

# Bishop Auckland and District U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1086702

## Details

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Other names	WEAR-TEES U3A, WEAR-TEES UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2001-05-22
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**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:** Bishop Auckland and District U3A is a learning organisation in which members teach each other. We meet for educational and recreational purposes.

## Classification

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- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WEAR VALLEY DISTRICT AND TEESDALE DISTRICT
- Darlington
- Durham

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£48,276	£45,136	-	-
2024-08-31	£45,304	£47,785	-	-
2023-08-31	£42,512	£44,376	-	-
2022-08-31	£17,680	£2,592	-	-
2021-08-31	£13,983	£4,861	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Gerald Cumming</b>	Chair	2019-09-01
Christopher Marsh		2024-10-07
Janet Preshous		2025-11-11
John Strickland		2024-10-07
Kathleen Scales		2021-10-30
Susan McGuire		2024-10-07
Terence James Bacon		2015-09-01
Trevor Hewitt		2024-10-07
Valerie Strickland		2024-10-07

**Bishop Auckland and District U3A**

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# Accounts

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# Trustee Annual Report for the period

**CHARITY COMMISSION**

From (start date)

to (end date)

## Section A

### Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names the charity is known by

N/A

Registered charity number (if any)

1086702

Charity's principal address

127 Watling Road,  
Bishop Auckland,  
County Durham  
DL14 6RR

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Postcode

	Trustee Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1				
2	Gerald Cumming	Chair		
3	Ann Carr	Vice-Chair		
4	Kathleen Scales	Treasurer		
5	Trevor Hewitt	Assistant Treasurer		
6	Diane Marsh	Business Secretary		
7	Christopher Marsh	Groups Co-ordinator		
8	Terence Bacon	Web Manager		
9	John Strickland	Ass Web Manager		
10	Diane Marsh	Minutes Secretary		
11	Christine Tate	IT Co-ordinator		
12	Lorraine Stephens	Co-Editor		
13	Valerie Strickland	Co-Editor		
14				
15				
16				
17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

**Section A**

**Reference and administration details (continued)**

**Names and addresses of advisers (optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address

**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)**

**Section B**

**Structure, governance and management**

**Description of the charity's trusts**

- Type of governing document (eg trust deed, constitution)
- How the charity is constituted (eg trust, association, company)
- Trustee selection methods (eg appointed by, elected by)

Constitution

Association

Elected by members

**Additional governance issues (optional information)**

- You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
  - the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
    - relationship with any related parties;
  - trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees have received training in their responsibilities and have received Trustee Handbooks.

Group Leaders have access to Leaders' Handbooks. We follow advice from our national body, Third Age Trust, which provides software for accounting and secure communication, Public Liability Insurance, guidance on issues such as diversity and inclusivity and organizes online learning events to support the proper management of the group.

The Committee of Trustees meets monthly to review the accounts of the group and deal with planning for our monthly Speaker Meetings and other activities. We have a written Grievance Procedure which is available to all members.

We are affiliated to Northumbria Regional U3A. Our relationship with any related parties is as stated above.

**Section C****Objectives and activities**

Bishop Auckland & District U3A is affiliated to the national U3A movement via the Third Age Trust (TAT). We currently have 300 members and hold monthly Speaker Meetings at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. In addition we run 25 interest/activity groups: Art & Architecture, Badminton, Bridge, Computing, Current Affairs, Drawing & Painting, Family History, French, Garden Visits, Local History, Italian Advanced, Italian Beginners, Photography, Poetry, Reading, Science, Engineering & Technology, Spanish, String Band, Strollers, Strollers Holidays, Sunday Lunch Club, Ten Pin Bowling, Theatre Visits, Walking (4-6 miles) and Walking (6-8 miles). These groups meet regularly to enable our members to take part in the activities and study offered.

All tuition and leadership is provided by members of our U3A group.

We have several groups which have organized study visits away from the Bishop Auckland area during the year.

