

# DORRIDGE U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1097335

## Details

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**Other names** DORRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2003-05-01

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**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:** General meetings and activity groups with an educational and/or social content

## Classification

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- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DORRIDGE AND DISTRICT AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY.
- Solihull

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£44,086	£41,852	-	-
2024-12-31	£39,271	£39,461	-	-
2023-12-31	£35,959	£33,880	-	-
2022-12-31	£22,604	£23,551	-	-
2021-12-31	£9,554	£10,642	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David John Brittin		2017-05-18
Elizabeth Murray		2019-05-16
Elizebeth Mansell		2015-05-21
Jennifer Ann Ord		2024-03-07
John David Archer		2024-03-07
Joy Harrison		2022-05-18
Kathleen O'Hara		2025-03-06
Margaret Lilley		2023-05-18
Patricia Ann Lawrence		2018-05-17
Robert Jordan Mansell		2016-05-19
Stephen Edward Boulton		2017-05-18
Stephen John Cheshire		2025-03-06
William Thomas Foster		2017-05-18

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# Accounts

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## **2.7 Governance:**

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025, the meeting resolved to appoint Christopher Price as Independent Examiner for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025.

# **3. Achievements and Performance 2024**

## **3.1 Chair's Review of the Year:**

We again held our AGM in March rather than May and the move has proved successful in encouraging more members to attend. Attendance figures have also been swelled by the committee's decision to continue to provide an activity group fair at the AGM whereby group leaders can talk to prospective new group members after the conclusion of the main business.

Dorridge u3a has a wide range of activity groups and several new groups have started this year including cycling and photography, and another has been resurrected, classical music appreciation.

Membership continues to grow and we are now approaching 600 members. One reason for this is the popularity and increasing number of outings arranged by our Outings organiser. A number of members of other local u3as have joined Dorridge in order to take advantage of priority booking.

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2025**

We continue to secure excellent speakers for the twice monthly general meetings, which attract a good attendance throughout the year, sometimes reaching three figures. Once again, a small group of members performed a pantomime in November for the benefit of the rest of the membership, which was well received. This year's production was Jack and beanstalk.

Several members of the committee are approaching a decade of committee membership, and this continuity has helped to make Dorridge u3a the local success that it is. I remain grateful for their support and hard work throughout the year.

Additionally, I continued to chair the Solihull Cluster of u3as although it struggles to recruit members to its committee.

### **3.2 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement:**

2025 concludes another successful year for Dorridge U3A.

Our General Fund (i.e. excluding Group Funds & Legacies) showed a significant increase in Income, with both subscription income increased as a result of a larger membership, and an unexpected source of income from the Riviera Travel scheme.

Expenditure was broadly as forecast with no significant capital expenditure although the Committee has allocated £700 for the purchase of a new laptop. Overall, our General Funds showed a surplus of £2,928 compared with £177 in 2024.

The various groups have all been very active during the year. Worthy of comment are the Outings Group which included visits to Burghley House & Stamford, the Malvern Spring Festival, the National Memorial Arboretum and Blenheim Palace at Christmas, and, of course, the Panto Group, which put on another successful production (Jack & the Beanstalk).

#### **Net General Fund Reserves £10,310 (compared with £7,382 in 2024)**

The budget for 2026 was based on the following assumptions:

- a) Membership as per 2025 (530 full members, 60 associate members).
- b) 5% increase in Third Age Trust subscription, Third Age Matters and Beacon Licence fee.
- c) General Meeting speakers' fees as provided by the Speaker Secretary.
- d) Modest increases in line with inflation elsewhere. £700 allocated for the purchase of a new laptop.

To achieve a balanced budget in 2026, our forecast indicated that we did not need any increase in annual fees. The Committee considered this in October 2025 and resolved to keep 2026 subscriptions at their 2025 levels, namely £17 per full member and £11 for Associate Members. This has been implemented.

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2025**

The Treasurer offers his sincere thanks to the following:

Christopher Price for his role as Independent Examiner.

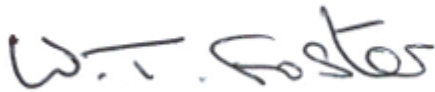
Stephen Boulton for his assistance during the year and in the preparation of the 2025 Annual Accounts.

The various Group Leaders for their punctuality in payments of their funds.

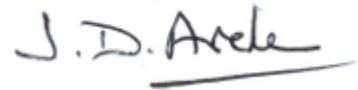
Chairman William Foster and other Members of the Dorridge u3a Executive Committee.

The Chair recorded his thanks to Stephen Boulton, David Archer, and Chris Price.

