

THE WARRINGTON U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1085069

Details

Other names	WARRINGTON U3A
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-02-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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: Provision of facilities for educational and recreational activities to improve the health, and the mental and social welfare of older people.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WARRINGTON AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester
- Warrington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-01	£65,861	£66,373	-	-
2024-04-01	£67,839	£65,639	-	-
2023-04-01	£63,317	£68,907	-	-
2022-04-01	£45,599	£41,303	-	-
2021-04-01	£17,128	£16,079	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Janice Hayes	Chair	2022-06-01
Deborah Taylor		2019-07-31
Jennifer Ann Ruffley		2023-06-07
Richard Mark Kong		2026-03-06
Stuart Neil Jamieson		2024-08-19

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Accounts

Report of the Chair of Warrington u3a to the 31st AGM, 4th June 2025

Our AGM this year takes place amidst two events which have influenced the contents of my report. It seems especially appropriate that we are meeting in National Volunteers Week which celebrates the contribution volunteers make to their community and accords with the ethos of the u3a. I would like to begin by thanking on your behalf all the group leaders and their helpers for all their hard work in organising our varied activities. My personal thanks are due to all the members of our Executive Committee who ensure that we operate in accordance with national u3a objectives and satisfy the Charities Commission's requirements.

Our organisation could not function without the contribution made by the members who are willing to volunteer their time in this way and we especially thank those who have served the maximum time allowed in their role and are stepping down at this AGM. However, I am pleased to say that a number will still continue to help support our activities outside an elected role. Whilst membership of the u3a is not limited to those beyond official retirement age our members' demographic is still largely reflective of this. Whilst it is understandably tempting to want to relinquish all the pressures of the workplace, for some, including myself, adjusting to the new reality can be difficult! Volunteering to help deliver our activities can act as a useful bridge and I would urge more of you to come forward in this way and also ensure the Warrington u3a we all value has a sustained future.

Our membership number has remained fairly constant at just over 1,000. However, this is largely because of renewals rather than an increase in new memberships. Recruitment seems largely to have resulted from recommendations from friends and family rather than from our website presence so I would ask you all to use your external networks to promote the benefits of joining our association as membership fees are our chief income source.

That brings me to the second event which has helped to shape my remarks as our AGM falls during the national commemoration of the ending of the Second World War which marked a period of global political and economic uncertainty. Sadly 2025 has also seen growing fears of a further world war as new political conflicts emerge, destabilising the world economy. Individually I am sure we have all experienced a variety of price rises and pressures on our budgets but the biggest threat to our u3a finances stem from the increased staffing and utility costs increasingly faced by our venues. Your committee has made every effort to avoid a further rise in our annual subscription. We have begun consolidating groups into fewer venues as this gives us greater bargaining power and I am pleased to say that our Accommodation officers have been able to negotiate mutually favourable terms to renew our agreement here at Winmarleigh House, fixed until June 2026.

However, as our 2024-25 financial year saw accommodation costs exceed the planned budget allowance by £3,549 we took the prudent step of projecting the 2025/2026 budget based on the current year's subscription rate contrasted with an increased subscription rate of £45. This became especially crucial when one of our current venues announced without prior warning that their room hire would increase by 110% from April, which is clearly not tenable from September. Both Fairfield Old School and Alford Hall are also predicted to increase their rates from September by at least £5 per session but this could prove to be an underestimation if the national economy deteriorates further.

(report of the Chair continued)

Assuming our membership figures remain at 1,035 if we maintain the annual subscription at £40 our projections show a deficit for the 2025/2026 financial year of £4,997. As a charity we are not allowed to run at a loss and our remaining reserves would also be drained. If the annual subscription were raised to £45 there would be a modest surplus of £178 which can be increased if we all try to recruit more members and allow Gift Aid to be reclaimed on our subscriptions from the Government.

The Committee is therefore presenting to the AGM a recommendation to increase the 2025/2026 subscription rate to £45, with the option to pay in two instalments. We are not proposing any change to the cost of the Third Age Matters magazine (currently £5)

One additional financial pressure facing us was responding to the looming deadline for Microsoft to cease support for Windows 10 as our existing equipment could not be upgraded. However, I am pleased to report that this problem has now been resolved by a donation of five laptops from the Bury branch of DJH Accountants who were upgrading their hardware. We are very grateful to them for not only resolving our immediate issue but also providing extra equipment beyond what we could have hoped for through our own resources. It is increasingly obvious that more everyday services will be taken over by IT and our national u3a has recognised the problem of a growing digital divide experienced by many sectors of the community, including an older demographic. Your committee will be looking at how we can help support our membership with upcoming concerns.

