

EAST GRINSTEAD U3A
Accounts
31 August 2025

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Trustees' Annual Report for the year ending 31 August 2025

Registered Charity 1084934

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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

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

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

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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 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).

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; 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

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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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