

## **Chairman's Report to the 30<sup>th</sup> 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	
<b>SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>23,424.02</b>	<b>22,884.45</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,359.83	1,835.05
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,783.85</b>	<b>24,719.50</b>

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	
<b>SUB - TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>24,783.85</b>	<b>24,719.50</b>
Excess of Expenditure over Income		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,783.85</b>	<b>24,719.50</b>

### 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
<b>SUB - TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>45,482.68</b>	<b>42,754.33</b>
Excess of Income over Expenditure		217.82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,482.68</b>	<b>42,972.15</b>

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
<b>SUB - TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>38,506.27</b>	<b>42,972.15</b>
Excess of Expenditure over Income	6,976.41	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>45,482.68</b>	<b>42,972.15</b>

### DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

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

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

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

Charity Number: 1085069

### BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st April 2024

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

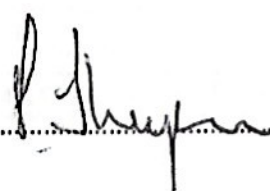
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	2022/2023	2023/2024
<b>Accumulated Surplus</b>		
<b>Co-Operative Social Account</b>		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Social Account	9,245.35	10,605.18
Add Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year	1,359.83	1,835.05
<b>Sub Total</b>	10,605.18	12,440.23
<b>Co-Operative Main Account</b>		
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
<b>Sub Total</b>	23,517.15	1,634.97
<b>Co-Operative Deposit Account</b>		
Surplus B/ Fwd - Deposit Account	0.00	0.00
Net transfer from /(to) Co-Op Main a/c		26,600.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	0.00	26,600.00
<b>Santander Savings Account</b>		
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
<b>Sub Total</b>	4,561.10	208.72
<b>ACCUMULATED SURPLUS</b>	<b>38,683.43</b>	<b>40,883.92</b>

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

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 **01/04/2024**

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

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:

12/04/2024

Name:

Pauline M Thompson

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

<b>Address:</b>	9 Coverdale Close
	Great Sankey
	Warrington WA5 3DH

## Section B

### Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

**Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.**