Approved by the Dorridge u3a AGM on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2026, and signed on its behalf by:



William Foster  
Chair



David Archer  
Honorary Treasurer

Receipts and Payments account (excluding Activity Groups, Outings and Legacies)

	2025	2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	
<b>Income</b>					<b>2026 budget assumptions</b>
Members Subs	£9,772	£8,321	£8,490	£9,670	530 members @ £17 + 60 @ £11
Social events					
Interest	£422	£387	£250	£250	
Miscellaneous	£586				
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£10,780</b>	<b>£8,708</b>	<b>£8,740</b>	<b>£9,920</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Third Age Trust - membership fees, etc	£2,093	£1,980	£1,880	£2,520	< £4.75 per full member (530)
Third Age Matters	£1,521	£1,326	£1,460	£1,700	< 400 addresses @ £4.25
Beacon system costs	£552	£530	£540	£650	< 590 @ £1.1 a head
Rent	£990	£964	£1,012	£1,037	< est. based on 2025 act + 5%
Speakers	£1,392	£1,714	£1,891	£1,400	< Bob Mansell
Social events	£361	£173	£182	£400	< est. based on 2025 act + 5%
Website costs	£243	£243	£250	£250	
Miscellaneous	£43	£37			
Covid-19 costs					
Dorridge Day		£26	£100	£100	
Refreshments	£243	£328	£250	£300	
Postage and Stationery	£69	£99	£100	£150	
Paypal Fees	£107	£88	£100	£120	
Bank charges	£188	£222	£216	£220	< est. based on 2025
Equipment Purchases	£50	£801	£325	£800	< includes £700 for new laptop ap
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£7,852</b>	<b>£8,530</b>	<b>£8,306</b>	<b>£9,647</b>	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>£2,928</b>	<b>£177</b>	<b>£434</b>	<b>£273</b>	

Legacies, Groups and Outings - income and expenditure			
	Legacies	Groups	Outings
Income	£24,498	£8,808	
Expenditure	£25,068	£8,932	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>-£570</b>	<b>-£124</b>	

	Groups	Outings	Legacies
Income	£23,785	£6,778	
Expenditure	£24,115	£6,665	£150
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>-£330</b>	<b>£113</b>	<b>-£150</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	2025	2024	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>					
Deposit Bond	£9,000	£9,000			
Deposit Account	£5,241	£3,108			
Current Account	-£1,610	£2,234			
Petty cash	£1	£46			
<b>Total cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£12,631</b>	<b>£14,388</b>			
Other Assets/Liabilities (2026 income received in 2025)		-£3,991			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£12,631</b>	<b>£10,397</b>	<b>£11,081</b>	<b>£11,604</b>	Bank balances
<b>General Reserves</b>					
Balance brought forward 1st January	£7,382	£7,204	B/F £7,382	B/F £7,816	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£2,928	£177	Surplus £434	Surplus £273	
Transfer from Outings					
<b>Balance carried forward 31st December</b>	<b>£10,310</b>	<b>£7,382</b>	<b>General Reserves £7,816</b>	<b>General Reserves £8,089</b>	
<b>Legacies, Groups and Outings balances</b>					
Balance brought forward 1st Jan.	£365	£515	£3,015	£3,265	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£570	-£330	£250	£250	
Transfer (to)/from reserves					
<b>Balance carried forward 31st Dec.</b>	<b>£365</b>	<b>£2,170</b>	<b>£3,265</b>	<b>£3,515</b>	
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>£12,631</b>	<b>£10,397</b>	<b>£11,081</b>	<b>£11,604</b>	

These accounts were approved at a meeting of the charity's trustees on :

And signed on their behalf by :

(Chair)  
W.T. Foster

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Chair's and Trustees Reports

To be presented at the AGM

Public Benefit

Public benefit in the case of DU3A is to its members. The trustees will try to deal with any complaints or criticisms as quickly as possible.

Designated Monies

All monies passing through the charity's accounts are for the purpose of the charity meeting its objects. There are no designated funds included.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have a budget prepared for the next year showing projections of receipts and payments. This is used to project figures for the charity's liquid assets at the end of that year. This is done during the current year, prior to the AGM. With these in front of them, the trustees can decide on any action needed by way of increasing or decreasing members' subscriptions or plan the purchase of needed equipment or services during the following year.

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the records and accounts of Dorridge U3A and find that in my opinion the accounts are in line with the underlying records and that no matters have come to my attention that should be reported to the Charity Commission or in this connection to the members in general.

