

STONE (STAFFS) & DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

TRUSTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2024 / 2025

This year has been a good year for Stone U3A. Membership has continued to rise with some sixty new members joining during the year, and there have been a number of 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 to members.

We have also organised a programme of talks by speakers on historical, cultural and current matters for members to attend, but are available to members of the general public on the same terms. In addition this year we have arranged courses on digital familiarity and online safety for the benefit of the more elderly members of the community.

We have also supported a number of events organised by other organisations and public bodies, and continue to provide valuable financial support to the managing organisations of local village halls and community facilities.

This year the Trustees have been concerned about rising costs from the various venues we utilise for meetings and activities as we cannot increase membership fees sharply to meet these additional expenses. This in turn means we are depending on drawing down from reserves and plans are in train to ameliorate this situation.

We 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 throughout the year.

Chris Norcross

On behalf of Stone (Staffs) & District University of the Third Age Trustees

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Income & Expenditure 1 Nov 2024 to 31 Oct 2025

Extract for Members from original Beacon accounts.

	2024 - 2025		2023 - 2024	
	IN	OUT	IN	OUT
	£	£	£	£
Membership	32,742.00		28,326.10	
National U3A Capitation		2,552.00		2,481.00
Financial Examiner's fee		150.00		80.00
Beacon Licence		643.00		609.00
Committee Meetings		723.80	96.00	223.32
Consumables			11.67	57.83
Donations	45.90		77.15	
Grants	433.00			
Bank Interest	408.73		329.36	
Facility Hire	79.00	30,095.60		30,357.15
Group Equipment	190.00	493.55		519.19
Miscellaneous	264.69	224.37	100.14	234.21
Pay Pal Commission				
Publicity		514.60		517.50
Linked U3A receipts	533.00		352.00	
Storage				
Third Age Magazine		85.76	53.91	129.20
Trips & Speaker Events	238.00	454.73	852.50	1,151.00
Zoom		50.00		31.18
Opening Balance			1.00	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	34,934.32	35,987.41	30,199.83	36,390.58
BALANCE		-1,053.09		-6,190.75
BROUGHT FORWARD	46,467.74		52,658.49	
BALANCE	45,414.65		46,467.74	

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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: *Debbie Wellecomme*

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