

STONE (STAFFS) & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023 / 2024

This year has been a good year for Stone U3A despite some set backs. Membership has continued to rise with some sixty new members joining during the year, and there have been four new activities led by enthusiastic volunteers for the members to participate in, bringing the total to over fifty activities available to retired and people not in full time employment in the Stone area. This is by far the largest charitable organisation in the Stone area providing educational and recreational facilities at very little cost to members. We are always open to new members.

Stone U3A has arranged regular Speaker Events throughout the year, many proving extremely popular. These events are open to Stone U3A members and any of the wider public who may be interested in attending. We have also supported a number of events organised by other organisations and public bodies.

The Committee was disappointed by the Staffordshire Fire and Police Commissioner's recent action to end the use of the Stone Fire Station Community Spaces by community groups such as Stone U3A. We are still at a loss to understand why spaces provided at public expense for community use have been confiscated in such a way.

I would like to thank all of the Group Leaders who give up their time every week to organise and resource our many activities. Without them Stone U3A would simply not exist. I would also like to thank both past and present Committee members for their time and support through out the year.

STONE (Staffs) & DISTRICT U3A

Income & Expenditure 1 Nov 2023 to 31 Oct 2024

Extract for Members from original Beacon accounts.

	2023 - 2024		2022 - 2023	
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
	£	£	£	£
Membership	28,326.10		26,887.20	90.00
National U3A Capitation		2,481.00		2,448.00
Financial Examiner's fee		80.00		100.00
Beacon Licence		609.00		679.20
Committee expenses	96.00	223.32		20.00
Consumables	11.67	57.83		127.58
Donations	77.15		10.25	
Grants			600.00	
Bank Interest	329.36			
Sports Facilities		9,097.85		7,017.83
Room Hire		21,259.30	80.00	16,785.20
Equipment Procured		519.19		649.28
Miscellaneous	100.14	234.21	47.00	24.99
Pay Pal Commission				5.91
Publicity		517.50		198.00
Linked U3A receipts	352.00		204.00	
Storage				
Third Age Magazine	53.91	129.20		169.20
Trips & Speaker Events	852.50	1,151.00	1,057.50	832.40
Zoom		31.18		670.28
Opening Balance	1.00			
TOTAL FOR YEAR	30,199.83	36,390.58	28,885.95	29,817.87
BALANCE		-6,190.75		-931.92
BROUGHT FORWARD	52,658.49		53,590.41	
BALANCE	46,467.74		52,658.49	


Stone (Staffs) & District University Of The Third Age

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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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: 

Name: Deborah Wellecomme

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): FMAAT, AATQB

Address: Support Staffordshire, Stafford Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford ST16 3AQ

Date: 16/4/25.