**Section D****Achievements and performance**

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Trustees confirm that the activities of the charity have fulfilled the objectives of the charity to promote lifelong learning and personal development. Our members have enjoyed lectures from speakers on a wide range of topics during the year. Those without online access or email receive information by post or telephone.

All members receive a printed programme of our activities and our website contains a Calendar of Activities which is regularly updated. In addition, we produce a quarterly newsletter called Link which is distributed to all members free of charge.

The Committee of Trustees meets monthly to review our accounts and deal with other group administration. We held our Annual General Meeting on 21st October 2025 with an attendance of 135.

**Section E**

**Financial review**

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The group is in a healthy financial position with a credit balance at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 of £16474.00. Accounts are presented monthly to the Committee Meeting and are audited by an Independent Financial Examiner at year end. Membership of the group continues to grow steadily.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

There are no funds in deficit.

Further financial review details (optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The year end balance of £16474.00 cr. represents subscriptions paid by members after payment of costs of Meeting Room Hire, Administrative Expenses, Payment for Speakers at monthly meetings, costs of printing our Link magazine and Capitation Fees paid to Third Age Trust ( which include Public Liability Insurance fees).

The group does not invest in outside agencies. The interest/activity groups run by Bishop Auckland & District U3A are financed by members' subscriptions. We do not employ outside tutors, teachers or managers. All activities are run by members of Bishop Auckland & District U3A at no cost to the organization.

**Section F**

**Other optional information**

**Section G**

**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

*Gerald Anthony Cumming*

Full name(s)

Gerald Anthony Cumming

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

16/03/26



CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

## Receipts and payments account

For the period from	01.09.24	To	31-08-25
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>			
Membership	5,612	-	-
Group Activity Fees	39,787	-	-
Donations	72	-	-
Misc	2,805	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>48,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>48,276</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>			
Administration	2,461	-	-
Catering	-	-	-
Group Activities	32,858	-	-
Office Supplies and Printing	2,055	-	-
Room Hire	5,005	-	-
Speaker Expenses	1,341	-	-
Technology/Equipment	419	-	-
Membership	-	-	-
Misc	997	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>45,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>45,136</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,140</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	13,334	-	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>16,474</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

No (if any)  
1086702

**ounts**

Period end date  
31.08.25

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**Total funds**

to the nearest £

**Last year**

to the nearest £

5,612	5,476
39,787	38,381
72	101
2,805	1,347
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
48,276	45,305

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-	-
-	-

48,276	45,305
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2,461	3,576
-	463
32,858	35,582
2,055	1,470
5,005	4,430
1,341	1,117
419	66
-	-
997	1,082
45,136	47,786

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-	
-	

45,136	47,786
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3,140	- 2,481
-	-
13,334	
16,474	- 2,481

# Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Current Account	9,672
	Barclays #2 Account	6,279
	Barclays Theatre account	523
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>16,474</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account (s))	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £
		-
		-
		-
		-
		-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates

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**Restricted funds**

**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

to nearest £

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**Restricted funds**

**Endowment funds**

to nearest £

to nearest £

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**Cost (optional)**

**Current value (optional)**

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**Cost (optional)**

**Current value (optional)**

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**Amount due (optional)**

**When due (optional)**

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of  
all the trustees

Signature

Print

<i>K. Scales.</i>

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Name	Date of approval
Scales	

	<b>63017656</b>	<b>60874299</b>	<b>80774081</b>	
	<b>Theatre</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>No2</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>Account</b>	<b>account</b>	<b>account</b>	
Membership	£5,612			£5,612
Group Activity Fees	£39,787			£39,787
Donations	£72			£72
Misc	£2,805			£2,805
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£48,276</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£48,276</b>
Administration	£2,461			£2,461
Catering	£0			£0
Group Activities	£32,858			£32,858
Office Supplies and Printing	£2,055			£2,055
Room Hire	£5,005			£5,005
Speaker Expenses	£1,341			£1,341
Technology/Equipment	£419			£419
Membership	£0			£0
Misc	£997			£997
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£45,136</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£45,136</b>

