

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1117497

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-01-08

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

Contact

Address 16 Chartwell Drive
Havant
Hampshire
PO9 2QB

Phone 07999544841

Email secretary@emsvalleyu3a.org

Website emsvalleyu3a.org

Activities

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: Membership has increased during the past year and the number of active groups has also grown. We continue, despite the restrictions of COVID concerns, with our aim of increasing the learning and leisure activities of the retired members of our area and also to offer opportunities for sharing the various skills of our members.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EMSWORTH AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Hampshire
- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£37,143	£35,813	-	-
2024-03-31	£34,875	£31,037	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,637	£26,499	-	-
2022-03-30	£17,560	£17,913	-	-
2021-03-30	£10,984	£7,555	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Roderick Alan Lipscombe	Chair	2023-05-25
Andrea Brokenshire		2025-02-14
Carolyn Joy		2026-04-21
Hilary Nola Street		2022-05-26
Karen Jane Rodger		2020-06-25
Les Brokenshire		2025-02-14
Stephen Joy		2026-04-21
Susan Kent		2020-06-25
Tim Mathews		2021-05-27

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1117497

Accounts

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Registered Charity 1117497

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIALS for 2024/2025

1. This report relates to the period: 24th May 2024 to 22nd May 2025.
2. Our Monthly meetings with a Speaker continue to be held at The Emsworth Baptist Church on the 4th Thursday of the Month at 2pm.
3. Membership numbers have increased this year to 534 at the end of March, and our Welcome coffee mornings continued to be a success.
4. There are currently 54 groups run by our members, two more than last year. Sadly 2 groups have closed (Roman History and Music Appreciation), however there are 6 new groups including: 2 new Watercolour groups, 2 new Beginners Bridge groups, a Real Ale group and the most recent, The Bus Explorers Group, open to all but certainly utilising anyone with a Bus Pass. For details of these new groups and all our groups please visit our website on the Group page. Plenty of support is available to anyone wishing to start a new interest group, just contact our Group Co-ordinator.
5. Our Newsletter is digitally published and emailed on a monthly basis keeping members informed, entertained and up-to-date. It is also available on our website including back copies. Subject matter is always welcomed and anyone wishing to submit a paragraph or two should contact our Newsletter editor who would welcome your input.
6. Our website: emsvalleyu3a.org continues to be updated with contact details, current information, group details and our calendar of events. There is also an on-line suggestion box on our welcome page should you have anything you wish to send in.
7. Our communication tool is Beacon, and our Administrator offers training to anyone who requires it.
8. Our 2024 Christmas Lunch was held at Chichester College and was deemed very successful with fabulous food and attentive helpful staff. This year the Christmas Lunch is already booked at the Chichester College again on Thursday 4th of December.
9. The Charity correspondent is: Dbee Robinson, 16 Chartwell Drive, Havant, Hants, PO9 2QB
10. The Governing Document of Ems Valley u3a is The Constitution. Adopted originally on 16th March 2006. At our last AGM on 23.05.24 we voted in a model constitution from the Third Age Trust, available to view on our website. There have been no changes since.

11. The objectives of Ems Valley u3a are:

'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.'

12. On the advice of the Third Age Trust, all Committee Members and Co-opted Members become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a. Ems Valley u3a elect Honorary Officers and Committee members at the Annual General Meeting and these people are required to become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a so, essentially, the members elect the Trustees.

13. The following individuals were appointed as Trustees of Ems Valley u3a at the AGM on the specified date: 23th May 2024 and held their positions at the time of the signing of this report.

- Trustees as follows:

- Tim Mathews
- Rod Lipscombe
- Liz Rosoman
- Ann Sims
- Dbee Robinson
- Hilary Street
- Sue Kent
- Karen Rodger
- Margaret Melhuish

- Co-opted members as follows:

- Andrea Brokenshire
- Les Brokenshire

14. No other person other than those named above has been a Trustee during the period:
24th May 2024 to 22nd May 2025

15. The Trustees consider that the Ems Valley u3a continues to carry out, to the best of its ability, the requirements laid out in the original Constitution mentioned above.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees for the time being of Ems Valley u3a.

Tim Mathews - Tim Mathews - Date - 10.05.25 - Chairman, Ems Valley u3a

Dbee Robinson - Dbee Robinson - Date - 10.05.25 - Business Secretary, Ems Valley u3a

Ems Valley u3a

Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31 March 2025

	2024-25		2023-24	
	£	£	£	£
MAIN ACCOUNT				
Income				
Membership fees	13,205		13,355	
Gift Aid	2,638		2,531	
Interest	322		25	
Donations	648		5	
		16,813		15,916
Expenditure				
Speakers	894		785	
Refreshments	107		215	
Room Rents	10,399		9,130	
u3a Subscription	2,040		2,080	
Magazine	1,075		936	
Beacon	535		534	
Sundries	86		42	
		15,136		13,722
Surplus		1,677		2,194
GROUPS ACCOUNT				
Income	20,330		18,959	
Expenditure	20,677		17,315	
Net income added to Groups' funds		-347		1,644
Total increase in Ems Valley u3a funds for year		1,330		3,838