Signed  
Mr Christopher Price

Date: 25/1/26

**ACTIVITY GROUP BALANCES**

	01-Jan-25	Receipts	Payments	31-Dec-25
Art Group	23.20	426.00	-450.00	-0.80
Ballroom Dancing	1.00	318.50	-319.50	
Bridge	241.57	520.00	-488.00	273.57
Choir	74.00	825.76	-1,007.89	-108.13
Film Group	122.00	945.00	-600.00	467.00
Gardening				
History Group	32.00			32.00
IT Group	399.11	196.00	-450.00	145.11
Musicals		660.00	-720.00	-60.00
Opera	214.41	240.00	-93.30	361.11
Panto Group	424.72	1,375.52	-1,801.11	-0.87
Pickleball	0.90			0.90
Racket ball	34.40	400.00	-400.00	34.40
Science	214.00	372.00	-490.00	96.00
Short Mat Bowls	-61.51	796.26	-798.50	-63.75
Table Tennis 1		1,350.00	-1,300.00	50.00
Table Tennis 2	48.00	2,452.00	-2,450.00	50.00
Table Tennis 3		1,200.00	-1,200.00	
Table Tennis 4	48.00	2,452.00	-2,500.00	
Table Tennis 5	48.00	2,402.00	-2,450.00	
Table Tennis 6		2,450.00	-2,500.00	-50.00
Table Tennis 7	96.00	2,567.00	-2,500.00	163.00
Table Tennis 8		2,550.00	-2,550.00	
New TT tables fund	210.33			210.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>2,170.13</u></b>	<b><u>24,498.04</u></b>	<b><u>-25,068.30</u></b>	<b><u>1,599.87</u></b>
<b>Outings</b>	<b>480.21</b>	<b>8,808.00</b>	<b>-8,932.05</b>	<b>356.16</b>

<b>CHARITY COMMISSION REPORTING FIGURES</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
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Our membership at 1st March 2025 was 538, our highest March figure for ten years, with the exception of the Covid year. Our overall membership figures don't change much with roughly an equal number of members joining and lapsing each year. However, we do need to recruit more new members aged 60-70.

We appointed a new Treasurer at last year's AGM, and we have achieved a seamless transition from the previous treasurer to our new one.

We also appointed a new Outings Organiser last year and she has organised a number of visits which have been well supported. She has built up a good relationship with her counterparts in other Solihull u3a's allowing reciprocation of spare places.

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2024**

We performed another successful panto this year – Ali Baba – with two capacity audiences. This is usually a highlight for many of our members.

Last year we asked activity group leaders to attend the AGM and to make themselves available around the hall to talk to members thinking of joining a new group. This proved to be highly successful, and a number of groups successfully recruited new members. We plan to repeat this exercise in future AGMs

### **3.2 Speaker Secretary's Report:**

Dorridge U3A always seeks to engage good quality speakers for our general meetings of which we have two per month, in total we usually book twenty-two speakers, with two of the dates being kept for the AGM and an in-house quiz. We regularly have an attendance of 70 to 80 members for the general meetings, which is back to where it was pre-Covid.

It has become noticeable since the Covid lockdown that speaker costs have started to rise, with a number of speakers now charging £100 plus, additionally more speakers charge travel expenses on top of their fee. Our anticipated speaker costs for the current year (2024) will be in the region of £1600, although the cost for one of the talks (21st November - £150) will be paid out of the Louisa Jakeman bequest.

### **3.3 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement:**

2024 concludes another successful year for Dorridge U3A, my first as Treasurer since taking over from Stephen Boulton at the AGM in March 2024.

Our General Fund (i.e. excluding Group Funds & Legacies) showed a small overall increase in Income (£8,708 compared with £8,696 in 2023), even though subscription income was slightly reduced, this being the result of increased bank interest.

Expenditure was broadly as forecast other than Equipment Purchases which includes the purchase of one new Cornilleau 500 Table Tennis Table (£616.50). The Committee also authorised a loan to enable the purchase of a second table; this loan has been repaid in full by the TT members, with excess funds being carried forward to 2025. Overall, our General Funds showed a small surplus of £177 compared with £506 in 2023.

The various group have all been very active with all but one showing a positive balance at the end of the year. Worthy of comment are the Outings Group which included visits to Bletchley Park, Hampton Court, the Military Intelligence Museum and Waddesdon Manor @ Christmas and, of course, the Panto Group, which put on another successful production (Ali Baba).

