

THE HIGH LANE U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1091296

Details

Other names	THE HIGH LANE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2002-03-22
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	15 Langdale Close High Lane Stockport SK6 8JG
Phone	07736253446
Email	HighLaneU3A@gmail.com
Website	www.highlaneu3a.org.uk

Activities

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: We provide Educational, Recreational and Leisure Activities for retired and semi-retired people living in High Lane and the surrounding area. We have over 400 members. There are no obstacles to joining; no qualifications are needed and there are no exams. We try to meet the educational and social needs of our members whilst providing a safe and secure environment for the members to meet.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HIGH LANE AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Stockport

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£83,368	£83,294	-	-
2024-12-31	£94,379	£95,656	-	-
2023-12-31	£81,992	£79,743	-	-
2022-12-31	£82,664	£82,526	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,797	£7,734	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andre Lister		2016-02-10
Diane Saxon		2016-02-10
Dorothy Neillands		2022-02-09
Kathleen Wareham		2021-09-08
Leslie Birks		2014-02-12
Linda Dale		2017-02-08
Lynn Arnold		2020-02-12
MARGARET MCDERMOTT		2008-02-13
PAUL KENNETH		2013-02-13
Pam Curley		2014-02-12
Pamela Daphne Cooke		2022-02-09
Robert Trevor Kinvig		2014-02-12
SUSAN GRACE HARLIN		2011-02-09
barbara kenneth		2016-02-10

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Accounts



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
High Lane U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/25

Charity no
(if any)

1091296

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 31/12/2025

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.

Signed:

Date:

11/2/26

Name:

Michael Clarke

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

Retired Financial Services Officer

Address: 18 Albert Place

Church Lane

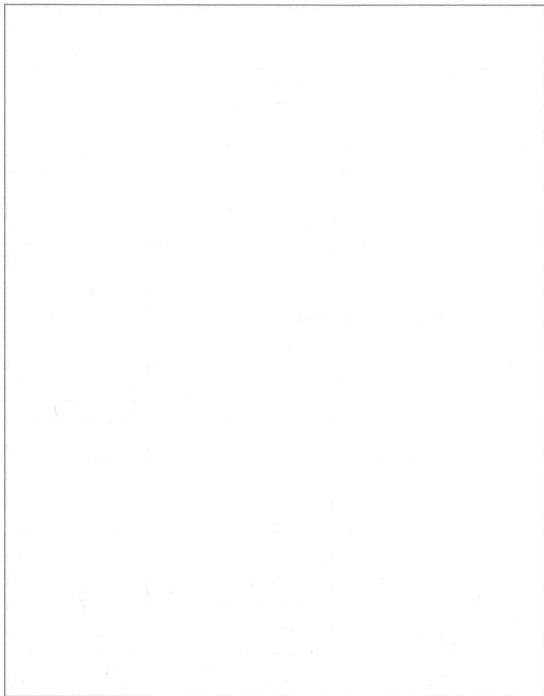
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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.





CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HIGH LANE U3A

No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start	To	Period end date
	01/01/25		31/12/25

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted fund nearest £	Restricted funds nearest £	Endowment funds nearest £	Total funds nearest £	Total funds last year nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Committee					
Subscriptions	3166	0	0	3166	2984
Meetings	1169	0	0	1169	1573
Lunches/events	3838	0	0	3838	4059
Donations	0	0	0	0	14
Groups	2	0	0	2	437
Interest RBS	46	0	0	46	53
Interest Vernon B S	132	0	0	132	116
Committee Income	8353	0	0	8353	9234
Groups					
Income from groups	13317	0	0	13317	14868
Travel/Trips	61698	0	0	61698	70276
Group Income	75015	0	0	75015	85144
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	83368	0	0	83368	94379
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	0	0	0	0	
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	
Total receipts	83368	0	0	83368	94379
A3 Payments					
Committee					
Monthly meet room hire	690	0	0	690	759
Speakers	817	0	0	817	475
Refreshments	97	0	0	97	95
National U3A (Mbrshp & DirMail)	1380	0	0	1380	1388
Newsletter	77	0	0	77	109
Committee & PPS	481	0	0	481	372
New Members Marketing	219	0	0	219	125
Almoner	0	0	0	0	
Website & Equip	110	0	0	110	83
PAT Testing	0	0	0	0	
Doantions	0	0	0	0	104
Lunches and Events	4105	0	0	4105	4209
Group Support	84	0	0	84	40
Committee expenses	8060	0	0	8060	7758
				0	