<b>23-24</b>
<b>total</b>
£5,476
£38,381
£101
£1,347
<b>£45,305</b>
£3,576
£463
£35,582
£1,470
£4,430
£1,117
£66
£0
£1,082
<b>£47,786</b>



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1086702

Set out on pages

(delete this box if you do not include the page numbers of accounts)

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

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

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 AICPA & CIMA.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention 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 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:

*N. Minchell*

Date:

18/11/25

Name:

Natasha Minchell

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

CIPFA

Address:

3 West Moor Drive

Sunderland

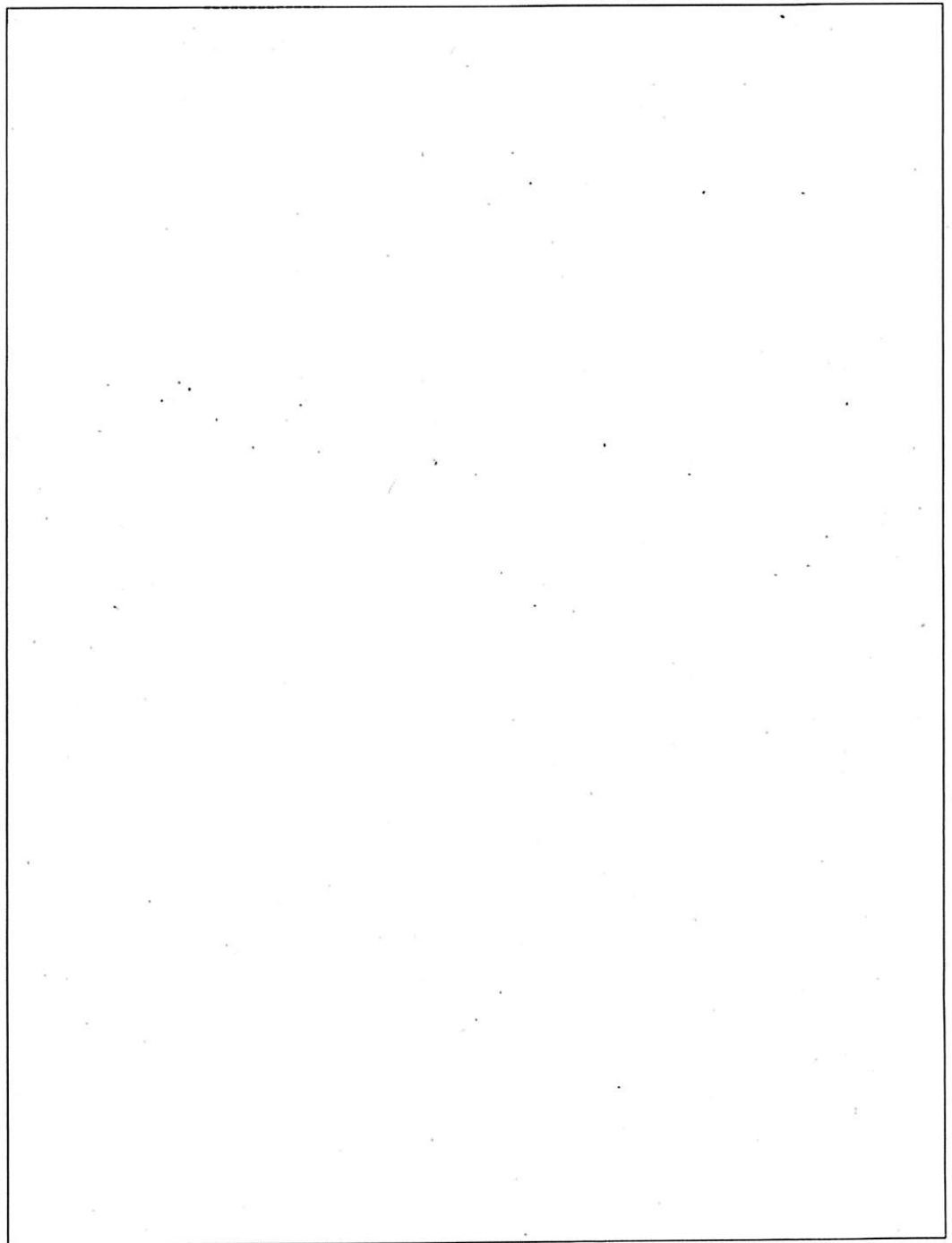
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**Section B**

