 02/09/2022)
Julia Harris	Event Coordinator	(Resigned 08/09/2022)
Michael Kilfiger	Newsletter Editor	(Resigned 16/11/2022)
Ian Tawse	Sun Representative	(Resigned 16/11/2022)

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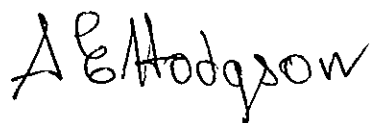
This year we have changed the format and frequency of our newsletter and now publish a shorter, more colourful edition every two months, which has proved to be very popular.

Reserves

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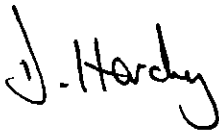
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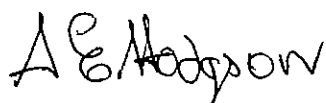
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	Total	Total
	£	£
Memberships	13,341	8,505
Other group income	22,701	19,050
Events & outings	6,396	5,993
SUN Dissolution Income	175	0
Income tax recoverable	2,172	0
TOTAL RECEIPTS	44,785	33,548
Capitation	2,748	2,636
Newsletter	414	400
Publicity	30	361
U3A News	0	1,680
Group leaders' meetings	850	28
Expenses of hub meetings/other Meridian events	1,771	965
Room hire & group expenses	20,869	18,032
Cost of events & outings	7,093	6,022
Office expenses	2,009	3,140
Independent examiner's fees	360	342
Bank charges	490	370
Charitable donations	525	0
	37,158	33,976
Assets purchased	1,206	515
TOTAL PAYMENTS	38,364	34,491
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	6,421	-943
Cash funds brought forward	24,518	25,461
Cash funds carried forward	30,939	24,518

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Liabilities		
2021/22 independent examination fee	396	350
Memberships 2022/23 received early	7,449	5,560
	<u>7,845</u>	<u>5,910</u>

The accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 01 FEBRUARY 2024
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Since year end Linda Howard, Julia Harris and Ian Tawse have stepped down as Trustees. Michael Kilfiger and Sandra Webb have completed their terms of office and cease to be Trustees from the date of the AGM.

Structure, governance and management

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EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Trustees 'Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2022 (continued)

Achievements and performance

The lifting of all Covid restrictions this year has allowed us to return to near normalcy with the resumption of in person monthly meetings and interest groups sessions.

Our publicity group has continued to raise the profile of our u3a in East Grinstead with a number of initiatives, including appearances at two separate fairs in the High Street and publicising a very well attended Open Day. These initiatives have helped us to recruit 93 new members since June 2022 resulting in a very stable total membership of 645.

After two years in which social activities have been curtailed, our members have shown a real keenness for social interaction. Our committee responded by staging extra events such as ten pin bowling and short mat bowls. We also took the decision to move to a larger and more self contained venue for our monthly meetings. In doing so we aim to provide a friendly environment for members to mingle and for new members to feel welcomed and have any questions answered. The new venue has also provided the space for interest groups to be able to showcase their activities and recently our members enjoyed performances from the Ukulele and Jazz Appreciation Groups.

Thanks to the many members who willingly share their talents and give their time to running groups, we have maintained our broad range of 45 interest groups and have also been able to increase the range with the addition of new groups such as Cycling, Heritage Railways and Lone but not Alone.

Each summer our Membership Secretary has the Herculean task of renewing and setting up new memberships. We have discontinued the issuing of membership cards to ease the burden and reduce costs and are working to move towards a paperless process next year.

Reserves

At 31 August 2022, East Grinstead held bank balances of £19,437 after excluding balances held for specific groups.

The charity is in the process of asking Group Leaders to submit applications for funding from reserves to enable successful groups to purchase items of equipment.

This report was approved by the Management Committee on 10/11/22 and signed on its behalf by:



Sandra Webb
Chair

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Year ending 31 August 2022

<u>Receipts & Payments Account</u>	2021/22	2020/21
<i>All receipts & payments are unrestricted</i>	Total	Total
	£	£
Memberships	8,505	8,722
Other group income	19,050	4,925
Events & outings	5,993	30,861
Interest received	0	1
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>33,548</u>	<u>44,509</u>
Capitation	2,636	1,936
Newsletter	400	408
Publicity	361	348
U3A News	1,680	1,021
Group leaders' meetings	28	100
Expenses of open meetings	985	1,307
Room hire & group expenses	18,032	4,197
Cost of events & outings	6,022	35,004
Office expenses	3,140	2,230
Independent examiner's fees	342	330
Bank charges	370	0
	<u>33,976</u>	<u>46,881</u>
Assets purchased	515	71
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>34,491</u>	<u>46,952</u>
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	-943	-2,443
Cash funds brought forward	25,461	27,904
Cash funds carried forward	<u>24,518</u>	<u>25,461</u>

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

Cash funds are allocated to groups and U3A generally, as follows:

U3A	19,437	21,360
Groups total	5,081	4,101

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Projector screen	56	56
Portable PA system inc microphones	267	267
Printer	71	71
Display Board & Microphone	217	0
Input Mixer & Microphone Stand	74	0
Wireless Microphone and Leads	44	0
Gazebo	180	0

Liabilities

2021/22 Independent examination fee	350	342
Memberships 2022/23 received early	5,560	4,087

The accounts were approved by the Management Committee on
..10/11/22..... and signed on its behalf by

Sandra Webb

Sandra Webb

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of East Grinstead U3A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of East Grinstead U3A (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

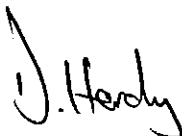
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records

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 financial statements to be reached.