Receipts & Payments Consolidate

Groups				0	
Group Room Hire	8319	0	0	8319	9251
Group Social Exp(T, Coffee etc)	1428	0	0	1428	1124
Group Dining	1739	0	0	1739	1337
Group Other Exp (eg supplies)	2473	0	0	2473	3438
Group Travel	61276	0	0	61276	72748
Group Expenditure	75234	0	0	75234	87898
Sub total	83294	0	0	83294	95656

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	0	0	0	0	349
	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	0	0	0	0	349

Total payments	83294	0	0	83294	96005
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Net of receipts/(payments)	74	0	0	74	-1627
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0	
A6 Cash funds last year end	15313	0	0	15313	16939
Cash funds this year end	15387	0	0	15387	15313

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

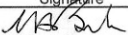
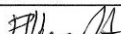
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B1 Cash funds	Bank (Committee)	2498	0	0
	Cash	34	0	0
	Vernon B S (Committee)	6250	0	0
	Group Balances	6605	0	0
	Total cash funds	15387	0	0
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets				
			-	-
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B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				
			-	-
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			-	-

Receipts & Payments Consolidate

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LESLIE BIRKS	11/2/26
	PAUL KENNETH	11/2/26



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025

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Charity registration number: 1091296

Objectives and Activities

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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	As well as a monthly meeting with speaker and 3 or 4 special events per year we also provide many interest groups that members can take part in throughout the week including: Art; Backgammon; Bridge; Canasta; Crown Green Bowls; Current Affairs, Dancing; Dining; Family History; Gardening; German; Handbell ringing; History; Indoor Kurling; Memoirs; Photography; Quiz; Reading; Shakespeare; Table Tennis; Travel; Trivial Pursuit and Walking.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Committee and leaders work tirelessly free of charge to provide educational and social events to its members. The obvious public benefits are many. The varied interest groups means there is something for everyone to attend at a very low cost. As it tends to be an older generation that attends it helps combatting loneliness and depression in our later years and creating friendships amongst members. The varied groups have areas of education and the meetings and special events give members entertainment at times when they may otherwise be on their own

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not give grants

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are a well established and our work in the community is undertaken on a volunteer basis. Our audience is mainly the retired and semi retired say over 60s albeit we have no age limitation. We provide educational and recreational activities at no major cost centrally within our own community. We even have a very popular travel group which in itself allows members to go on holiday safely and within an organised party
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the committee are volunteers as are the group leaders. We have several other volunteers all of which are members in their own right. As much as possible is done in house free of charge utilising our members experience to provide entertainment and learning for others. Subscriptions are taken for general membership and groups are self financing.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	<p>The increase in membership fees to £8 in 2023 has ensured the finances of the High Lane U3A are secure and Committee income for the third time since the pandemic has exceeded expenditure.</p> <p>A lot of groups meet weekly or monthly and membership numbers overall is steady but not back to pre pandemic figures altho with the fee increase income is .The main meetings which happen monthly and group meetings which are more often than not weekly help combat loneliness and depression and anxiety etc. within the older generation within our community</p> <p>The increase in the subscriptions in 2023 meant that the Committee side of things before adding in our groups was secure showing a steady excess in income albeit that this year is lower than last . Holiday bookings increase our turnover substantially but we have found from experience it is better to keep it in house than move it to the travel agents as someone ends up chasing round to ensure everyone pays so they dont lose ther booking</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our U3A has a very secure base and the committee side has reserves of over 6000 pounds but this has not kept pace with inflation over the years. This is held in the Vernon B S. Our current account is used to support the groups or generally run the U3A meetings and put on three or four entertainment events throughout the year and balances are 2000 pounds plus
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising events have not been as well supported as hoped as prices have put members off such as the annual lunch now at £30 plus per head. The lower priced events seem more popular but to give a spread of different events subsidising the more expensive ones has been necessary Generally despite us having to subsidise events now and again we have still had a good year
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our basic committee reserves have recovered to pre pandemic levels with the increases in subs and meeting income
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Prefer to hold at least 1 years running money for the main meetings in the Vernon Building Society
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,250.00
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	We have a very low general subscription rate at £8, the groups are self financing with the Committee only stepping in if necessary. We try and ensure special events are self financing but this is not 100% as we cannot guarantee take up of tickets. It was hoped in 2025 we could hold our membership steady which has been achieved and once again we hope we can continue at £8 for the forthcoming year despite increase costs such as rent. The main problem therefore appears to be the lack of volunteers who wish to become group leaders. People are fine taking part in the group but most just want to come and go without taking on any responsibility or further commitments.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership and income arising from 3 or 4 events during the year some of which hopefully will make a profit. However income from events is proving difficult due to lower than expected take up. 2025 showed a loss in the event area but we must measure this by the impact on the community.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We only invest in Banks and our local Building Society and by the nature of the USA we are already investing in the social wellbeing of our members
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Attraction of Committee members and leaders is a major problem. Most members do not want to lead or be on committees. It is a major major problem shared by most clubs, societies and charities in this area. This has lead to a reduction of groups offered and most of our Committee have served for many many years. On top of this