As you will have heard from the u3a newsletters the national organisation is going through a period of internal restructure to ensure it can best serve its membership. New local representatives are being put in place and during the coming months we will doubtless hear more of how the organisation will evolve to respond to external challenges. Although the u3a does not take a political stance its nationwide support does give it an opportunity to contribute to the debate about issues of concern to our members. However, above all I am sure it will continue to provide the framework to allow us all to continue to "*Live, Laugh, Learn*" which is a mantra that I will also uphold during my tenure as your Chair.

Janice Hayes

Warrington U3A

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INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2025

SOCIAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2024/2025
Art for All	828.50	394.68 ✓
Garden Appreciation	8,893.40	7,244.24 ✓
Away Day	9,601.50	10,609.29 ✓
Stroller	883.50	
Social	2,677.55	
Other		
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	22,884.45	18,248.21 ✓
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,835.05	
TOTAL	24,719.50	18,248.21 ✓

INCOME	2023/2024	2024/2025
Art for All	575.00	325.00 ✓
Garden Appreciation	9,454.00	7,210.50 ✓
Away Day	11,053.00	9,666.25 ✓
Stroller	883.50	
Social	2,754.00	
Other		
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	24,719.50	17,201.75 ✓
Excess of Expenditure over Income		1,046.46 ✓
TOTAL	24,719.50	18,248.21 ✓

MAIN ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2024/2025
Accommodation	32,968.98	39,879.20 ✓
Magazine costs	1,449.50	425.60 ✓
Reprographics	281.52	521.18 ✓
Capitation Fees Third Age Trust	4,240.00	4,236.00 ✓
Purchase of Equipment	567.84	841.45 ✓
Laptop purchased with WCT grant	599.00	
Administration, Licences	450.72	415.54 ✓
Speaker and Tutor Fees	1,295.50	905.00 ✓
Other	901.27	900.34 ✓
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	42,754.33	48,124.31 ✓
Excess of Income over Expenditure	217.82	174.69 ✓
TOTAL	42,972.15	48,299.00 ✓


INCOME	2023/2024	2024/2025
Members Subscription	36,498.00	40,855.00 ✓
Magazine subscriptions	570.00	520.00 ✓
Magazine refund of prior year overcharge		753.12 ✓
Gift Aid Refund	5,105.76	6,088.26 ✓
Group Contributions	70.00	60.00 ✓
Donations & Refunds	100.00	
Warrington Charitable Trust Grant	600.00	
Other	28.39	22.62 ✓
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	42,972.15	48,299.00 ✓
Excess of Expenditure over Income		
TOTAL	42,972.15	48,299.00 ✓

DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS

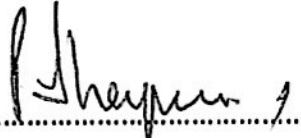
EXPENDITURE	2023/2024	2024/2025
	0.00	0.00
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	147.62	360.06 ✓
TOTAL	147.62	360.06 ✓
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE	65,638.78	66,372.52 ✓

INCOME	2023/2024	2024/2025
Bank Interest	147.62	360.06 ✓
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	147.62	360.06 ✓
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	147.62	360.06 ✓
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	67,839.27	65,860.81 ✓

Prepared by Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Warrington U3A

Signed 
 Dated 8.4.25

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed 
 Dated 8-4-25

Warrington U3A

Charity Number: 1085069


BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2025


	2023/2024	2024/2025
Bank		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Social Account	12,440.23	11,393.77 ✓
Sub Total	12,440.23	11,393.77 ✓
Co-Operative Main Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Main Account	1,634.97	3,809.66 ✓
Sub Total	1,634.97	3,809.66 ✓
Co-Operative Deposit Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Deposit Account	26,600.00	24,957.85 ✓
Sub Total	26,600.00	24,957.85 ✓
Santander Savings Account		
Santander Savings Account	208.72	210.93 ✓
Sub Total	208.72	210.93 ✓
TOTAL NET ASSETS	40,883.92	40,372.21 ✓