**Net General Fund Reserves    £7,381.60 (compared with £7,204 in 2023)**

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The budget for 2025 was based on the following assumptions:

- a) Membership as per 2024 (495 full members, 36 associate members.
- b) 5% increase in Third Age Trust subscription, Third Age Matters and Beacon Licence fee.
- c) General Meeting speakers' fees as provided by the Speaker Secretary.
- d) Modest increases in line with inflation elsewhere. No capital expenditure.

To achieve a balanced budget in 2025, our forecast indicated that we needed a small increase in annual fees. The Committee considered this in October 2024 and recommended an increase to £17 for Full Members and £11 for Associate Members. This has been implemented.

Our current reserves (£7,382) are significantly higher than the minimum 50% of annual day-to-day expenses (£4,265) suggested in our Finance Policy, and for this reason it is proposed that we retain the above membership subscriptions for a further year (2026), namely Full Members £17, Associate Members £11.

The Treasurer offers his sincere thanks to the following:

Christopher Price for his role as Independent Examiner.

Stephen Boulton for his period as Treasurer, also for his assistance during the hand-over period and in the preparation of the 2024 Annual Accounts.

The various Group Leaders for their punctuality in payments of their funds.

Chairman William Foster and other Members of the Dorridge u3a Executive Committee.

The Chair recorded his thanks to Stephen Boulton, David Archer, and Chris Price.

Approved by the Dorridge u3a Committee on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025, and signed on its behalf by:

William Foster  
Chair

David Archer  
Honorary Treasurer

Receipts and Payments account (excluding Activity Groups, Outings and Legacies)

	2024	2023	Budget 2025	Budget 2026	
<b>Income</b>					
Members Subs	£8,321	£8,447	£8,811	£8,811	2025/26 budget assumptions 495 members @ £17 + 36 @ £11
Social events					
Interest	£387	£249	£252	£252	
Miscellaneous					
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,708</b>	<b>£8,696</b>	<b>£9,063</b>	<b>£9,063</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Third Age Trust - membership fees, etc	£1,980	£2,032	£2,228	£2,351	495 @ £4.50/4.75 per member 385 addresses @ £4.0/4.10 531 @ £1.05/1.10 a head est. based on prior year + 5%
Third Age Matters	£1,326	£1,370	£1,540	£1,579	
Beacon system costs	£530	£508	£558	£584	
Rent	£964	£880	£1,012	£1,063	
Speakers	£1,714	£1,715	£1,475	£1,549	est. based on prior year + 5%
Social events	£173	£375	£182	£191	
Website costs	£243	£243	£255	£268	est. based on prior year + 5%
Miscellaneous	£37	£10	£25	£25	
Covid-19 costs		£144			
Dorridge Day	£26		£150	£150	est. est. based on prior year + 5%
Refreshments	£328	£245	£345	£362	
Postage and Stationery	£99	£94	£104	£109	est. based on prior year + 5%
Paypal Fees	£88	£94	£100	£85	
Bank charges	£222	£202	£233	£244	est. based on prior year + 5% estimated
Equipment Purchases	£801	£279	£300	£300	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,530</b>	<b>£8,191</b>	<b>£8,505</b>	<b>£8,859</b>	
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>£177</b>	<b>£506</b>	<b>£558</b>	<b>£204</b>	
<b>Legacies, Groups and Outings - income and expenditure</b>					
	Legacies	Groups	Outings		
Income	£23,785	£6,778		Groups	Outings
Expenditure	£150	£24,115	£6,665	£21,850	£5,413
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>-£150</b>	<b>-£330</b>	<b>£113</b>	<b>£1,744</b>	<b>-£170</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	2024	2023	
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>			
Deposit Bond	£9,000	£5,000	
Deposit Account	£3,108	£5,005	
Current Account	£2,234	£488	
Petty cash	£46	£93	
<b>Total cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>£14,388</b>	<b>£10,586</b>	
Other Assets/Liabilities (2025 subs received in 2024)	£3,991		
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£10,397</b>	<b>£10,586</b>	
<b>General Reserves</b>			
Balance brought forward 1st January	£7,204	£6,699	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	£177	£506	
Transfer from Outings			
<b>Balance carried forward 31st December</b>	<b>£7,382</b>	<b>£7,204</b>	
<b>Legacies, Groups and Outings balances</b>			
	Legacies	Groups	Outings
Balance brought forward 1st Jan.	£515	£2,500	£367
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	-£150	-£330	£113
Transfer (to)/from reserves			
<b>Balance carried forward 31st Dec.</b>	<b>£365</b>	<b>£2,170</b>	<b>£480</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>	<b>£10,397</b>	<b>£10,586</b>	

These accounts were approved at a meeting of the charity's trustees on :

And signed on their behalf by : *W.T. Foster* (Chair) 20/11/25

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Chair's and Trustees Reports To be presented at the AGM Public Benefit

Public benefit in the case of DU3A is to its members. The trustees will try to deal with any complaints or criticisms as quickly as possible.