		the local council has introduced parking fees in the Village Hall car park. Perhaps our council would prefer the extra National Health costs due to people being lonely and staying at home but the fact is the small parking charges are going to put people off using the Village Hall where we meet
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed Original dated 30/6/2001
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated 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	All Trustees are chosen and accepted by the Committee as a whole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Guidelines as published by the main U3A albeit most Trustees are long term members
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The main National U3A are our guiding organisation and provide us with a wide range of rules and regulations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	High Lane U3A
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1091296
Charity's principal address	Treasurers home address 15 Langdale Close High Lane Stockport SK68JG

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)
1	Paul Kenneth	Chair		
2	Linda Dale	Vice Chair		
3	Lyn Arnold	Secretary		
4	Les Birks	Treasurer		
5	Margaret McDermott	Membership Sec.		
6	Sue Harlin			
7	Diane Saxon	Newsletter editor		
8	Trevor Kinvig			
9	Andre Lister			
10	Kath Wareham			
11	Pam Curley			
12	Barbara Kenneth			
13	Dorothy Neillands			
14	Pam Cooke			
15				

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

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NOT APPLICABLE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

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

SEE FULL COMMITTEE LIST

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

LESLIE BIRKS	PAUL KENNETH
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

TREASURER	CHAIRMAN
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Date

11/2/26

THE HIGH LANE U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1091296

Accounts



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Signed:

Date:

12/2/25

Name:

Michael Clarke

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

Retired Financial Services Officer

Address: 18 Albert Place

Church Lane

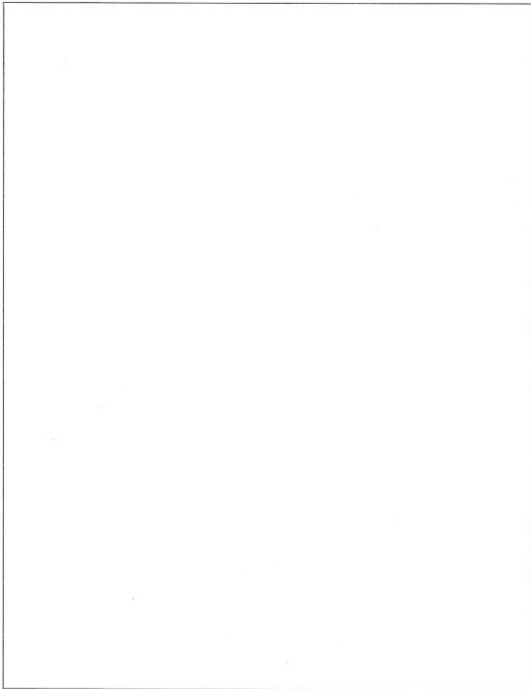
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No (if any)

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start	To	Period end date
	01/01/24		31/12/24

Section A Receipts and payments

to the nearest £ to the nearest £ to the nearest £ to the nearest £ to the nearest £