**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.



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## Bishop Auckland u3a

### Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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#### Receipts & Payments, 1st September - 31st August

Start year	2024	
Category	In	Out
-Account Transfers	£983.00	£983.00
Administration	£2,637.14	£2,461.40
Donations	£72.00	
Group day trips	£5,021.25	£2,098.50
Group Holidays	£20,756.00	£20,925.21
Groups Credit	£7,001.24	£15.00
Membership	£5,612.00	
Misc	£140.00	£140.00
Office Supplies / Printin	£28.00	£2,055.95
Room Hire	£17.50	£5,005.00
Social events	£2,347.75	£3,517.98
Speaker Expenses		£1,341.40
Technology / Equipment		£418.50
Theatre	£3,660.00	£3,580.30
Transport		£2,595.00
Sub-totals	£48,275.88	£45,137.24
Brought forward	£13,335.46	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,474.10</b>	

#### Balance Sheet

Current	£9,671.70
Number 2 Account	£6,278.69
PayPal	
Theatre	£523.71
<b>Total</b>	<b>£16,474.10</b>

K. Scales  
(Treasurer)

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**Section A Independent Examiner's Report**

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2025  
Charity no (if any) 1086702

Set out on pages

(delete '000' to indicate 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

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

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Signed:

*N. Minchell*

Date:

18/11/25

Name:

Natasha Minchell

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

CIPFA

Address:

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**Section B**

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

[Empty box for disclosure details]

**Bishop Auckland and District U3A**

England & Wales - Charity number 1086702

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# Accounts

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**Independent examiner's report on the  
accounts**

**Report to the trustees/  
members of**

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

**Charity no  
(if any)**

1086702

**Set out on pages**

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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**Responsibilities and basis  
of report**

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**Signed:** L. McManus

**Date:** 16.01.2025

**Name:** Mr Liam McManus

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

AICPA & CIMA
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**Address:**




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.**

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**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name <b>Bishop Auckland and District U3A</b>	No (if any) 1086702
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## Receipts and payments accounts

<b>For the period from</b>	01.09.23	<b>To</b>	Period end date 31.08.24
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>				
Membership	5,476	-	-	5,476
Group Activity Fees	38,381	-	-	38,381
Donations	101	-	-	101
Misc	1,347	-	-	1,347
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>45,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,305</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>45,305</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45,305</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>				
Administration	3,576	-	-	3,576
Catering	463	-	-	463
Group Activities	35,582	-	-	35,582
Office Supplies and Printing	1,470	-	-	1,470
Room Hire	4,430	-	-	4,430
Speaker Expenses	1,117	-	-	1,117
Technology/Equipment	66	-	-	66
Membership	-	-	-	-
Misc	1,082	-	-	1,082
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>47,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,786</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>47,786</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,786</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 2,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 2,481</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,815</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>13,334</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>13,334</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Current Account	8,031	-
	Barclays #2 Account	4,859	-
	Barclays Theatre account	444	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>13,334</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
		-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
			-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
			-
			-

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

		-
		-

Signature

Print Name

<i>K. Scales</i>	Kath Scales

**CC16a**



**Last year**

**to the nearest £**

4,120
35,982
882
1,527
-
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42,511

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42,511
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2,283
489
33,862
1,016
3,520
645
17
-
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## Bishop Auckland u3a

### Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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#### Income & Expenditure, 1st September - 31st August

