

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Accounts
31 August 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2022

Registered Charity 1084934

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Trustees

Sandra Webb	Chair
Susan Hodgson	Vice Chair
Keith Mason	Treasurer
Linda Howard	Secretary (resigned 02/09/2022)
Andrea Trigg	Secretary (appointed 15/07/2022)
John Wells	Groups Coordinator
David Bignell	Membership Secretary
Julia Harris	Event Coordinator (resigned 08/09/2022)
Gary Wood	Event Coordinator (appointed 02/09/2022)
Michael Kilfiger	Newsletter Editor
Ian Tawse	Sun Representative (resigned 11/10/2022)

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

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. The governing document of East Grinstead U3A is its constitution as adopted in 1995 and amended 2001, 2005, 2018 and 2021. Management of East Grinstead U3A is vested in a committee, whose members are the trustees of the charity. Trustees are appointed by the management committee and elected at the annual general meeting.

Objects of the charity

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

Main 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: bridge, singing, science, arts, conversation, foreign languages, discussion, psychology, walking etc.

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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

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Year ending 31 August 2022

Receipts & Payments Account*All receipts & payments are unrestricted*

	2021/22	2020/21
	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	33,548	44,509
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
	33,976	46,881
Assets purchased	515	71
TOTAL PAYMENTS	34,491	46,952
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	-943	-2,443
Cash funds brought forward	25,461	27,904
Cash funds carried forward	24,518	25,461

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

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Sandra Webb



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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).

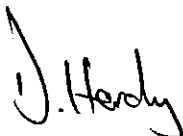
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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.



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Dated: 09/01/23