

Warrington U3A Chairman's Report, 2021-2022

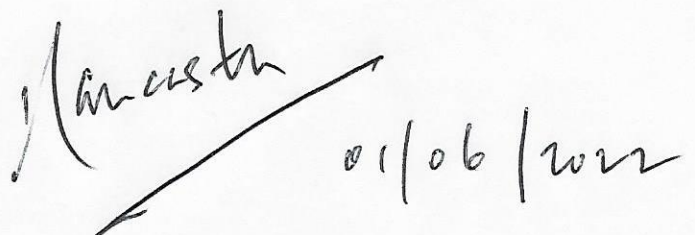
As I end my period as Chairman of Warrington U3A, I look back in amazement at the last three years. It truly was 'the best of times and the worst of times'. There is no way at the beginning that any of us, I am sure, would have imagined how much the world would change in so short a time. Although this 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



01/06/2022

Warrington U3A

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
U3A 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 U3A

Audited By: Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

Signed.....

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Dated.....

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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

Set out on pages

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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:

Date:

7. 4. 2022

Name:

PAULINE THOMPSON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

Retired Bank Officer