Start year Category	2023 In	Out
Administration	£1,347.18	£3,575.98
Catering		£463.15
Donations	£100.50	
Group day trips	£6,530.00	£4,047.65
Group Holidays	£23,681.50	£24,237.40
Groups Credit	£4,407.12	£69.24
Membership	£5,476.00	
Mileage Allowance		£13.05
Misc		£57.00
Office Supplies / Printin		£1,470.23
Room Hire		£4,429.50
Social events	£900.00	£1,011.00
Speaker Expenses		£1,116.80
Technology / Equipment	£80.69	£66.04
Theatre	£2,782.00	£2,943.80
Transport		£4,285.00
Sub-totals	£45,304.99	£47,785.84
Brought forward	£15,816.31	
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,335.46</b>	

#### Balance Sheet

Current	£8,030.13
Number 2 Account	£4,861.32
PayPal	
Theatre	£444.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>£13,335.46</b>

**Bishop Auckland and District U3A**

England & Wales - Charity number 1086702

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' annual report for the period



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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Charity name **BISHOP AUCKLAND + DISTRICT U3A**

Charity No (if any) **1 0 8 6 7 0 2**

Period start date

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<b>The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who have retired from full time work by all legitimate means including activities conducive to learning and personal development in Bishop Auckland and the surrounding area.</b>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<b>Bishop Auckland &amp; District u3a is affiliated to the national u3a movement via the Third Age Trust (TAT). We have 284 members and hold monthly Speaker Meetings at Bishop Auckland Town Hall. In addition we run 22 interest groups: Art &amp; Architecture, Bridge, Current Affairs, Drawing &amp; Painting, French Language, Italian Language, Spanish Language, Garden Group, Local History, Poetry, Photography, Reading, Science Engineering &amp; Technology, String Band, Strollers, Sunday Lunch Club, Ten Pin Bowling, Theatre Visits, 2 Walking Groups, Walking Cricket and IT &amp; Digital Tech. These groups meet regularly to enable our members to take part in the activities and studies offered. All tuition and leadership is provided by members of our u3a group.</b>  <b>We have several groups which have organized study visits away from the Bishop Auckland area during the year.</b>

		<b>We are trying hard to assist and guide our members in the use of IT and Online services.</b>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<b>The Trustees confirm that the activities of the charity have fulfilled the objectives of the charity to promote lifelong learning and personal development. Our members have enjoyed lectures from speakers on a wide range of topics during the year. Those without online access or email accounts receive information by post or telephone. All members receive a printed programme of our activities and our website contains a Calendar of Activities which is regularly updated. The Committee of Trustees meets monthly to review our accounts and other group business. We held our Annual General Meeting with an attendance of 141 members on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	<b>The Committee has power to approve small "Startup Grants" not exceeding £100 to facilitate the development of new interest groups within our u3a</b>
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	<b>N/A</b>
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<b>All our group activities are organised and run by members of our u3a without payment. Group activities are self-financing. We do not employ outside tutors or volunteers.</b>
Other		<b>We produce a quarterly colour magazine containing articles, photographs and puzzles which is distributed to each</b>

		member and funded from member's subscriptions.

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<b>As indicated above, we have held monthly Speaker Meetings and our 22 interest groups have provided a wide range of stimulating activities for our members. Our u3a performs an important function in ensuring that older and retired people do not become socially or digitally isolated. Members are complimentary about the way in which the group is run. They speak positively of the enjoyment they derive from our activities.</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>As detailed above.</b>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<b>Activities are funded through members' subscriptions. We do not need to raise funds from outside the group.</b>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

	SORP reference	
Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<b>The group is in a healthy financial position with a credit balance of £15815.00. Accounts are presented monthly and are audited by an Independent Financial Examiner at year end</b>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<b>The current balance represents subscriptions paid by members which cover:</b>  <b>A) Costs of room hire</b> <b>B) Administrative expenses</b> <b>C) Payment for speakers at monthly meetings</b> <b>D) Costs of printing our LINK magazine</b> <b>Capitation fees paid to Third Age Trust (TAT)</b>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<b>£15815.00</b>
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	<b>N/A</b>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	<b>N/A</b>
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<b>N/A</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<b>As detailed above</b>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<b>N/A</b>