	2023/2024	2024/2025
Accumulated Surplus		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Social Account	10,605.18	12,440.23 ✓
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	1,835.05	(1,046.46) ✓
Sub Total	12,440.23	11,393.77 ✓
Co-Operative Main Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Main Account	23,517.15	1,634.97 ✓
Net transfer from /(to) Santander a/c	4,500.00	
Net transfer from /(to) Co-Op Deposit a/c	(26,600.00)	2,000.00 ✓
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	217.82	174.69 ✓
Sub Total	1,634.97	3,809.66 ✓
Co-Operative Deposit Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Deposit Account	0.00	26,600.00 ✓
Net transfer from /(to) Co-Op Main a/c	26,600.00	(2,000.00) ✓
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year		357.85 ✓
Sub Total	26,600.00	24,957.85 ✓
Santander Savings Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Santander Account	4,561.10	208.72 ✓
Net Transfer from / (to) Co op Main Account	(4,500.00)	0.00 ✓
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	147.62	2.21 ✓
Sub Total	208.72	210.93 ✓
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	40,883.92	40,372.21 ✓

Prepared by Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Warrington U3A

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....

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Dated..... 8.4.25

Dated..... 8-4-25



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name The Warrington U3A

On accounts for the year ended

01.04.25 Charity no (if any) 1085069

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01/04/2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

8-4-25

Name:

Pauline M Thompson

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Chairman's Report to the 30th AGM of Warrington u3a

Overall, last year was another successful year for Warrington U3A.

You may remember that 2023 was full of uncertainties with three Prime Ministers within 12 months, rising interest rates and soaring inflation. Your Committee were very concerned that increases in energy and heating costs would cause room hire rates to rise substantially; these accounting for around 75% of our expenditure.

We were also concerned that our membership numbers, which are our only income stream, had not fully recovered to pre-covid levels, and that an increase in subscriptions to cover the full anticipated costs would impact on renewals. The decision was therefore taken to limit the increase in subscriptions to £35 and bear any loss from our reserves. In the event, most costs came in under budget, membership numbers were not affected and still exceed 1000 and the budgeted loss came in as the small profit you can see in the accounts.

Our main concern this year is that large increases in accommodation costs will begin to materialise, particularly at Winmarleigh House, our largest cost, where our contract is due for renewal in 2024. We are, therefore, prudently recommending a further increase in subscriptions this year.

The last 10 years have seen a big growth in our 'music related' groups and these continue to be popular with another group, 'Make Music Rock', starting in September. With sufficient income and a good level of reserves we see no difficulty in funding any requests for new groups, equipment or accommodation in the future.

Some members have asked why we don't advertise more. This is mainly because of the expense and the difficulty of gauging its success. Indeed, new members have indicated that 'Friends and Family' and 'Google' were the main sources of their information. We are, therefore, using this knowledge to push into new areas of publicity. In 2024 we have already attended a public exhibition at Padgate Community Centre and will shortly be represented at Stockton Heath Festival by a 'stand' and by a singing performance from the 'Sea Shanties' group - both of which are low cost options.

Finally, may I thank all those who have contributed to our success over the last 12 months. Group Leaders and Assistants work tirelessly to promote their activities although we still need more members to come forward to assist or replace existing leaders (with the Computer and Croquet Groups having particularly difficulties). Thanks also to our Social Committee and Webmaster for their work.

My own personal thanks also go to our Executive Committee members for taking the time and effort to work in supporting me and our U3A in its work, and finally to all of our members for their support without which we would not have achieved so much.

Unfortunately, I am not able to continue for another year as Chairman but I am sure I leave the organisation in good hands and in 12 months time my successor will be able to report another successful year.

