



2023 AGM Chairman's/Committee Report.

Well, another fantastic year in the life of St Neots u3a, with so much happening its difficult to reduce it all down to a short report; but I will try. (Hooray I hear you cry!)

Whilst we had no pandemic restrictions, we have still not returned to 100% normality, as attendance and lifestyle changes reflect, but what has remained at a maximum level is the effort and commitment of your Committee and Group Leaders (GLs)

So as always, my thanks on your behalf to all those individuals, in particular the new GLs that have stepped up, and to the subcommittees (Budget & Development, Publicity Team, Tech Team, Refreshment Team, Outing and Holidays) whose efforts can sometimes be unseen, but whose contribution is crucial. Thank you!

Also, a big note of thanks to Tony Summerlin and Ann Ferguson who are stepping down from the Membership Secretary and Secretary respectively, after many years in those roles.

We are always looking to enhance the opportunities and facilities available to our Members and this year has seen examples such as:-

The new monthly "Meet and Greet" sessions, new Group Venue options, in response to Group requests, new Group start up support, financial support and reviews, that enabled a reduction in subscriptions costs, introduction of a free Quarterly National u3a Magazine (TAM), an impressive Speakers list with bookings into 2024, card payment provision, more Holidays and Outings and so much more.

Our Publicity events together with exposure on local radio and Facebook has seen, not only a growth in membership numbers, but increased awareness of u3a within the community.

It would be remiss of me not to recognise and record the fact that, much of our reputation within St Neots as being a welcoming and inclusive organisation, comes from the response that our existing members give to new members. So, thank you also to all our members.

Proposals for the 2023/24 Membership year include establishing an automated membership renewal option, alternative methods for members to pay their Activity fee, at Group meetings, plus continued growth and visibility through involvement in Community projects, such as St Neots Initiative (SNI).

Whilst we can proudly look back over the achievements of the last 12 months and the growth in membership, we should also take a minute to remember those members who are no longer with us and for those members who have lost a partner and may need our support and understanding as they adjust to a new way of life.

Thank you for taking the time to read this year's Chairman's Report.

Take care,

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TREASURERS' REPORT 2022-2023

As our first full financial year concludes, having resumed all our activities post COVID-19 restrictions, I am delighted to give my first Treasurers' report for the St Neots and District u3a, which shows we are in a very strong financial position. Membership continues to grow and our activity groups are vibrant and well managed. We have continued to invest in technology for facilities management as well as for our group activities. Our increase in current reserves has enabled us to reduce membership subscriptions for next year and provide a copy of the national u3a magazine to all our members.

Receipts and Payments Account for Year Ended 30 June 2023


| | 2022-23 £ | 2021-22 £ |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|
| Receipts | | |
| Activity Income | 24773.61 | 16836.80 |
| Activity Groups Funds collections | 966.05 | 920.85 |
| Subscriptions | 15310.83 | 16194.50 |
| Gift Aid | 2137.68 | 1221.03 |
| Interest received | 128.09 | 2.94 |
| Monthly Meetings | 0.00 | 862.00 |
| | <u>43316.26</u> | <u>36038.12</u> |
| Payments | | |
| Activity Room Hire | (21478.68) | (16382.20) |
| Activity Costs | (647.89) | (582.58) |
| Activity Group Funds expenses | (831.65) | (783.89) |
| Newssheet | (489.99) | (564.75) |
| MM Hall Hire | (605.00) | (799.39) |
| MM Speakers | (912.40) | (918.50) |
| MM Refreshments | (266.09) | (55.91) |
| Special Events (net) | 36.13 | (37.85) |
| TAT membership subscription | (4040.00) | (4132.00) |
| TAM magazine | (25.04) | 0.00 |
| Committee, Network Meetings etc. | (368.10) | (597.00) |
| Beacon licence | (1024.00) | (1033.00) |
| Postage, Printing & Stationery | (562.16) | (719.74) |
| Equipment | (1334.33) | (2509.16) |
| Miscellaneous (net) | (672.71) | (500.02) |
| | <u>(33221.91)</u> | <u>(29615.99)</u> |
| Excess (Shortfall) of receipts over payments | 10094.35 | 6422.13 |
| Add General Fund brought forward | 32844.01 | 26,421.88 |
| General Fund C/F | <u>42938.36</u> | <u>32844.01</u> |
| Social Fund | | |
| Income | 10995.50 | 15563.50 |
| Entry Fees | (4987.00) | (10251.45) |
| Coach Hire | (5394.00) | (2447.00) |
| Driver Tips | (188.00) | (145.00) |
| Sundry Expenses | (109.77) | (20.00) |
| Christmas Party Costs | (1371.02) | (949.57) |
| Surplus (Shortfall) on Social Fund | (1054.29) | 1750.48 |
| Social Fund brought forward | 7816.16 | 6065.68 |
| Social Fund C/F | <u>6761.87</u> | <u>7816.16</u> |
| Total Funds C/F | <u>49700.23</u> | <u>40660.17</u> |

Balance Sheet at 30 June 2023

| | 2022-23 £ | 2021-22 £ |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Cash at bank: | | |
| Main Account | 7429.64 | 12612.78 |
| Membs.Social Account | 6761.87 | 7816.16 |
| Business Reserve Account | 34624.63 | 19496.54 |
| Miscellaneous: | | |
| Petty Cash | 100.00 | 100.00 |
| Activity Groups Funds | 744.09 | 609.69 |
| Activity Groups Floats | 40.00 | 5.00 |
| Membership float | 0.00 | 20.00 |
| Total: | <u>49700.23</u> | <u>40660.17</u> |

Subscriptions paid in advance for the new year are held as follows:

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|--------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Advance subs accounts at bank | 3191.67 | 6361.95 |
| Zettle account | 1161.00 | 0.00 |
| Paypal account, net of charges | 4825.00 | 5463.70 |
| | <u>9177.67</u> | <u>11825.65</u> |


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St Neots and District U3A
Accountant's Report and Certificate

Acting as Accountant, but not as Auditor, I have examined the Receipts and Payments Account, Social Fund Statement and Balance Sheet, all of which were prepared by the Treasurer, for the year ended 30th June 2023, together with the records, vouchers, and information and explanations provided to me by the Treasurer, which disclose a net total excess of Income over Expenditure for the year of £9,040.06 and a total surplus carried forward as at 30th June 2023 of £49,700.23 and I certify that the same Receipts and Payments Account, Social Fund Statement and Balance Sheet are in accordance therewith.


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14th August 2023