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<b>The group is in a sound financial position with increasing membership</b>
Other		N/A

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	<b>Constitution</b>
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	<b>Association</b>
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	<b>Elected by members</b>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<b>Trustees have received training in their responsibilities and have received Trustee handbooks.</b>  <b>Group Leaders have access to Leaders Handbooks. We follow advice from our national body, Third Age Trust, which provides software for accounting and secure communication, provides Public Liability Insurance, organizes national learning events and provides guidance on issues such as diversity and inclusivity.</b>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<b>As stated above, the Committee of Trustees meets monthly to review our accounts and deal with planning for</b>

		meetings and other activities. We are also affiliated to Northumbria Regional u3a.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	As detailed above.
Other		N/A

Charity name	<b>Bishop Auckland &amp; District u3a</b>
Other name the charity uses	<b>N/A</b>
Registered charity number	<b>1086702</b>
Charity's principal address	<b>Bishop Auckland &amp; District u3a C/O Gerald Cumming 127 Watling Road Bishop Auckland County Durham DL14 6RR</b>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
<b>Gerald Cumming</b>	<b>Chair</b>		
<b>Ann Carr</b>	<b>Vice-Chair/Membership Sec</b>		
<b>Kathleen Scales</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>		
<b>Trevor Hewitt</b>	<b>Assistant Treasurer</b>		
<b>Jacqueline Fielding</b>	<b>Business Secretary</b>		
<b>Christopher Marsh</b>	<b>Groups Co-ordinator</b>		
<b>Christine Tate</b>	<b>IT Co-ordinator</b>		
<b>Rita Goundry</b>	<b>Minutes Secretary</b>		
<b>Susan Bateson</b>	<b>Editor</b>		
<b>Lorraine Stephens</b>	<b>Co-Editor</b>		
<b>Terry Bacon</b>	<b>Web Manager</b>		

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**Reference and Administrative details (cont)**

**Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved**

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information



**Declarations**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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Signature(s) 

	
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Full name(s) 

<b>Gerald Anthony Cumming</b>	<b>Jacqueline Fielding</b>
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) 

<b>Chair</b>	<b>Business Secretary</b>
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Date 

21-5-2024
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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

Charity no  
(if any)

1086702

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 31/08/23.

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 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:

2nd December  
2023

Name:

Caroline Bannon

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

CIMA

Address:

15 Park Shiel

South Shields

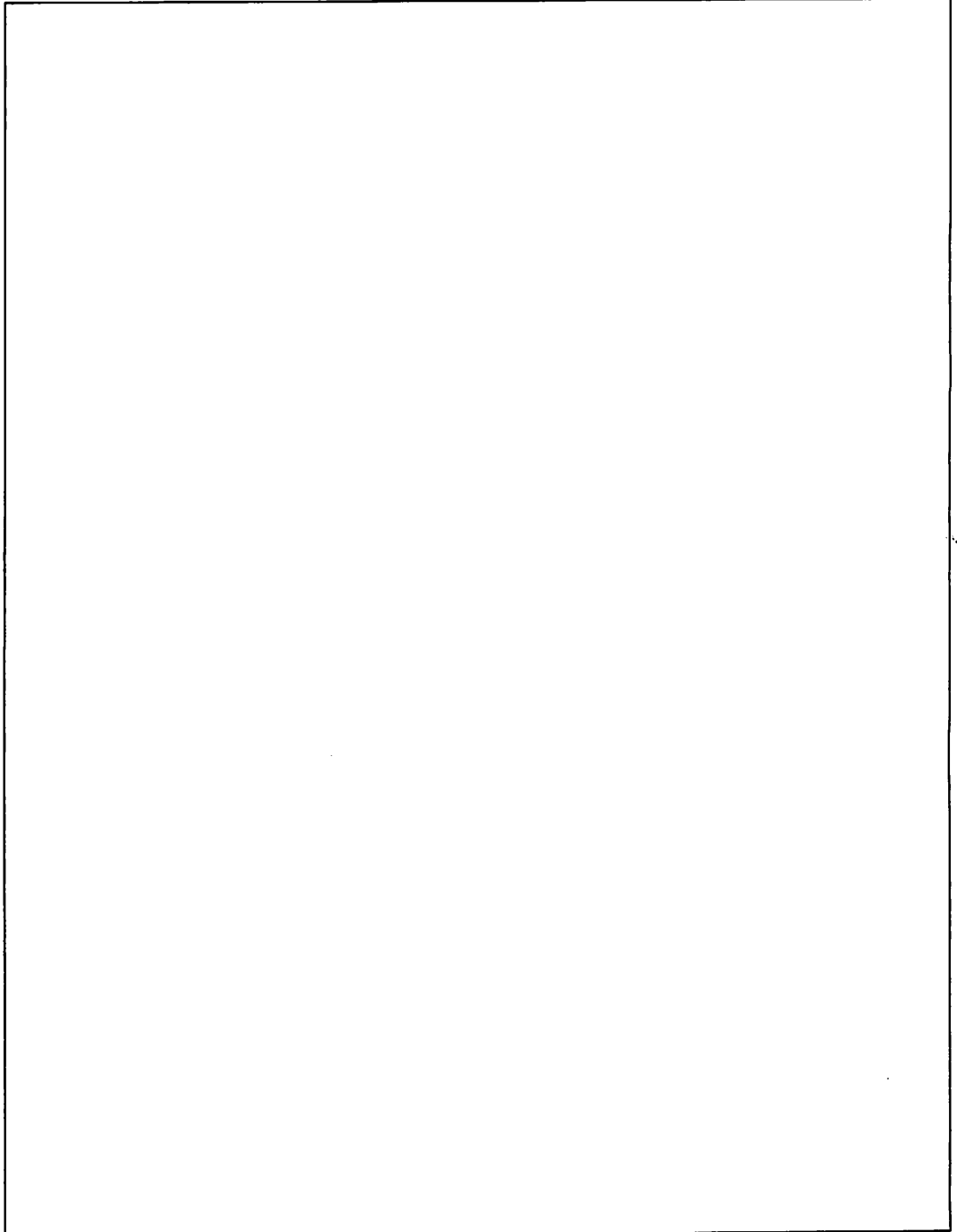
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**Section B**

**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.**





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**On accounts for the year  
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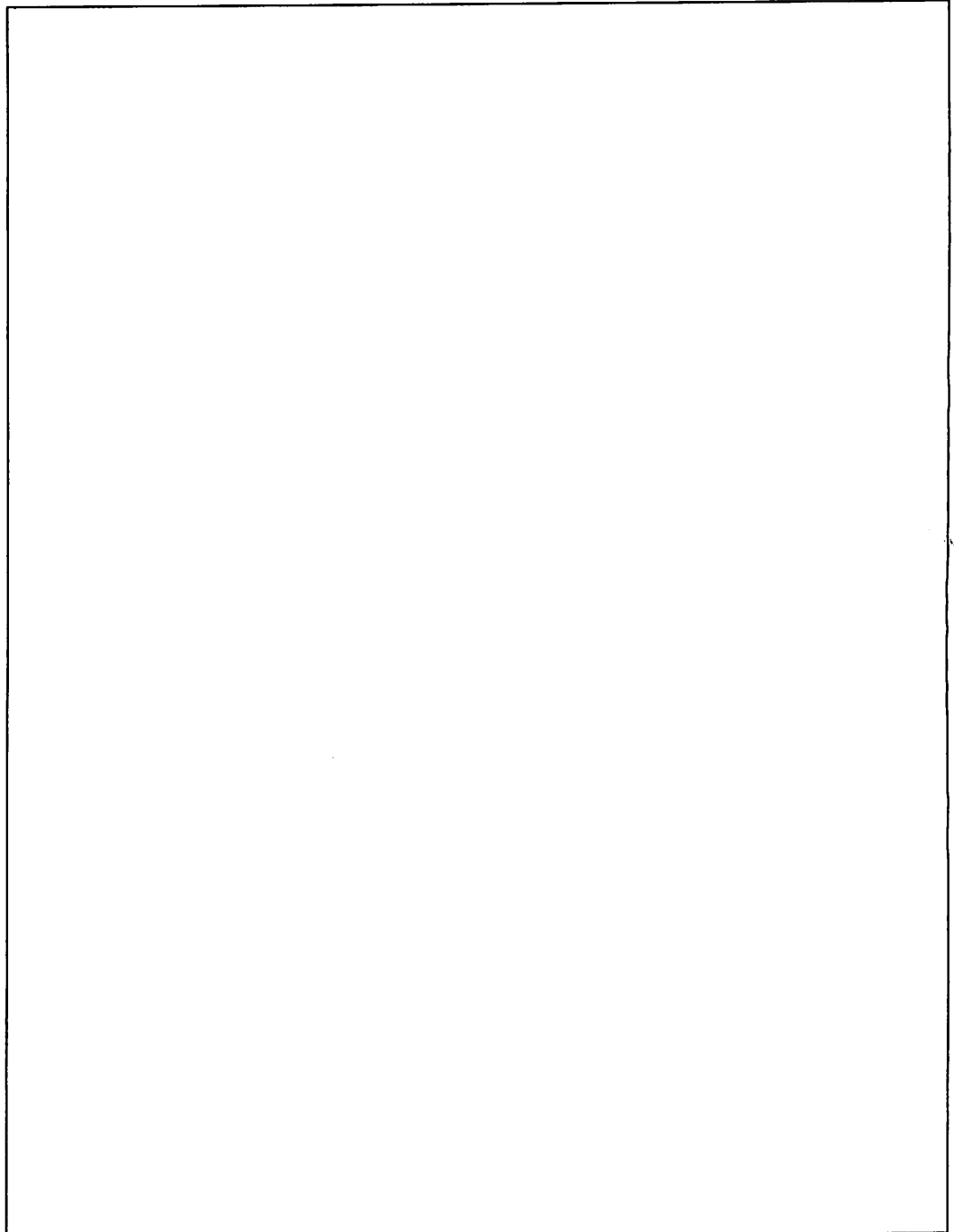
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CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name  
Bishop Auckland and District U3A

No (if any)  
1086702

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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	01.09.22	To	Period end date 31.08.23
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Membership	4,120	-	-	4,120	2,855
Group Activity Fees	35,982	-	-	35,982	38,893
Donations	882	-	-	882	1,245
Misc	1,527	-	-	1,527	1,097
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>44,090</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,511</b>	<b>44,090</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Administration	2,283	-	-	2,283	2,227
Catering	489	-	-	489	170
Group Activities	33,862	-	-	33,862	34,836
Office Supplies and Printing	1,016	-	-	1,016	1,575
Room Hire	3,520	-	-	3,520	3,359
Speaker Expenses	645	-	-	645	911
Technology/Equipment	17	-	-	17	92
Membership	-	-	-	-	-
Misc	2,544	-	-	2,544	7,209
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>50,379</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,376</b>	<b>50,379</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>- 1,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 1,865</b>	<b>- 6,289</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>17,680</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,680</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>6,289</b>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Barclays Current Account	7,977	-	-
	Barclays #2 Account	7,232	-	-
	Barclays Theatre account	606	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>15,815</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

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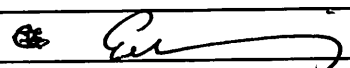
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Kath Scales GERALD CUMMING	2.12.23