Eion MacDonald, Chairman

Warrington U3A

Charity Number: 1085069

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2024

SOCIAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2022/2023	2023/2024
Art for All	605.00	828.50
Walking	934.20	
Garden Appreciation	6,994.25	8,893.40
Away Day	11,493.54	9,601.50
Family History	580.12	
Stroller		883.50
Social	2,421.91	2,677.55
Other	395.00	
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	23,424.02	22,884.45
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,359.83	1,835.05
TOTAL	24,783.85	24,719.50

INCOME	2022/2023	2023/2024
Art for All	450.00	575.00
Walking	934.20	
Garden Appreciation	7,571.00	9,454.00
Away Day	12,063.65	11,053.00
Family History	580.00	
Stroller		883.50
Social	2,525.00	2,754.00
Other	660.00	
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	24,783.85	24,719.50
Excess of Expenditure over Income		
TOTAL	24,783.85	24,719.50

MAIN ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2022/2023	2023/2024
Accommodation	32,954.35	32,968.98
Magazine costs	1,992.90	1,449.50
Reprographics	648.29	281.52
Capitation Fees Third Age Trust	4,253.02	4,240.00
Purchase of Equipment	2,278.75	567.84
Laptop purchased with WCT grant		599.00
Administration, Licences	616.80	450.72
Speaker and Tutor Fees	1,774.00	1,295.50
Other	964.57	901.27
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	45,482.68	42,754.33
Excess of Income over Expenditure		217.82
TOTAL	45,482.68	42,972.15

INCOME	2022/2023	2023/2024
Members Subscription	31,584.50	36,498.00
Magazine subscriptions		570.00
Gift Aid Refund	6,795.26	5,105.76
Group Contributions	55.00	70.00
Donations & Refunds		100.00
Warrington Charitable Trust Grant		600.00
Other	71.51	28.39
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	38,506.27	42,972.15
Excess of Expenditure over Income	6,976.41	
TOTAL	45,482.68	42,972.15

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2022/2023	2023/2024
	0.00	0.00
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	26.68	147.62
TOTAL	26.68	147.62
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE	68,906.70	65,638.78

INCOME	2022/2023	2023/2024
Bank Interest	26.68	147.62
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	26.68	147.62
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	26.68	147.62
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	63,316.80	67,839.27

Prepared by Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Warrington U3A

Signed.....

Dated.....10.4.24

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....

Dated.....10.4.24

Warrington U3A

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2024

	2022/2023	2023/2024
Bank		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Social Account	10,605.18	12,440.23
Sub Total	10,605.18	12,440.23
Co-Operative Main Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Main Account	23,517.15	1,634.97
Sub Total	23,517.15	1,634.97
Co-Operative Deposit Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Deposit Account		26,600.00
Sub Total	0.00	26,600.00
Santander Savings Account		
Santander Savings Account	4,561.10	208.72
Sub Total	4,561.10	208.72
TOTAL NET ASSETS	38,683.43	40,883.92

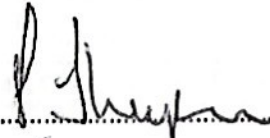
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Dated.....10.4.24

	2022/2023	2023/2024
Accumulated Surplus		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Social Account	9,245.35	10,605.18
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	1,359.83	1,835.05
Sub Total	10,605.18	12,440.23
Co-Operative Main Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Main Account	2,993.56	23,517.15
Net transfer from /(to) Santander a/c	27,500.00	4,500.00
Net transfer from /(to) Co-Op Deposit a/c		(26,600.00)
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(6,976.41)	217.82
Sub Total	23,517.15	1,634.97
Co-Operative Deposit Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Deposit Account	0.00	0.00
Net transfer from /(to) Co-Op Main a/c		26,600.00
Sub Total	0.00	26,600.00
Santander Savings Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Santander Account	32,034.42	4,561.10
Net Transfer from / (to) Co op Main Account	(27,500.00)	(4,500.00)
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	26.68	147.62
Sub Total	4,561.10	208.72
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	38,683.43	40,883.92

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....

Dated.....10.4.24



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
The Warrington U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

01.04.24

**Charity no
(if any)**

1085069

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** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Date:

12/04/2024

Name:

Pauline M Thompson

**Relevant professional
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(if any):**

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Section B

Disclosure

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My year as Chair seems to have gone very quickly. After nine years working on the committee in various roles I have learnt to expect the unexpected and was certainly not disappointed this year. Within days of being appointed the committee faced major problems with many groups having to move venue when we started back in September and all the issues that involves. The pandemic was (and is) still lingering on and affecting everyday life, war in the Ukraine was in its early stages and unbeknownst to us the economy was about to crash. Through all of this our membership has steadily continued to grow back towards pre-pandemic levels.

Enrolment day proved to be an interesting challenge with Tea and Coffee mysteriously unavailable (long story) and a large proportion of the membership turning up all at once (early as is traditional with Wu3a members!)

