

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Accounts
31 August 2024

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2024
Registered Charity 1084934

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Trustees

Susan Hodgson	Chair
Keith Mason	Treasurer
Valerie Wade	Assistant Treasurer (Appointed 27/07/2024)
Andrea Trigg	Secretary
Katrina Whitfield	Membership Secretary
Janet Taylor	Groups Co-Ordinator
John Wells	IT Support - Beacon
Malcolm Francis	IT Support - Website (Appointed 22/11/2023)
Gary Wood	Event Co-Ordinator

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.

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.

Of course, 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 archery – there really is something for everyone at EG u3a.

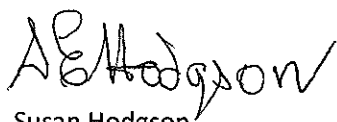
We keep in touch with our members via our newsy and colourful newsletter and we also have a private Facebook group, which any member can contribute too.

Reserves

At 31 August 2024, East Grinstead held bank balances of £29,584 (2023: £27,668) 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 22/11/24 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 2024.

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

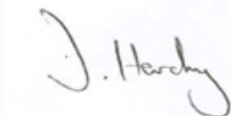
Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting 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.

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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Year ending 31 August 2024

Receipts & Payments Account


All receipts & payments are unrestricted

	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	46,869	44,785
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
	43,010	37,158
Assets purchased	1,785	1,206
TOTAL PAYMENTS	44,795	38,364
NET RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS	2,074	6,421
Cash funds brought forward	30,939	24,518
Cash funds carried forward	33,013	30,939

Statement of Assets & Liabilities

	2023/24 Total £	2022/23 Total £
Cash funds are allocated to groups and U3A generally, as follows:		
U3A	29,584	27,668
Groups total	3,429	3,271
	33,013	30,939
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	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 28 NOVEMBER 2024
and signed on its behalf by



Susan Hodgson
Chair