

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

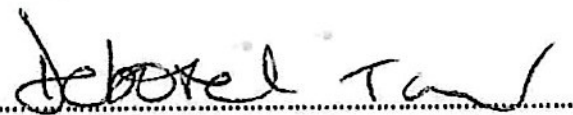
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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

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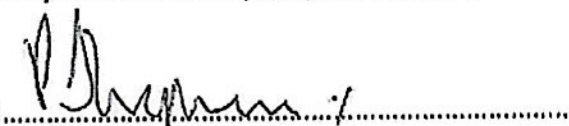


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Audited By Pauline Thompson, Hon Auditor

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BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2023

	2021/2022	2022/2023
<u>Bank</u>		
<u>Co-Operative Social Account</u>		
Co-Op Bank Account - Social Account	9,245.35	10,605.18
Sub Total	9,245.35	10,605.18
<u>Co-Operative Main Account</u>		
Co-Op Bank Account - MainAccount	2,993.56	23,517.15
Sub Total	2,993.56	23,517.15
<u>Santander Savings Account</u>		
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

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	2021/2022	2022/2023
<u>Accumulated Surplus</u>		
<u>Co-Operative Social Account</u>		
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
<u>Co-Operative Main Account</u>		
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
<u>Santander Savings Account</u>		
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

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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:

Date:

21. 4. 2023

Name:

LAURIE M THOMPSON

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

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