November saw our first Group Leaders meeting for three years which proved very successful in allowing leaders to share experiences and offer practical advice on the day to day running of groups.

Ongoing economic problems during the last year have led to costs increasing at all our venues with some struggling to survive. The committee have worked hard across the year to lower the impact on our yearly memberships fees but inevitably it will have to increase for 2023-24 and some compromises will have to be made.

We have continued trying to attract more members by the use of posters in shops libraries and Post Offices etc as well as linking to other local agencies and the press. Word of mouth is still, however, the most common way people hear about us. Communication has improved across the year and thanks to our Facebook page 'Warrington u3a Forum' many members are sharing their experiences in groups and advertising trips, meetings and holidays etc to about 17% of our membership (about 10% regularly attend the monthly meetings ,but we have no way of telling how many actually read emails sent out).

Some of our groups have continued to use Zoom in hybrid meetings (members who cannot attend in person joining group activities over Zoom or where a speaker has talked to a group using Zoom) and we still retain a Zoom licence next year.

In another innovation some groups have shared speakers where topics overlap such as the talk about Warrington artist Eric Tucker arranged by the Family History group. This was opened up to the Art and Art appreciation groups and proved very successful.

As usual there has been some ebb and flow in the groups that we have on offer, with some disappearing and others popping up to replace them such as Rumikub , the Brass Group and Sea shanties(starting in September). With over fifty groups from Art through to Weekend Supper Club and short courses such as Ukelele learning and Creative Photography for Beginners we have maintained a very wide range of opportunities on offer this year.

For those of us who like to get out and about Awayday have been able to offer a wide variety of trips and local activities along with a holiday to Bristol,Bath and Wells .Garden Interest has continued offering day trips and a holiday to Wales this year while the Walking Group holiday was in Malham in 2023 and have offered weekly walks in the local area. Egyptology visited the Golden Mummies in Manchester this year and Photography have held photoshoots in Liverpool, New Brighton and Quarry Bank Mill.

Warrington u3a Chairman's report 2022-23

Monthly meetings have been well attended this year and members have enjoyed the usual eclectic mix of talks ranging from 'Snowdrops' through to a live singing group 'Fool's Gold' with their interestingly titled 'Bang up to the Elephant's Ear' show.

I would like to thank the members of the Executive Committee who have made my job (relatively) easy this year with their continued support and all the Group leaders (and their helpers) for the excellent work they do in keeping their groups going and enjoying the activities they offer.

I'd also like to thank those people behind the scenes who do such a good job in maintaining our u3a including Alan Goodkin's sterling work in maintaining our website (despite the Third age trust crashing it and almost losing all our data earlier this year) and David Rowley for setting up and moderating our Facebook page 'Warrington u3a Forum'.

Last, but not least, I'd like to thank my wife Sara for her tireless support and advice this year!

Sadly for me it is time to hand over the reins to my successor Eion MacDonald and wish him and the team good luck in continuing to guide Warrington u3a through 'interesting times'.

Alan Osborne

Outgoing Chairman Warrington u3a



Warrington U3A

Charity Number: 1085069

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2023

SOCIAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	2022/2023
Art for All	1,477.05	605.00
Photography	100.00	
Walking	0.00	934.20
Garden Appreciation	3,821.00	6,994.25
Away Day	6,435.00	11,493.54
Family History	455.94	580.12
Stroller	1,805.00	
Social		2,421.91
Other	374.19	395.00
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,468.18	23,424.02
Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00	1,359.83
TOTAL	14,468.18	24,783.85

INCOME	2021/2022	2022/2023
Art for All	1,665.00	450.00
Photography	50.00	
Walking	0.00	934.20
Garden Appreciation	3,980.13	7,571.00
Away Day	5,315.50	12,063.65
Family History	456.00	580.00
Stroller	1,805.00	
Social		2,525.00
Other	201.72	660.00
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	13,473.35	24,783.85
Excess of Expenditure over Income	994.83	
TOTAL	14,468.18	24,783.85

MAIN ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	2022/2023
Accommodation	17,969.81	32,954.35
Reprographics	211.45	648.29
Capitation Fees Third Age Trust	3,605.00	4,253.02
Purchase of Equipment	566.99	2,278.75
Administration, Licences	32.40	616.80
U3A Magazines and Diaries	1,642.38	1,992.90
Speaker and Tutor Fees	1,435.00	1,774.00
Other	1,371.78	964.57
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	26,834.81	45,482.68
Excess of Income over Expenditure	4,292.59	
TOTAL	31,127.40	45,482.68