Designated Monies

All monies passing through the charity's accounts are for the purpose of the charity meeting its objects. There are no designated funds included.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have a budget prepared for the next year showing projections of receipts and payments. This is used to project figures for the charity's liquid assets at the end of that year. This is done during the current year, prior to the AGM. With these in front of them, the trustees can decide on any action needed by way of increasing or decreasing members' subscriptions or plan the purchase of needed equipment or services during the following year.

Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the records and accounts of Dorridge U3A and find that in my opinion the accounts are in line with the underlying records and that no matters have come to my attention that should be reported to the Charity Commission or in this connection to the members in general.

Signed *Mr Christopher Price* 5/2/25 Date:

**ACTIVITY GROUP BALANCES**

	01-Jan-24	Receipts	Payments	31-Dec-24
Art Group	125.20	282.00	-384.00	23.20
Ballroom Dancing	43.00	339.00	-381.00	1.00
Bridge	271.57	320.00	-350.00	241.57
Choir	110.00	405.00	-441.00	74.00
Film Group	117.00	632.00	-627.00	122.00
Gardening				
History Group	32.00			32.00
IT Group	676.11	182.00	-459.00	399.11
Musicals	-42.00	726.00	-684.00	
Opera	30.41	184.00		214.41
Panto Group	657.14	1,261.57	-1,493.99	424.72
Pickleball	0.90			0.90
Racket ball	34.40	455.00	-455.00	34.40
Science	236.00	437.00	-459.00	214.00
Short Mat Bowls		855.00	-916.50	-61.50
Table Tennis 1		1,344.00	-1,344.00	
Table Tennis 2	40.00	2,312.00	-2,304.00	48.00
Table Tennis 3	1.20	1,102.80	-1,104.00	
Table Tennis 4	27.15	2,420.85	-2,400.00	48.00
Table Tennis 5	40.00	2,456.00	-2,448.00	48.00
Table Tennis 6		2,352.00	-2,352.00	
Table Tennis 7	40.00	2,408.00	-2,352.00	96.00
Table Tennis 8	40.00	2,456.00	-2,496.00	
New TT tables fund	20.00	855.00	-664.67	210.33
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b><u>2,500.08</u></b>	<b><u>23,785.22</u></b>	<b><u>-24,115.16</u></b>	<b><u>2,170.14</u></b>
Outings	366.86	6,778.25	-6,664.90	480.21

<b>CHARITY COMMISSION REPORTING FIGURES</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
Income	£8,708	£8,696
Legacies		
Groups	£23,785	£21,850
Outings	£6,778	£5,413
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£39,271</b>	<b>£35,960</b>
Expenditure	£8,530	£8,191
Legacies	£150	
Groups	£24,115	£20,106
Outings	£6,665	£5,583
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£39,461</b>	<b>£33,880</b>

**DORRIDGE U3A**

England & Wales - Charity number 1097335

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# Accounts

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# ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees of the Dorridge u3a (“the Trustees”) are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023.

## 1. Reference and Administrative Information

**1.1 Charity Name:** Dorridge University of the Third Age (“Dorridge u3a”, “the Charity”)

**Charity Registration Number:** 1097335

**1.2 Office:** 5 Bushwood Drive, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8JL. (to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023)  
6 Glendon Way, Dorridge, Solihull, B93 8SY. (from 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023)

**Email:** [u3adorridge@gmail.com](mailto:u3adorridge@gmail.com)

**Website:** [www.dorridgeu3a.co.uk](http://www.dorridgeu3a.co.uk)

### 1.3 The Trustees:

The following Members, who are trustees for the purposes of charity law and who served during the year and up to the date of this report (unless indicated otherwise), are set out below:

Chair:	William Foster
Vice-chair & Group Activity Advisor:	David Brittin
Vice-chair & Membership Secretary:	Elizabeth Mansell
Treasurer:	Stephen Boulton
Secretary:	Robert Beckham (to 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023)
Secretary:	Patricia Lawrence (from 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023)
Speaker Secretary:	Robert Mansell
Visits Coordinator & Village Hall Liaison:	Patricia Lawrence
Website Coordinator:	Elizabeth Murray
Minutes Secretary:	Kay Ashley
Member:	Joy Harrison
Member:	Margaret Lilley
Member:	Jenni Ord (co-opted 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2023)

### 1.4 Independent Examiner:

Richard Savage,  
388 Station Road,  
Dorridge,  
Solihull, B93 8ES.