Financial Accounts - Pg 2 of 2

Ems Valley u3a

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025

	2024-25		2023-24	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Petty cash	50		50	
Main bank account	2,275		4,673	
Groups bank account	7,854		8,201	
Business Reserve account	7,569		15,015	
35 Day Notice account	5,768		3,210	
Payments in advance	126		0	
		23,642		31,149
Current Liabilities				
Advance membership fees	-1,850		-10,578	
Creditors	-20		-129	
		-1,870		-10,707
Net Current Assets		21,772		20,442
Represented by:				
Accumulated Fund				
Balance brought forward	5,241		6,047	
Transfer to Revenue Reserve	0		-3,000	
Surplus / deficit (-) for year	1,677		2,194	
Balance carried forward		6,918		5,241
Revenue Reserve		7,000		7,000
Group Funds				
Balance brought forward	8,201		6,557	
Surplus / deficit (-) for year	-347		1,644	
Balance carried forward		7,854		8,201
Total Reserves		21,772		20,442

Financial accounts - Examiners Report



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's
report on the accounts**

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Ems Valley U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 March 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1117497

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

D T Griffiths

Date:

08 October 2025

Name:

D T Griffiths

**Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):**

Address:

7 Nore Farm Avenue

Emsworth

Hampshire, PO10 7NA

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1117497

Accounts

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Registered Charity 1117497

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIALS for 2023/2024

1. This report relates to the period: 25.05.23 to 23.05.24
2. Our Monthly meetings with a speaker, refreshments followed by a short presentation, (usually by one of the current u3a groups) continue to be held at The Emsworth Baptist Church on the 4th Thursday of the Month at 2pm.
3. Membership numbers this year are 510 at the end of March, that is 10 down from last year, mainly due to members leaving the area. Our Welcome coffee mornings for new members continue to be a success.
4. There are currently 52 groups, which is 3 down from last year. The new groups this year were Creative Art, CAMEO 1, 2 and 3, (Come And Meet Each Other.) All CAMEO groups later closed this year after serving their purpose, but can be resurrected should any feel they would like to lead or join a CAMEO group. Pubs and Churches also closed however all the information is available should anyone wish to re -start this group. Plenty of support is also available for anyone wishing to start a new interest group, just contact our Group Co-ordinator.
5. Our Newsletter is digitally published and emailed on a monthly basis keeping members informed, entertained and up-to-date, it is also available on our website. Subject matter is always welcomed and anyone wishing to submit a paragraph or two should contact our Newsletter Editor.
6. Our website: emsvalleyu3a.org continues to be updated with contact details, current information, group details and our calendar of events. Feel free to submit any suggestions for the website or our u3a via the on-line suggestion box.
7. Our communication tool is Beacon, and our Administrator offers training to any who require it.

8. The Charity correspondent is: Dbee Robinson, 16 Chartwell Drive, Havant, Hants, PO9 2QB

9. With the advice and guidance of the Third Age Trust, the committee would like our members to view and approve an updated Ems Valley u3a Constitution. This Constitution is the preferred Model Constitution the Third Age Trust offer all the u3as. We have included our current and proposed new Constitution for you to view and compare should you wish to. (Current Constitution: Adopted originally on 16th March 2006 with minor amendments accepted in May and October 2018.)

WHY CHANGE?

The Constitution is a legal document held by the Government as well as the Third Age Trust. It is a set of principles and rules by which our u3a is organised and managed. Our current Constitution is out of date and required a full review as it was no longer relevant to our u3a. The Third Age Trust offer a model Constitution which has been legally written and ready for use. The latest version includes updated guidance related to casual vacancies, proxy voting, electronic voting and holding Trustee meetings online. It also gives us all better guidance on Trustee roles and the management of our u3a as well as clarification on many items including Membership and Finances to name just two. We do hope you support your Committee in this matter.

10. The objectives, as per our new Constitution, of Ems Valley u3a are:

‘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, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development in Emsworth and the surrounding area’

11. On the advice of the Third Age Trust, all Committee Members and Co-opted Members become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a. Ems Valley u3a elect Committee members at the Annual General Meeting and these people are required to become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a so, essentially, the members elect the Trustees.

12. The following individuals were appointed as Trustees of Ems Valley u3a at the AGM on the specified date: 25th May 2023 and held their positions at the time of the signing of this report.

- Trustee Officers as follows:
 - Tim Mathews (Chairman & Webmaster)
 - Rod Lipscombe (Vice Chairman & Speaker secretary)
 - Dbee Robinson (Business Secretary)
 - Hilary Street (Treasurer)

- Trustees as Follows:
 - Sue Kent (Membership)
 - Ann Sims (Groups)
 - Karen Rodger (Beacon Administrator)
 - Liz Rosoman (Minutes Secretary)
 - Margaret Melhuish

- Co-opted members as follows:
 - None

 - Note - Jane Yoward became a Co-Opted member after the 2023 AGM for the duration of 2023/2024 but has since resigned her position on the committee.

