

Chair's Annual Report.

As I finish my fourth year as Chairman, I am ready to pass the baton, but I am remaining on the committee in order to support my successor. Although our membership numbers have not yet reached our pre-covid level, we now have over 500 once again and are still attracting new members. Our recent Open Day produced 10 on the day, and several more since who enrolled online. At the time of writing, there were only 69 members who had not renewed, and hopefully most of them will do so soon.

The Trustees agreed unanimously to increase the membership fee slightly to £15 for 2025/6.

We purchased our own projector for use by Groups and at the Monthly Meetings, as the Millennium Centre's equipment had become unreliable. We do now ideally need someone to come in a few minutes early for the Monthly Meetings to set it up.

For many years we have had an informal reciprocal arrangement with our neighbouring u3as. However, Petersfield withdrew a few years ago, and Haslemere will now followed suit, from August. We have decided not to change the arrangement for their members to come to our activities, as if they were members of Liphook, as the numbers involved are very small.

My thanks as always go to our committee, some of whom are standing down this time, and to all the Group Leaders, without whom we would have no organisation.

Following the sudden and sad loss of Neil MacCuaig during the year, Lyn Cope came forward as the new Membership Secretary and has really hit the ground running.

We currently have 32 individual groups, covering a very wide range of activities. Wendy Karban is standing down as both Speakers Coordinator and Groups Coordinator. Our thanks go to her for the varied range of Speakers over the two years she was in post, and she has already booked one for next year. It does mean, however, that we need some more volunteers for these two roles. Gwenda Pate has stood down from her publicity role, and I am glad to report that Chris Earwaker has taken it on. In addition to taking the Minutes, Pauline Murdoch has also opened a Facebook page for Liphook u3a, so hopefully that will attract more members. We have welcomed new committee members, following my earlier appeals, who were initially co-opted and are nominated for election this time.

I must also mention Catherine Oldham and her band of helpers, who provide refreshments whenever they are required. They even managed to keep us fed and watered when she was laid up with a broken ankle.

Peter Ritchie, who manages our website and the generic email addresses, and produces the screen ads for the monthly meetings. He has had a particularly busy year as the Third Age Trust changed the platform for the website, leading to literally many hours of work to get everything transferred.

Finally on this topic, our Secretary, Bill Simpson, is anticipating having some health problems and is very willing to stand down if somebody else would like to take on the responsibility. The role is like a Company Secretary in that it is the main conduit to both Third Age Trust and the Charity Commission. u3a is an organisation run for the members by the members, and the jobs that need doing 'behind the scenes' do not necessarily require the person doing them to be on the committee, so please let us know if you would like to offer some support.

THE LIPHOOK U3A - MAIN ACCOUNT  
Receipts and Payments  
For the year ended 31 January, 2025

	2024/2025		2023/2024
	£	£	£
RECEIPTS			
Groups			
General	16557.32		15682.07
Designated (Social)	29072.5		25645.4
Sub-total		45629.82	
Central			
Bank Interest	0		0
Gift Aid	665		922.32
Meeting Fees	2097.7		1749
Membership Fees	6067.76		7378.33
Other Income	0		431.17
Sub-total		8830.46	
Total	54460.28		51808.29
PAYMENTS			
Groups			
General	19589.16		19554.59
Designated (Social)	29999.14		24008.23
Sub-total		49588.3	
Central			
TAT(U3A News...)	0		0
Capitation	3205.2		2848.62
Equipment Grants	0		0
Equipment Expenditure	0		723.47
Guest Speakers	940		1035.19
Hall Hire	1548.96		1137.66
U3A Expenses	-289.68		2272.41
Newsletter	0		0
Off, Post, Print	240.1		250.96
Refreshments	0		0
Miscellaneous	1063.54		-249.32
Sub-total		6708.12	
Total	56296.42		51581.81
SURPLUS(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR	-1836.14		226.48

THE LIPHOOK U3A - MAIN ACCOUNT  
Balance Sheet  
For the year ended 31 January, 2025

	2024/2025	2023/2024
	£	£
ASSETS		
Fixed Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash with Groups	1641.33	2186.54
HSBC Current Account	8815.77	9162.95
HSBC No. 2 Account	0	0
HSBC Social Account	3282	4225.75
HSBC Deposit Account	0	0
to go through bank	0	0
Total assets	13739.1	15575.24

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General Fund		
Previous Year Closing Balance	15575.24	15348.76
Surplus(Reduction) on Year	-1836.14	226.48
Current Year Closing Balance	13739.1	15575.24

£

41327.47

10480.82

43562.82

8018.99



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name  
Liphook U3A

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 January 2025

Charity no  
(if any)

1093854

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 31/01/2025

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 (~~other than that disclosed below \*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or

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:

22 July 2025

Name:

Malcolm J Traviss FCA

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

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**Section B****Disclosure**

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

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