### 1.5 Bankers:

HSBC Bank plc,  
34 Poplar Road,  
Solihull, B91 3AF.

### 1.6 Website & Crier:

Crier Editor: Peter Derrington

Webmasters: Richard Arbuthnot & David Archer

## **2. Dorridge u3a**

u3a is a UK-wide movement of locally run interest groups that provide a wide range of opportunities to come together to learn for fun. Members explore new ideas, skills, and activities together. The u3a national body – the Third Age Trust – looks after more than one thousand u3as with nearly 400,000 members in the UK, providing educational and administrative support.

Dorridge u3a is affiliated to the national body and has over 500 members participating in over 40 interest groups.

### **2.1 Objectives and Activities:**

The charity's object ("the object") is the advancement of education, and in particular the education of older people and those retired from full-time work, using all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development in Dorridge and the surrounding area.

### **2.2 Policies and Values:**

The Policies and Values of Dorridge U3A may be viewed by visiting the Dorridge u3a website, or by following this link: [Policies and Values - Dorridge U3A](#)

### **2.3 Constitution:**

Similarly, the Dorridge u3A Constitution may be viewed here: [Constitution - Dorridge U3A](#)

### **2.4 Structure and Management:**

Dorridge u3a members may be either **Individual** or **Associate** members. Both styles of membership enjoy the same rights, but **Individual** members make financial contributions directly to the running of the u3A national body, whereas **Associate** members do this via their membership of another affiliated u3a club, and consequently benefit from reduced annual subscriptions to Dorridge u3a.

Dorridge u3a is managed by an elected committee of between 5 and 15 trustees who are paid-up members of the Charity and including, as a minimum, the following Officers: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary & Treasurer. Trustees are normally elected at the Annual General Meeting, but up to 3 may be coopted during the year.

An Annual General Meeting will be called each year, within 15 months of the date of the previous AGM, for the purpose of reviewing the performance of the Charity during the previous accounting period, and for the election of Trustees and Officers of the Charity.

Special General Meetings ("Executive Committee Meetings") may be called at intervals during the year, at the prerogative of the Trustees.

Other rules & procedures governing the management of Dorridge u3a may be found in the Dorridge u3a Constitution: [Constitution - Dorridge U3A](#)

### **2.5 Financial, Reserves Policy & Governance:**

## **ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2023**

The trustees of Dorridge u3a are responsible for:

- Safeguarding the assets of the Dorridge u3a.
- Identifying and managing the risk of loss, waste, theft or fraud.
- Ensuring the financial reporting is robust and of sufficient quality.
- Keeping financial records in accordance with the governing document and relevant legislation (e.g. Charities Acts, Companies Acts etc).
- Preparing Annual Accounts in accordance with the governing document and relevant legislation.
- The accounts should show a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Dorridge u3a.

Trustees are jointly responsible for keeping full financial records. These include those of the u3a and all the interest groups, sub-groups etc., where appropriate. To enable the trustees to carry out these responsibilities, the financial procedures detailed below will be followed. A copy of this policy will be given to all trustees on their election/appointment to the committee and made available to members on the website. The policy will be kept under review and revised as necessary.

### **2.6 Reserves Policy:**

Dorridge u3a aims to keep a level of reserves that will cover six months of day-to-day expenses. This refers to the direct level of Expenses incurred and does include the self-funding elements of the various interest groups.

### **2.7 Governance:**

At the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023, the meeting resolved to appoint Richard Savage as Independent Examiner for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## **3. Achievements and Performance 2023**

### **3.1 Chair's Review of the Year:**

At the AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024, William Foster commented that the change of AGM date from mid-May to early March would mean that his second year as chair would be less than twelve months. Membership remains at over 500 (511), still the largest in the Solihull. This continues to provide a firm foundation and solid income, allowing good speakers to be secured for the twice monthly general meetings, which had attracted a good attendance throughout the last year.

He expressed his thanks to the Speaker Secretary, Bob Mansell, for his sterling work in providing a good balance of speaker topics and also to those who have made refreshments, metted and greeted, and helped with the chairs over the past year.

One of the big successes had been, of course, the annual pantomime. Cinderella appeared to have found great favour with everyone, despite the last-minute reservations of the cast!

Dorridge u3a has a wide range of activity groups, most of which remain popular, but with a few struggling with low membership numbers. As an experiment, group leaders had been asked to attend the AGM, so that they could talk to prospective new members after

## ANNUAL REPORT of the Trustees of Dorridge u3a, year ended 31 December 2023

the main business of the AGM had been concluded. He reminded members that if there wasn't a group for a topic of their interest, they could always start one!