A1 Receipts

Committee

Subscriptions	2,984	-	-	2,984	3234
Meetings	1,573	-	-	1,573	1685
Lunches/events	4,059	-	-	4,059	4772
Donations	14	-	-	14	
Groups	437				
Interest RBS	53			53	34
Interest Vernon B S	116			116	52
Committee income	9,234			9,234	9777
Groups					
Income from groups	14,868	-	-	14,868	18602
Travel/Trips	70,276	-	-	70,276	53613
Group income	85,144			85,144	72215
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	94,379			94,379	81992

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts **94,379** **-** **-** **94,379** **81,992**

A3 Payments

Committee

Monthly meet room hire	759			759	770
Speakers	475			475	540
Refreshments	95			95	99
National U3A (Mbrshp & DirMail)	1,388			1,388	1,476
Newsletter	109			109	400
Committee & PPS	372			372	148
New Members Marketing	125			125	
Almoner	-			-	
Website & Equip	83			83	96
PAT Testing	-			-	
Donations	104			104	
Lunches and Events	4,209			4,209	5,038
Group Support	40			40	207
Committee expenses	7,758			7,758	8,774
Groups					

Receipts & Payments Consolidate

Group Room Hire	9,251			9,251	10,221
Group Social Exp(T, Coffee etc)	1,124			1,124	843
Group Dining	1,337			1,337	3,185
Group Other Exp (eg supplies)	3,438			3,438	2,183
Group Travel	72,748			72,748	54,538
Group Expenditure	87,898			87,898	70,970
Sub total	95,656	-	-	95,656	79,743

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	349	-	-	349	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	349	-	-	349	

Total payments	96,005	-	-	96,005	79743
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Net of receipts/(payments)	-1,627	-	-	-1,627	2249
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,939			16,939	14690
Cash funds this year end	15,313	-	-	15,313	16939

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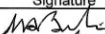

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B1 Cash funds	Bank (Committee)	2,343	-	-
	Cash	28	-	-
	Vernon B S (Committee)	6,117	-	-
	Group Balances	6,824	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,313	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
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)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Receipts & Payments Consolidate

B5 Liabilities

Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
Holiday deposits		1,400	
		-	
		-	
		-	
		-	

Signed by one or two trustees on

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LESLIE BIRKS	12 2 25
	PAUL KENNETH	12 2 25



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024 To 31st December 2024

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Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the committee are volunteers as are the group leaders. We have several other volunteers all of which are members in their own right. As much as possible is done in house free of charge utilising our members experience to provide entertainment and learning for others. Subscriptions are taken for general membership and groups are self financing.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	<p>The increase in membership fees to £8 in 2023 has ensured the finances of the High Lane U3A are secure and Committee income for the second time since the pandemic has exceeded expenditure.</p> <p>A lot of groups meet weekly or monthly and membership numbers overall is steady but not back to pre pandemic figures altho with the fee increase income is .The main meetings which happen monthly and group meetings which are more often than not weekly help combat loneliness and depression and anxiety etc. within the older generation within our community</p> <p>The increase in the subscriptions in 2023 meant that the Committee side of things</p>

		<p>before adding in our groups was secure showing a steady profit of 1000 pounds plus over the last two years thus strengthening our reserves. We have a strong travel group and bookings were taken in 2023 but expenditure didnt go out till 2024. This therefore shows that on this side and inevitably overall we made a loss but this was due to having deposit income for holidays in 2023 but the expenditure in 2024 thus reducing credit balances held</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Our U3A has a very secure base and the committee side has reserves of over 6000 pounds. This is held in the Vernon B S. Our current account is used to support the groups or generally run the U3A meetings and put on three or four entertainment events throughout the year and balances are 2000 pounds plus</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>We have cut the cost of the newsletter by taking it online and printing any paper copies in house. The closure of the choir group meant we received back into the main committee finances 400 pounds plus which paid for a new overhead projector which we were definitely in need of. Generally despite us having to subsidise events now and again as take up was lower than expected we have still had a good year</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our basic committee reserves have recovered to pre pandemic levels with the increases in subs and meeting income
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Prefer to hold at least 1 years running money for the main meetings in the Vernon Building Society
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,100.00
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	We have a very low general subscription rate at £8, the groups are self financing with the Committee only stepping in if necessary. We try and ensure special events are self financing but this is not 100% as we cannot guarantee take up of tickets but tried to increase the amount we charge to ensure we cover our costs. It was hoped in 2025 we could hold our membership steady which has been achieved and once again we hope we can continue at £8 for the forthcoming 2 or 3 years

