



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
High Lane U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31/12/24

Charity no
(if any)

1091296

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

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 31/12/2023

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:

12/2/25

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.



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

HIGH LANE U3A

No (if any)

CC16a

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period
from

Period start
01/01/24

To

Period end date
31/12/24

Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts

Committee

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

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

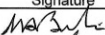

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Bank (Committee)	2,343	-	-
	Cash	28		
	Vernon B S (Committee)	6,117	-	-
	Group Balances	6,824	-	-
	Total cash funds	15,313	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024

To 31st December 2024

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. 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 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**

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	CHAIR
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Date

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