

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
	01	April	2023		31	March	2024
From					To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE MAGHULL AND LYDIATE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Other names charity is known by

NONE

Registered charity number (if any)

1116576

Charity's principal address

C/O MAGHULL BAPTIST CHURCH

HALL LANE, MAGHULL

LIVERPOOL

Postcode

L31 3DY

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	LLYWENA JONES	CHAIR		
2	CAROL WESTALL	DEPUTY CHAIR		
3	CHRIS CALZIEL	TREASURER		
4	LINDA SIMMS	SECRETARY		
5	KENNETH MOULTON			
6	NIGEL BURROWS			
7	IRENE EDWARDS			
8	JOAN MARTIN			
9	CHRISTINA CHUA-SHORT			
10	GEOFF HEAPS			
11	ALAN CARR		Till 14 th November 2023	
13	EVELYN CRAIG		From 16 th May 2023	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
NONE	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
NONE		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

NONE

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 19 th September 2006
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association consisting of 605 members as at 31 st March 2024.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed to a fixed term of three years of office at the Annual General Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Maghull and Lydiat university of the Third Age is part of the national U3A movement and is thus affiliated to and supported by The Third Age Trust.

All Trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charitable purpose is to advance education, and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first childhood dependence and the second age of full-time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in Maghull and Lydiate and their surrounding locality.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Association continues to strive to promote the value of lifelong learning. In particular, it seeks to achieve its objective by facilitating the operations of a number of self-help activity groups which meet to encourage and develop amongst their members, a wide and varied range of both knowledge and skills.

The Association believes that the stimulation that is provided through learning helps to foster the general wellbeing of its members.

In supervising the management of the Trust and its activities, the Trustees remain mindful of the guidance that is given by the Charity Commission with regard to public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Key to the success of the work of the Association is the willingness of members to come forward and to lead and develop the individual activity groups. The Association is wholly dependent upon these volunteers if it is to continue to achieve its purpose. Mindful of this, the Trustees remain indebted to group leaders for the selflessness shown in undertaking their roles.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Continuing in its primary objective of promoting the value of lifelong learning, the Association had 605 members as at 31st March 2024.

Whilst the renewal period brought a dip in membership (which we feel was normal for the time of year); we currently have a membership of 672.

In June this year we adopted the model Constitution making some changes that reflected the needs of our U3A. This will go to the members at our June AGM.

Our registration process this year took a leap into the future, when we introduced online renewals using PayPal. Although the uptake of this facility was limited this year confidence and the system showed mean that next year our renewal system will be far less labour intensive.

We have also introduced Internet banking and now use bank transfers as opposed to checks to cover rents, et cetera. This has streamlined our treasury system and brought us into the 21st-century at last.

Our Facebook page, introduced early 2023, has continued to be successful with membership now having reached 138 members. It provides a valuable opportunity for existing members to experience a wide range of the groups we have on offer. Especially useful for new members is being able to read the comments made by members. Our Facebook page is run as a private/closed group with membership restricted to current members of our u3a.

We have updated our website making improvements, especially in the reintroduction of an up-to-date calendar which reflects each day activities and a diary of events to come. This has been very useful as a reference to the group leaders were planning outings and holidays and should lead to an avoidance of clashes.

We have continued reviewing our policy documents and have recently introduced a social media policy, a web management policy and have begun work on a 'new guide to members' document which will run alongside our guide to group leaders' document.

We have continued introducing teams so that no one members is solely responsible for an area. This enables us to ensure the continuity of each area should a committee member or a group leader decide to leave.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Trustees believe it is appropriate that a general reserve should be maintained that is the equivalent of the costs of managing the running of the Association for a period of six months. It is in line with the guidance from the Third Age Trust that no U3A is to carry reserves of more than six months' running costs.

As our funds are now within the six months of running costs as mentioned above, we have therefore kept our membership fees for the next financial year 2024 – 2025 at £12 per year in order to maintain this amount.

Our year-end balance at 31st of March 2024 = £36,262.

The Trustees monitor continually the reserve funds of all the individual groups to ensure that no excess beyond their demonstrable need is being created, and that deficits do not arise.

NONE

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G**Declaration**

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>W.P. Jones</i>	<i>C. Isobel Westall</i>
Full name(s)	Llywena Pierce Jones	Carol Isobel Westall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair
Date	<i>04.01.25</i>	

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	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds £	Last year £
RECEIPTS					
Membership subscriptions	8,738	-	-	8,738	9,422
Gift Aid receipts	1,098	-	-	1,098	1,230
Group activities	63,318	-	-	63,318	64,582
Group cessation/support	-	-	-	-	1,422
Coffee mornings	750	-	-	750	464
Other	659	-	-	659	-
Total receipts	74,565	-	-	74,565	77,121
PAYMENTS					
Capitation levy	2,736	-	-	2,736	2,120
Group activities	64,432	-	-	64,432	65,363
Group cessation	1,422	-	-	1,422	-
Room hire	2,349	-	-	2,349	1,896
Administration costs	2,284	-	-	2,284	2,214
National magazine	2,402	-	-	2,402	377
Coffee mornings	277	-	-	277	-
Year Book	-	-	-	-	-
Other	40	-	-	40	100
Total payments	75,940	-	-	75,940	72,071
Net receipts (payments)	(1,375)	-	-	(1,374)	5,050
Cash Funds last year end	37,637	-	-	37,637	32,587
Cash Funds this year end	36,262	-	-	36,262	37,637

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

		Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £
Cash funds:	Cash at bank	36,260	-	-
Other monetary assets:	Gift Aid claims	1,098	-	-
	Prepaid expenditure	144	-	-
Assets retained for the charity's own use:		-	-	-
Liabilities:	Advance membership subscriptions	6,577	-	-
	Group activity expenses	1,371	-	-
	Administration costs	408	-	-

Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Maghull and Lydiate University Of The Third Age. For the year ended 31st March 2024

I report on the accounts of The Maghull and Lydiate University of the Third Age ('the charity') for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the charity 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 charity'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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity 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.



Ian Wright F.C.A.
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