Darren Harding ACA FCCA DChA

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Dated: 09/01/23

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1084934

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2021

Registered Charity 1084934

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Trustees

Sandra Webb	Chair
John Wells	Groups Coordinator
Mary Hamilton	Treasurer
Linda Howard	Secretary
Danielle Clarke	Events Coordinator
David Bignell	Membership Secretary
Susan Hodgson	Member and SUN representative
Michael Kilfiger	Newsletter Editor

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EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2021 (continued)

Achievements and performance

The extraordinary events of this year continued to present some significant challenges, both for our committee and our membership, as two lockdowns and Covid restrictions curtailed our usual activities. During this period, our key priorities were to:- maintain as many activities as possible for members to enjoy; to maintain contact with all members; to encourage our existing members to renew their membership and to attract new members.

Some of our interest groups managed to keep meeting throughout the year, with the benefit of Zoom, and by the Autumn of 2020 we were able to recommence our Monthly Meetings with Speakers giving their talks via Zoom. We also used Zoom for a range of other activities, such as quizzes, informal chat sessions and 'how to get the best from Zoom' sessions. In addition, we introduced a Monthly Photo Competition.

Our AGM at the end of 2020 took the form of a paper/email event to allow all our members, regardless of internet status, to be involved. We also continued to deliver our Newsletter in paper and electronic format.

By the Spring of 2021 we were able to start the process of raising the profile of our u3a in order to attract new members. A Publicity Group was created and introduced a series of new initiatives, such as:-articles in local publications; an appearance on local radio; a Pop Up Stall in the High Street and developing our Enrolment Day into a well-advertised Open Day. From the feedback from our most recent members, we have identified that these initiatives played a key role in 'spreading the word' resulting in the recruitment of over a hundred new members.

Towards the end of the Summer, most interest groups were able to restart their activities, either by the continued use of Zoom or with face to face meetings. The number and range of interest groups increased with the introduction of a number of new groups.

Existing members, who chose to renew their membership, were rewarded with a discounted membership fee for their loyalty and the majority have chosen to renew. With the addition of our new members, our membership now stands at 679 members and continues to grow.

Reserves

At 31 August 2021, East Grinstead held bank balances of £21,360 after excluding balances held for specific groups.

The charity is in the process of developing its reserves policy.

This report was approved by the Management Committee on 8/11/21..... and signed on its behalf by:



Sandra Webb
Chair

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of East Grinstead U3A

I report on the accounts of East Grinstead U3A for the year ended 31 August 2021, which are set out on page 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met: or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.



Alexandra Durrant
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8/11/2021

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A

Year ending 31 August 2021

Receipts & Payments Account	2020/21	2019/20
<i>All receipts & payments are unrestricted</i>	Total	Total
	£	£
Memberships	8,722	9,115
Other group income	4,925	14,588
Events & outings	30,861	12,732
Income tax recoverable	0	1,225
Interest received	1	9
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>44,509</u>	<u>37,669</u>
Capitation	1,936	2,555
Affiliation fees	0	35
Newsletter	408	567
Publicity	348	0
U3A News	1,021	1,897
Group leaders' meetings	100	0
Expenses of open meetings	1,307	1,489
Room hire & group expenses	4,197	13,057
Cost of events & outings	35,004	8,638
Office expenses	2,230	3,604
Independent examiner's fees	330	315
Payments to charities	0	361
	<u>46,881</u>	<u>32,518</u>
Assets purchased	71	267
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>46,952</u>	<u>32,785</u>
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	-2,443	4,884
Cash funds brought forward	<u>27,904</u>	<u>23,020</u>
Cash funds carried forward	<u>25,461</u>	<u>27,904</u>

Cash funds are allocated to groups and U3A generally, as follows:

U3A	21,360	23,800
Groups total	4,101	4,104

Assets retained for the charity's own use

Projector screen	56	56
Portable PA system inc microphones	267	267
Printer	71	

Liabilities

2020/21 independent examination fee	342	330
Memberships 2020/21 received early	4,087	2,217
Contributions collected for future outings & holidays	0	4,471

The accounts were approved by the Management Committee on
 ...8.11.21..... and signed on its behalf by

Sandra Webb *Sandra Webb*
 Chair