INCOME	2021/2022	2022/2023
Members Subscription	30,945.00	31,584.50
Gift Aid Refund	0.00	6,795.26
Group Contributions	0.00	55.00
Donations & Refunds	27.40	
Sale of Diaries	0.00	
Other	155.00	71.51
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	31,127.40	38,506.27
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	6,976.41
TOTAL INCOME	31,127.40	45,482.68

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2021/2022	2022/2023
	0.00	0.00
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	3.48	26.68
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	3.48	26.68
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE	41,306.47	68,933.38

INCOME	2021/2022	2022/2023
Bank Interest	3.48	26.68
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	3.48	26.68
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	3.48	26.68
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	44,604.23	63,316.80

Prepared by Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Warrington U3A

Signed.....*Deborah Taylor*.....

Dated.....*21.4.23*.....

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....*Pauline Thompson*.....

Dated.....*21.4.2023*.....

Warrington U3A

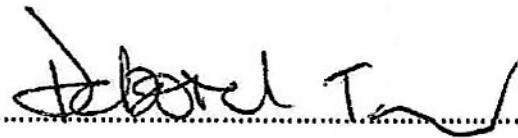
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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2023

	2021/2022	2022/2023
Bank		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - Social Account	9,245.35	10,605.18
Sub Total	9,245.35	10,605.18
Co-Operative Main Account		
Co-Op Bank Account - MainAccount	2,993.56	23,517.15
Sub Total	2,993.56	23,517.15
Santander Savings Account		
Santander Savings Account	32,034.42	4,561.10
Sub Total	32,034.42	4,561.10
TOTAL NET ASSETS	44,273.33	38,683.43

Prepared by Deborah Taylor, Treasurer, Warrington U3A

Signed.....



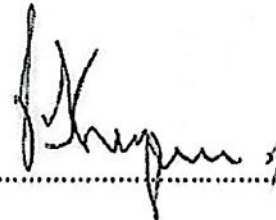
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	2021/2022	2022/2023
Accumulated Surplus		
Co-Operative Social Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Social Account	10,240.18	9,245.35
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	(994.83)	1,359.83
Sub Total	9,245.35	10,605.18
Co-Operative Main Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Main Account	1,700.97	2,993.56
Net transfer from /(to) Santander a/c	(3,000.00)	27,500.00
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	4,292.59	(6,976.41)
Sub Total	2,993.56	23,517.15
Santander Savings Account		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Santander Account	29,030.94	32,034.42
Net Transfer from / (to) Co op Main Account	3,000.00	(27,500.00)
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	3.48	26.68
Sub Total	32,034.42	4,561.10
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	44,273.33	38,683.43

Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....



Dated.....

21.4.2023



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name
WARRINGTON U3A

On accounts for the year ended

1ST APRIL 2023

Charity no (if any)

1085069

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01/04/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

21. 4. 2023

Name:

LAURIE M THOMPSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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England & Wales - Charity number 1085069

Accounts

Warrington U3A Chairman's Report, 2021-2022

As I end my period as Chairman of Warrington U3A, I look back in amazement at the last three years. It truly was 'the best of times and the worst of times'. There is no way at the beginning that any of us, I am sure, would have imagined how much the world would change in so short a time. Although this is the third AGM I have chaired, it is the first where members have had the opportunity to meet face to face. We have been through a period when it seemed that our U3A would be unable to survive with the limitations imposed upon us by lockdowns, social distancing, and regulations against just about every freedom that we used to take for granted. But we found ways to adapt, to meet remotely and to stay in touch. We learned new skills and even joined groups by zoom that we may never have thought of joining before. Now, with what we may hope is a more promising future, we may even emerge as stronger and more resilient.

We have managed to sustain most of the groups that members have enjoyed so much, and have maintained a healthy membership, beginning this year with just under 1000 members and finishing the year with 1060 members, not so very far from our membership high, pre-Covid, of around 1250. Most encouragingly, this figure includes more than 170 new members. During the year we produced some posters advertising the Warrington U3A, not something we have tried before, and these were displayed in a number of local shops and businesses. Some of the new members joined after seeing these posters and expressed surprise that they had not heard of us before. Raising our profile is certainly something to consider for the future, perhaps creating the role of a publicity officer on the committee.