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership and income arising from 3 or 4 events during the year some of which hopefully will make a profit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We only invest in Banks and our local Building Society and by the nature of the U3A we are already investing in the social wellbeing of our members
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Attraction of Committee members and leaders is a major problem. Most members do not want to lead or be on committees. It is a major major problem shared by most clubs, societies and charities in this area. This has lead to a reuction of groups offered and most of our Committee have served for many years
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed Original dated 30/6/2001
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated 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	All Trustees are chosen and accepted by the Committee as a whole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Guidelines as published by the main U3A albeit most Trustees are long term members
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The main National U3A are our guiding organisation and provide us with a wide range of rules and regulations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	High Lane U3A
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1091296
Charity's principal address	Treasurers home address
	15 Langdale Close High Lane Stockport SK68JG

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)
1	Paul Kenneth	Chair		
2	Linda Dale	Vice Chair		
3	Lyn Arnold	Secretary		
4	Les Birks	Treasurer		
5	Margaret McDermott	Membership Sec.		
6	Sue Harlin			
7	Diane Saxon	Newsletter editor		
8	Trevor Kinvig			
9	Andre Lister			
10	Kath Wareham			
11	Pam Curley			
12	Barbara Kenneth			
13	Dorothy Neillands			
14	Pam Cooke			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NOT APPLICABLE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

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

SEE FULL COMMITTEE LIST

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date

THE HIGH LANE U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1091296

Accounts



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HIGH LANE U3A

No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start	To	Period end date
	01/01/23		31/12/23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Committee					
Subscriptions	3,234	-	-	3,234	722
Meetings	1,685	-	-	1,685	1162
Lunches/events	4,772	-	-	4,772	3569
	-	-	-	-	-
Interest RBS	34	-	-	34	3
Interest Vernon B S	52	-	-	52	10
Committee income	9,777			9,777	5,466
Groups					
Income from groups	18,602	-	-	18,602	13,296
Travel/Trips	53,613	-	-	53,613	63,902
Group income	72,215			72,215	77,198
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	81,992	-	-	81,992	82,664
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	81,992	-	-	81,992	82,664
A3 Payments					
Committee					
Monthly meet room hire	770	-	-	770	657
Speakers	540	-	-	540	625
Refreshments	99	-	-	99	71
National U3A (Mbrshp & DirMail)	1,476	-	-	1,476	1,396
Newsletter	400	-	-	400	179
Committee & PPS	148	-	-	148	261
New Members Marketing	-	-	-	-	-
Almoner	-	-	-	-	26
Website & Equip	96	-	-	96	72
PAT Testing	-	-	-	-	-
Lunches and Events	5,038	-	-	5,038	2,867
Group Support	207	-	-	207	67
Committee expenses	8,774			8,774	6,221

Receipts & Payments Consolidate

Groups				-	
Group Room Hire	10,221			10,221	9,546
Group Social Exp(T, Coffee etc)	843			843	522
Group Dining	3,185			3,185	1,281
Group Other Exp (eg supplies)	2,183			2,183	1,882
Group Travel	54,538			54,538	63,074
Group Expenditure	70,970			70,970	76,305
Sub total	79,743	-	-	79,743	82,526

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	

Total payments	79,743	-	-	79,743	82,526
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,249	-	-	2,249	138
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,690			14,690	14,553
Cash funds this year end	16,939	-	-	16,939	14,690

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank (Committee)	2,610	-	-
	Vernon B S (Committee)	4,752	-	-
	Group Balances	9,578	-	-
	Total cash funds	16,939	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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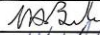

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use		
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
		B5 Liabilities	Prepayments	Group Travel
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	PAUL KENNETH (CHOR)	14/2/24
	LES BIRKS (TREAS)	14/2/24
	MICHAEL CLARKE (CHECKER)	14/2/24



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2023

To 31st December 2023

Charity name: High Lane U3A

Charity registration number: 1091296

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the middle aged and primarily older people who are not in full time employment in High Lane and its surrounding locality and the provision of facilities for leisure, recreation and social welfare
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	As well as a monthly meeting with speaker and 3 or 4 special events per year we also provide many interest groups that members can take part in throughout the week including: Art; Backgammon; Bridge; Canasta; Crown Green Bowls; Current Affairs, Dancing; Dining; Family History; Gardening; German; Handbell ringing; History; Indoor Kurling; Memoirs; Photography; Quiz; Reading; Shakespeare; Table Tennis; Travel; Trivial Pursuit and Walking.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Committee and leaders work tirelessly free of charge to provide educational and social events to its members. The obvious public benefits are many. The varied interest groups means there is something for everyone to attend at a very low cost. As it tends to be an older generation that attends it helps combatting loneliness and depression in our later years and creating friendships amongst members. The varied groups have areas of education and the meetings and special events give members entertainment at times when they may otherwise be on their own

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not give grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are a well established and our work in the community is undertaken on a volunteer basis. Our audience is mainly the retired and semi retired say over 60s albeit we have no age limitation. We provide educational and recreational activities at no major cost centrally within our own community
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the committee are volunteers as are the group leaders. We have several other volunteers all of which are members in their own right. As much as possible is done in house free of charge utilising our members experience to provide entertainment and learning for others. Subscriptions and group fees are taken to cover rents and other costs.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	<p>2022 was a free year as regards existing members as before this we had the pandemic when they received little for their membership.</p> <p>Membership suffered so this year we had to put up membership by 33% but still cheap at £8 per year.</p> <p>A lot of groups meet weekly or monthly and membership is slowly on the rise again but not back to pre pandemic figures altho with the fee increase income is .The main meetings which happen monthly and group meetings which are more often than not weekly help combat loneliness and depression and anxiety etc. within the older generation within our community</p> <p>The increase in the subscriptions together with money generated within the groups</p>

		has meant our surplus is 2250 however we do hold within that figure £4100 of deposits for holidays yet to be paid out which would easily be met by the holiday group balances held (£6500). This balance was made up of £4500 plus a £2000 refund from one of the River cruise lines in December.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our U3A ended up financially better off than anticipated but this was due to the deposits held re holidays. We were hoping to see a reduction in balances held but this was not to be the case.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	One of the events in 2022 had to be postponed so £700 in costs was in this years accounts with income in 2022, all due to Covid. Our events this year made up some of the shortfall leaving only £250 deficit from the events. Income from meetings covered the costs of the meetings for the first time in years and the committee cut costs themselves by moving committee meetings to a cheaper venue
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Our basic committee reserves have recovered to pre pandemic levels with the increases in subs and meeting income
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Prefer to hold at least 1 years running money for the main meetings in the Vernon Building Society
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,000.00
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	We have a very low subscription rate and increases even by 30% are still very affordable and should ensure continuation as a going concern. We have also recently addressed costs for special events and have increased the amount we charge to ensure we cover our costs. It is hoped in 2025 we can reduce our membership cost or at least hold it steady

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership and income arising from 3 or 4 events during the year some of which hopefully will make a profit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We only invest in Banks and our local Building Society and by the nature of the U3A we are already investing in the social wellbeing of our members
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Attraction of Committee members and leaders is a major problem. Most members do not want to lead or be on committees. It is a major major problem shared by most clubs, societies and charities in this area. Difficulty in attracting people who want to lead groups has led to a small reduction in the number of groups available
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed Original dated 30/6/2001
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated 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	All Trustees are chosen and accepted by the Committee as a whole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Guidelines as published by the main U3A albeit most Trustees are long term members
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The main National U3A are our guiding organisation and provide us with a wide range of rules and regulations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	High Lane U3A
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1091296
Charity's principal address	Treasurers home address
	15 Langdale Close High Lane Stockport SK68JG

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)
1	Paul Kenneth	Chair		
2	Linda Dale	Vice Chair		
3	Lyn Arnold	Secretary		
4	Les Birks	Treasurer		
5	Margaret McDermott	Membership Sec.		
6	Sue Harlin			
7	Diane Saxon	Newsletter editor		
8	Trevor Kinvig			
9	Andre Lister			
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12	Barbara Kenneth			
13	Dorothy Neillands			
14	Pam Cooke			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NOT APPLICABLE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

SEE FULL COMMITTEE LIST


Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

PAUL KENNETH	LESLIE ANTHONY BIRKS
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR.	TREASURER.
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Date

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Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Company Name
High Lane U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/23

Charity no
(if any)

1091296

Set out on pages

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(Remember to include the page numbers of any final notes)

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

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.

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

Michael Clarke

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

Retired Financial Services Officer

Address: 18 Albert Place

Church Lane

Marple SK6 7RP

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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THE HIGH LANE U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1091296

Accounts



HIGH LANE U3A

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	<i>Period start</i> 01/01/22	To	<i>Period end date</i> 31/12/22
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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					
Committee					
Subscriptions	722	-	-	722	2224
Meetings	1,162	-	-	1,162	111
Lunches/events	3,569	-	-	3,569	82
	-	-	-	-	
Interest RBS	3			3	1
Interest Vernon B S	10			10	12
Committee Income	5,466			5,466	2,430
Groups					
Income from groups	13,296	-	-	13,296	4,139
Travel/Trips	63,902	-	-	63,902	3,228
Group Income	77,198	-	-	77,198	7,367
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	82,664	-	-	82,664	9,797

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-

Total receipts	82,664	-	-	82,664	9,797
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A3 Payments					
Committee					
Monthly meet room hire	657	-	-	657	186
Speakers	625	-	-	625	130
Refreshments	71	-	-	71	53
National U3A (Mbrshp & DirMail)	1,396	-	-	1,396	940
Newsletter	179			179	
Committee & PPS	261			261	238
New Members Marketing	-			-	
Almoner	26			26	20
Website & Equip	72			72	96
PAT Testing	-			-	
Lunches and Events	2,867			2,867	343
Group Support	67			67	30
Committee expenses	6,221			6,221	2,036
				-	

Receipts & Payments Consolidated

Groups					
Group Room Hire	9,546	-	-	9,546	3,505
Group Social Exp(T, Coffee etc)	522	-	-	522	232
Group Dining	1,281	-	-	1,281	500
Group Other Exp (eg supplies)	1,882			1,882	815
Group Travel	63,074			63,074	646
Group Expenditure	76,305	-	-	76,305	5,698
Sub total	82,526	-	-	82,526	7,734
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	
Total payments	82,526	-	-	82,526	7,734
Net of receipts/(payments)	138	-	-	138	2,063
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,553	-	-	14,553	12,490
Cash funds this year end	14,690	-	-	14,690	14,553

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

Categories	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank (Committee)	1,657	-	-
	Vernon B S (Committee)	4,700	-	-
	Group Balances	8,333	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,690	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

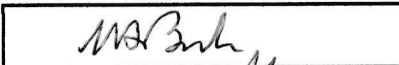


	Details	Unrestrict ed funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
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 liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	postponed event	700	-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	LESLIE BIRKS (TREAS)	8/2/23
	PAUL KENNETH (CHAIR)	8/2/23
	MIKE CLARKE (CHECKER)	9/2/23



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
High Lane U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/22

Charity no
(if any)

1091296

Set out on pages

1 to 3

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

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.

Signed:

M. Clarke

Date:

9/2/23

Name:

M. CLARKE

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

RETIRED FINANCIAL SERVICES OFFICER

Address: 18 ALBERT PLACE
CHURCH LANE
MARPLE SK6 7RP

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.

[Empty disclosure box]



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2022

To 31st December 2022

Charity name: High Lane U3A

Charity registration number: 1091296

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the middle aged and primarily older people who are not in full time employment in High Lane and its surrounding locality and the provision of facilities for leisure, recreation and social welfare
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	As well as a monthly meeting with speaker and 3 or 4 special events per year we also provide many interest groups that members can take part in throughout the week including: Art; Backgammon; Bridge; Canasta; Choir; Cinema; Crown Green Bowls; Current Affairs, Dancing; Darts; Dining; Family History; Gardening; German; Handbell ringing; History; Indoor Kurling; Memoirs; Photography; Quiz; Reading; Shakespeare; Table Tennis; Travel; Trivial Pursuit and Walking.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Committee and leaders work tirelessly free of charge to provide educational and social events to its members. The obvious public benefits are many. The varied interest groups means there is something for everyone to attend at a very low cost. As it tends to be an older generation that attends it helps combatting loneliness and depression in our later years and creating friendships amongst members. The varied groups have areas of education and the meetings and special events give members entertainment at times when they may otherwise be on their own