Representatives from all the Solihull u3a's meet three or four times a year to share ideas. To help keep Dorridge u3a to the fore William had recently volunteered to be chair of this cluster group, together with Bob Mansell on its committee.

Finally, he expressed his thanks to all the committee for all their hard work throughout the year to keep Dorridge u3a running smoothly. Obviously, the committee were on the lookout for new, enthusiastic people to replace those members who had served their nominal terms of office.

### 3.2 Speaker Secretary's Report:

Dorridge U3A always seeks to engage good quality speakers for our general meetings of which we have two per month, in total we usually book twenty-two speakers, with two of the dates being kept for the AGM and an in-house quiz. We regularly have an attendance of 70 to 80 members for the general meetings, which is back to where it was pre-Covid.

It has become noticeable since the Covid lockdown that speaker costs have started to rise, with a number of speakers now charging £100 plus, additionally more speakers charge travel expenses on top of their fee. Our anticipated speaker costs for the current year (2024) will be in the region of £1600, although the cost for one of the talks (21st November - £150) will be paid out of the Louisa Jakeman bequest.

### 3.3 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statement:

- a) The Treasurer reviewed the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023, previously issued to all members, and attached below.
- b) The Treasurer proposed approval for the accounts for the year ending 31 December 2023; seconded by Sue Berridge and approved by those present.
- c) The Chair proposed the appointment of Chris Price as Independent Examiner for du3a for the accounting year ending 31 December 2024; seconded by Robert Beckham and approved by those present.
- d) The Treasurer proposed approval of the budget and annual subscription for the year starting 1 January 2025; seconded by Bob Mansell and approved by those present.

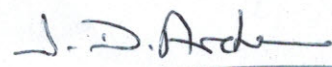
The Treasurer, Stephen Boulton, explained that he was stepping down as Treasurer at this AGM, and advised that David Archer has offered to take up the position, if elected uncontested. Stephen recorded his thanks to the Committee and to the membership during his time in office.

The Chair recorded his thanks to Stephen Boulton, David Archer, Richard Savage and Chris Price.

Approved by the Dorridge u3a Committee on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



William Foster  
Chair



David Archer  
Honorary Treasurer

Receipts and Payments account (excluding Activity Groups, Outings and Legacies)

	2023	2022	Budget 2024	Budget 2025	2023 v Budget
<b>Income</b>					<b>2023 main variances</b>
Members Subs	£8,447	£5,381	£8,410	£8,490	Slightly fewer members -£153
Social events					
Interest	£249	£50		£250	Much higher bank rates £249
Miscellaneous		£150			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£8,696</b>	<b>£5,581</b>	<b>£8,410</b>	<b>£8,740</b>	<b>£96</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Third Age Trust - membership fees, etc	£2,032	£2,160	£2,100	£1,860	Over budgetted £331
Third Age Matters	£1,370	£1,293	£1,385	£1,460	Price increase -£265
Beacon system costs	£508	£521	£535	£540	£17
Rent	£880	£840	£1,008	£924	Over budgetted £120
Speakers	£1,715	£1,109	£1,801	£1,970	Over budgetted £285
Social events	£375	£261	£250	£394	Under budgetted -£125
Website costs	£243	£243	£250	£250	£7
Miscellaneous	£10	£150			-£10
Covid-19 costs	£144	£190		£144	Paper cups - no budget -£144
Dorridge Day		£102	£150	£100	Over budgetted £150
Refreshments	£245	£161	£150	£250	Under budgetted -£145
Postage and Stationery	£94	£169	£175	£100	£56
Paypal Fees	£94	£60	£100	£100	-£44
Bank charges	£202	£216	£216	£216	-£27
Equipment Purchases	£279	£1,264	£250	£325	Over budgetted £221
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£8,191</b>	<b>£8,738</b>	<b>£8,370</b>	<b>£8,652</b>	<b>£407</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>	<b>£506</b>	<b>-£3,157</b>	<b>£40</b>	<b>£88</b>	<b>£503</b>

Legacies, Groups and Outings - income and expenditure

	Legacies	Groups	Outings	Groups	Outings	Legacies
Income		£21,850	£5,413	£14,629	£2,415	
Expenditure		£20,106	£5,583	£15,215	£2,463	£135
<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>£1,744</b>	<b>-£170</b>	<b>-£586</b>	<b>-£48</b>	<b>-£135</b>

Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the end of the period

	2023			2022		
<b>Cash at bank and in hand</b>						
Deposit Bond		£5,000			£5,000	
Deposit Account		£5,005			£1,920	
Current Account		£488			£1,496	
Petty cash		£93			£91	
<b>Total cash at bank and in hand</b>		<b>£10,586</b>			<b>£8,507</b>	
<b>Other Assets/Liabilities</b>						
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>£10,586</b>			<b>£8,507</b>	
<b>General Reserves</b>						
Balance brought forward 1st January		£8,699			£9,656	
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		£506			-£3,157	
Transfer from Outings						
<b>Balance carried forward 31st December</b>		<b>£7,204</b>			<b>£6,699</b>	
<b>Legacies, Groups and Outings balances</b>						
Balance brought forward 1st Jan.	£515	£756	£537	£650	£1,341	£585
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		£1,744	-£170	-£135	-£586	-£48
Transfer (to)/from reserves						
<b>Balance carried forward 31st Dec.</b>	<b>£515</b>	<b>£2,500</b>	<b>£367</b>	<b>£515</b>	<b>£756</b>	<b>£537</b>
<b>Total reserves</b>		<b>£10,586</b>			<b>£8,507</b>	

These accounts were approved at a meeting of the charity's trustees on :

15/01/24

And signed on their behalf by :

William Foster

*W.T. Foster*

(Chair)

### Public Benefit

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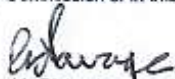
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### Independent Examiners Report

I have examined the records and accounts of Dorridge U3A and find that in my opinion the accounts are in line with the underlying records and that no matters have come to my attention that should be reported to the Charity Commission or in this connection to the members in general.

Signed

  
Mr Richard Savage

Date: 10/01/24

### ACTIVITY GROUP BALANCES

	01-Jan-23	Receipts	Payments	31-Dec-23
Art Group	46.70	510.50	-432.00	125.20
Ballroom Dancing	6.00	361.00	-324.00	43.00
Bridge	147.57	580.00	-458.00	271.57
Choir	80.00	780.00	-750.00	110.00
Film Group	60.00	554.00	-497.00	117.00
Gardening		16.00	-16.00	
History Group	48.00		-16.00	32.00
International Dance	2.00	138.00	-140.00	
IT Group	356.11	579.00	-259.00	676.11
Musicals		462.00	-504.00	-42.00
Opera	15.41	86.00	-71.00	30.41
Panto Group	52.05	1,713.95	-1,108.86	657.14
Pickleball		771.00	-770.10	0.90
Racket ball	34.40	390.00	-390.00	34.40
Science	62.00	482.00	-308.00	236.00
Short Mat Bowls	-9.00	673.00	-684.00	
Table Tennis 1	-4.80	1,124.80	-1,120.00	
Table Tennis 2		2,040.00	-2,000.00	40.00
Table Tennis 3	-88.60	1,010.00	-920.00	1.20
Table Tennis 4	34.15	1,993.00	-2,000.00	27.15
Table Tennis 5	44.00	2,036.00	-2,040.00	40.00
Table Tennis 6		2,040.00	-2,040.00	
Table Tennis 7	-150.00	2,150.00	-1,980.00	40.00
Table Tennis 8		1,360.00	-1,320.00	40.00
New TT tables fund	20.00			20.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>755.79</b>	<b>21,850.25</b>	<b>-20,105.96</b>	<b>2,500.08</b>

Group finished in April

W.T. Foster

These accounts were approved at a meeting of the charity's trustees on : 15/01/2024.

And signed on their behalf by :

W.T. Foster

(Chair)

William Foster

### **Chair's and Trustees Reports**

To be presented at the AGM

#### **Public Benefit**

Public benefit in the case of DU3A is to its members. The trustees will try to deal with any complaints or criticisms as quickly as possible.

#### **Designated Monies**

All monies passing through the charity's accounts are for the purpose of the charity meeting its objects. There are no designated funds included.

#### **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have a budget prepared for the next year showing projections of receipts and payments. This is used to project figures for the charity's liquid assets at the end of that year. This is done during the current year, prior to the AGM. With these in front of them, the trustees can decide on any action needed by way of increasing or decreasing members' subscriptions or plan the purchase of needed equipment or services during the following year.

#### **Independent Examiners Report**

I have examined the records and accounts of Dorridge U3A and find that in my opinion the accounts are in line with the underlying records and that no matters have come to my attention that should be reported to the Charity Commission or in this connection to the members in general.

Signed

  
Mr Richard Savage

10/1/2024.  
Date: