

Trustees' annual report for the period



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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Period end date

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Charity name

BISHOP AUCKLAND + DISTRICT U3A

Charity No
(if any)

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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	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.
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	<p>Bishop Auckland & 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 & Architecture, Bridge, Current Affairs, Drawing & Painting, French Language, Italian Language, Spanish Language, Garden Group, Local History, Poetry, Photography, Reading, Science Engineering & Technology, String Band, Strollers, Sunday Lunch Club, Ten Pin Bowling, Theatre Visits, 2 Walking Groups, Walking Cricket and IT & 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.</p> <p>We have several groups which have organized study visits away from the Bishop Auckland area during the year.</p>

		We are trying hard to assist and guide our members in the use of IT and Online services.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	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 th October 2023.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Committee has power to approve small "Startup Grants" not exceeding £100 to facilitate the development of new interest groups within our u3a
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	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.
Other		We produce a quarterly colour magazine containing articles, photographs and puzzles which is distributed to each

		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	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.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As detailed above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Activities are funded through members' subscriptions. We do not need to raise funds from outside the group.
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	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
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The current balance represents subscriptions paid by members which cover: A) Costs of room hire B) Administrative expenses C) Payment for speakers at monthly meetings D) Costs of printing our LINK magazine Capitation fees paid to Third Age Trust (TAT)
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£15815.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

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

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

Description of charity's trusts:	SORP reference	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Association
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	Elected by members

Additional information (optional)

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	SORP reference	
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	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, provides Public Liability Insurance, organizes national learning events and provides guidance on issues such as diversity and inclusivity.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	As stated above, the Committee of Trustees meets monthly to review our accounts and deal with planning for

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

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)
Gerald Cumming	Chair		
Ann Carr	Vice-Chair/Membership Sec		
Kathleen Scales	Treasurer		
Trevor Hewitt	Assistant Treasurer		
Jacqueline Fielding	Business Secretary		
Christopher Marsh	Groups Co-ordinator		
Christine Tate	IT Co-ordinator		
Rita Goundry	Minutes Secretary		
Susan Bateson	Editor		
Lorraine Stephens	Co-Editor		
Terry Bacon	Web Manager		

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Reference and Administrative details

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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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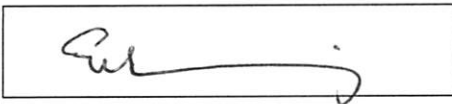

Other optional information

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)  

Full name(s) **Gerald Anthony Cumming** **Jacqueline Fielding**

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc) **Chair** **Business Secretary**

Date **21-5-2024**



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

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**

31st 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

NE348BU

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).

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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 £
A1 Receipts					
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
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	42,511	-	-	42,511	44,090
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	42,511	-	-	42,511	44,090
A3 Payments					
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
Sub total	44,376	-	-	44,376	50,379
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	44,376	-	-	44,376	50,379
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 1,865	-	-	- 1,865	- 6,289
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,680	-	-	17,680	-
Cash funds this year end	15,815	-	-	15,815	6,289

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 £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Current Account	7,977	-	-
	Barclays #2 Account	7,232	-	-
	Barclays Theatre account	606	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,815	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
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	