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not give grants
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We are a well established and our work in the community is undertaken on a volunteer basis. Our audience is mainly the retired and semi retired say over 60s albeit we have no age limitation. We provide educational and recreational activities at no major cost centrally within our own community
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All the committee are volunteers as are the group leaders. We have several other volunteers all of which are members in their own right. As much as possible is done in house free of charge utilising our members experience to provide entertainment and learning for others. Subscriptions and group fees are taken to cover rents and other costs.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	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	<p>We have just come out of a pandemic. Members have been stuck indoors and are grateful for Charities such as the U3A.</p> <p>2022 has not been an easy year with the tail end of Coronavirus but we have endeavoured to meet when we could</p> <p>Being open when we can ensures people have a meeting place and are back in touch with friends at the main meetings which happen monthly and group meetings which are more often than not weekly. The meetings and something to do helps to combat loneliness and depression and anxiety etc.</p> <p>It was expected we would make a £2000 loss as a minimum as we did not charge a membership fee in 2022. As it happened one of the events we were putting on was postponed where money had been</p>

		<p>collected so the cost will come in 2023. The good thing is that our subscription price has been increased by over 30% for 2023 to recoup some of the losses but as we have a low annual subscription 2021 £6 the impact will be negligible to our members.</p> <p>We also have several groups and the groups and one or two events such as the Annual Lunch and Xmas party made up any losses and we ended up showing a small excess of income over expenditure of just £137 but acknowledge £700 in our income is prepaid for an event in 2023.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our U3A ended up financially better off than anticipated but this was due to the postponement of one of the events to 2023 £700 and small income excesses elsewhere.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Fundraising suffered during 2020/21 due to committee members becoming ill with coronavirus etc. 2022 saw a slow growth in members wanting to attend. However not all events were completed as one event was hit as members involved in the organisation became ill and eventually we had to postpone. The income is therefore in the books but not the expenditure (£700)
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Altho our reserves have reduced due to giving membership free during the pandemic they are still sufficient to pay for 2 years minimum rentals for the main meetings and continuation of the website
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Prefer to hold at least 2 years running money for the main meetings in the Vernon Building Society
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£4,000.00
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	We have a very low subscription rate and increases even by 30% are still very affordable and should ensure continuation as a going concern. We have also recently addressed costs for special events and have increased the amount we charge to ensure we cover our costs

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership and income arising from 3 or 4 events during the year some of which hopefully will make a profit.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	We only invest in Banks and our local Building Society and by the nature of the U3A we are already investing in the social wellbeing of our members
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None at the minute albeit age is not our friend as most of our committee and leaders are over 60 and we find leaders difficult to replace
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		Trust
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Trust deed Original dated 30/6/2001
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated 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	All Trustees are chosen and accepted by the Committee as a whole.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Guidelines as published by the main U3A albeit most Trustees are long term members
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The main National U3A are our guiding organisation and provide us with a wide range of rules and regulations
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	High Lane U3A
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1091296
Charity's principal address	Treasurers home address 15 Langdale Close High Lane Stockport SK68JG

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)
1	Paul Kenneth	Chair		
2	Linda Dale	Vice Chair		
3	Lyn Arnold	Secretary		
4	Les Birks	Treasurer		
5	Margaret McDermott	Membership Sec.		
6	Sue Harlin			
7	Diane Saxon			
8	Trevor Kinvig			
9	Andre Lister			
10	Kath Wareham			
11	Pam Curley			
12	Barbara Kenneth			
13	Dorothy Neillands			
14	Pam Cooke			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NOT APPLICABLE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NOT APPLICABLE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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

SEE FULL COMMITTEE LIST

Other optional information


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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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Full name(s)

PAUL KENNETH	LES BIRKS
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

CHAIR	TREASURER
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Date

8/2/2023
