

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Accounts
31 August 2023

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Trustees 'Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2023

Registered Charity 1084934

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Trustees

Susan Hodgson	Chair	
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)

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 2020. 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, foreign languages, discussion, walking etc.

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Achievements and performance

We have had a very successful year and have expanded the number, and range, of the interest groups we offer. This is thanks to those members who willingly share their talents and give up their time so freely. Thanks are also due to Janet Taylor, who manages and coordinates the groups, and to John Wells, who manages the IT software.

This year we have successfully moved to a paperless membership process which has lightened the burden of Katrina Whitfield, our membership secretary.

Our Monthly Open Meetings have proved particularly popular after our move to a larger venue. 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.

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

At 31 August 2023, East Grinstead U3A held bank balances of £27,667 (2022: £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 01/02/2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Susan Hodgson
Chair

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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 2023.

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).

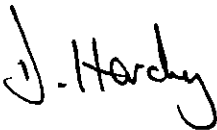
I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 Act; or
- 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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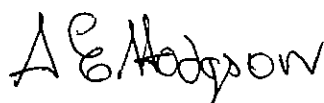
Receipts & Payments Account*All receipts & payments are unrestricted*

	2022/23	2021/22
	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

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2022/23	2021/22
	Total £	Total £
Cash funds are allocated to groups and U3A generally, as follows:		
U3A	27,668	19,437
Groups total	3,271	5,081
	30,939	24,518
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	0
SumUp Card Reader	40	0
Laptop Memory	39	0
Epson Printer	161	0
Laptop Speaker Amplifier System	153	0
Laney Amp	369	0
Yamaha Keyboard	429	0
	2,115	909
Liabilities		
2021/22 independent examination fee	396	350
Memberships 2022/23 received early	7,449	5,560
	7,845	5,910

The accounts were approved by the Management Committee on 01 FEBRUARY 2024
and signed on its behalf by



Susan Hodgson
Chair