Although some of our groups chose to continue meeting via zoom, which has been a very useful option, most had returned to face to face meetings by about the middle of the year. These have included groups organising talks with both internal and external speakers, musical groups (with several new offshoot groups to cope with the increased uptake), languages, art, singing, dancing, bridge, mahjong, Tai Chi, scrabble, badminton, and a host of others. The walkers have been out in force (including a residential holiday in the Lake District last October), and trips out have been organised by the AwayDays group and by the photographers, the birdwatchers, and Garden Interest. The monthly meetings have been well attended, even allowing for social distancing, and we have had a number of interesting speakers to entertain us. We even tried a hybrid general meeting on one occasion, with a live audience but a remote speaker, and some members attending via zoom, which went surprisingly well. I would like to give my thanks to all of the members of the Executive Committee who have made my job so easy over the last three years, to all of the group leaders who have worked so hard to keep their groups informed and who have planned so many activities for them, and to Alan Goodkin who has maintained the website which provides so much information and many routes for communication for both old and new members. Our finances are sound as we resume meetings in our traditional venues, although many will mourn the loss of Bold Street, and we really have a lot to be optimistic about as we stand on the threshold of another year.

It is now time for me to hand over to my successor, Alan Osborne, and wish him the best of good fortune with taking our U3A forwards. I just hope we have more of the 'best of times' and fewer of the 'worst of times' in the future!

Ian Lancaster
Chairman of Warrington U3A, 2019-2022

Ian Lancaster
01/06/2022

Warrington USA

Charity Number: 1085069

INCOME & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2022

SOCIAL ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2020/2021	2021/2022
Art for All	800.00	1,477.05
Photography	0.00	100.00
Walking	0.00	0.00
Garden Appreciation	219.00	3,821.00
Away Day	30.00	6,435.00
Family History	0.00	455.94
Stroller	0.00	1,805.00
Other	0.00	374.19
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,049.00	14,468.18
Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00	
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,049.00	14,468.18

INCOME	2020/2021	2021/2022
Art for All	530.00	1,665.00
Photography	50.00	50.00
Walking	0.00	0.00
Garden Appreciation	0.00	3,980.13
Away Day	0.00	5,315.50
Family History	0.00	456.00
Stroller	0.00	1,805.00
Other	0.00	201.72
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	580.00	13,473.35
Excess of Expenditure over Income	469.00	994.83
TOTAL INCOME	1,049.00	14,468.18

MAIN ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2020/2021	2021/2022
Accommodation	3,383.58	17,969.81
Reprographics	131.40	211.45
Capitation Fees Third Age Trust	4,284.00	3,605.00
Purchase of Equipment	521.46	566.99
Administration, Licences	202.01	32.40
USA Magazines and Diaries	4,105.24	1,642.38
Speaker and Tutor Fees	1,200.00	1,435.00
Other	651.57	1,371.78
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	14,479.26	26,834.81
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,599.27	4,292.59
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	16,078.53	31,127.40

INCOME	2020/2021	2021/2022
Members Subscription	10,105.42	30,945.00
Gift Aid Refund	5,973.11	0.00
Group Contributions	0.00	0.00
Donations & Refunds	0.00	27.40
Sale of Diaries		0.00
Other		155.00
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	16,078.53	31,127.40
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	16,078.53	31,127.40

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURE	2020/2021	2021/2022
	0.00	0.00
SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	0.00
Excess of Income over Expenditure	0.00	3.48
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	0.00	3.48
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURE	17,127.53	45,599.06

INCOME	2020/2021	2021/2022
Bank Interest	0.00	3.48
SUB - TOTAL INCOME	0.00	3.48
Excess of Expenditure over Income	0.00	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	0.00	3.48
GRAND TOTAL INCOME	17,127.53	45,599.06

Prepared by Richard Kong, Treasurer, Warrington USA

Audited By: Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....

Signed.....

Dated..... 17/04/2022

Dated..... 17/04/2022



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name

WARRINGTON USA

On accounts for the year ended

1st APRIL 2022

Charity no (if any)

1085069

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

7. 4. 2022

Name:

PAULINE THOMPSON

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

Retired Bank Officer