13. No other person other than those named above has been a Trustee during the period:
Date from 25.05.23 to 23.05.24

14. The Trustees consider that the Ems Valley u3a continues to carry out, to the best of its ability, the requirements laid out in the original Constitution mentioned above.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees for the time being of Ems Valley u3a.

Tim Mathews

..... Date: May 1st 2024
Chairman, Ems Valley u3a

Dbee Robinson

..... Date: May 1st 2024
Business Secretary, Ems Valley u3a

Financial accounts examined and ready for Charity Commission

Ems Valley u3a - Financial accounts

Ems Valley u3a				
Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31 March 2024				
	2023-24		2022-23	
	£	£	£	£
MAIN ACCOUNT				
Income				
Membership fees	13,355		10,390	
Gift Aid	2,531		946	
Interest	25			
Sales			160	
Donations	5		10	
		15,916		11,506
Expenditure				
Speakers	785		723	
Refreshments	215		273	
Room Rents	9,130		9,088	
Zoom	0		144	
u3a Subscription	2,080		1,968	
Magazine	936		987	
Beacon	534		503	
u3a Day	0		175	
Sundries	42		136	
		13,722		13,997
Surplus / deficit (-)		2,194		-2,491
GROUPS ACCOUNT				
Income	18,959		14,131	
Expenditure	17,315		12,502	
Net income added to Groups' funds		1,644		1,629
Total increase / decrease (-) in Ems Valley u3a funds for year		3,838		-862

I have examined the above accounts for 2023-24 and consider they provide an accurate account of the financial transactions of Ems Valley u3a

ev_u3a_agm_08_rev_01

R. GRAY
13th December 2024

Ems Valley u3a - Financial Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	2023-24		2022-23	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Petty cash	50		63	
Main bank account	4,673		19,884	
Groups bank account	8,201		7,619	
Business Reserve account	15,015			
35 Day Notice account	3,210			
Total Current Assets		31,149		27,566
Current Liabilities				
Advance subscriptions	-10,578		-9,170	
Creditors	-129		-1,792	
		-10,707		-10,962
Net Current Assets		20,442		16,604
Represented by:				
Accumulated Fund				
Balance brought forward	6,047		8,538	
Transfer to Revenue Reserve	-3,000		0	
Surplus / deficit (-) for year	2,194		-2,491	
Balance carried forward		5,241		6,047
Revenue Reserve		7,000		4,000
Group Funds				
Balance brought forward	6,557		4,927	
Surplus / deficit (-) for year	1,644		1,629	
Balance carried forward		8,201		6,557
Total Funds		20,442		16,604

I have examined the above accounts for 2023-24 and consider they provide an accurate account of the financial transactions of Ems Valley U3A
 R. GALLOWAY 13th December 2024

ev_u3a_agm_09_rev_01

Page 1 of 1

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales - Charity number 1117497

Accounts

EMS VALLEY UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Registered Charity 1117497

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

1. This report relates to the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.
2. Our Monthly meetings with a Speaker continue to be held at The Emsworth Baptist Church on the 4th Thursday of the Month at 2pm.
3. Membership numbers have increased this year to 520 at the end of March, and our Welcome coffee mornings continue to be a success.
4. There are currently 54 groups.
5. Our Newsletter is digitally published and emailed on a monthly basis keeping members informed, entertained and up-to-date.
6. Our website: emsvalleyu3a.org continues to be updated with contact details, current information, group details and our calendar of events.
7. Our communication tool is Beacon, and our Administrator offers training to any who require it.
8. Our 2022 Christmas Lunch was held at the Brookfield Hotel and was deemed successful. This year the Christmas Lunch is already booked at Chichester College for Wednesday 29th November 2023.
9. The Charity correspondent is: Dbee Robinson, 16 Chartwell Drive, Havant, Hants, PO9 2QB
10. The Governing Document of Ems Valley u3a is The Constitution. Adopted originally on 16th March 2006 with minor amendments accepted in May and October 2018. There have been no changes since.
11. The objectives of Ems Valley u3a are:

'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.'

12. On the advice of the Third Age Trust, all Committee Members and Co-opted Members become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a. Ems Valley u3a elect Honorary Officers and Committee members at the Annual General Meeting and these people are required to become Trustees of Ems Valley u3a so, essentially, the members elect the Trustees.

13. The following individuals were appointed as Trustees of Ems Valley u3a at the AGM on the specified date: 25th May 2022 and held their positions at the time of the signing of this report.

- Trustees as follows:

- Anne Powell
- Tim Mathews
- Dbee Robinson
- Hilary Street
- Margaret Goldfarb
- Sue Kent
- Ann Sims
- Karen Rodger

- Co-opted members as follows:

- Alan Borrow

14. No other person other than those named above has been a Trustee during the period: April 1 2022 to March 31 2023.

15. The Trustees consider that the Ems Valley u3a continues to carry out, to the best of its ability, the requirements laid out in the original Constitution mentioned above.

Signed for and on behalf of the Trustees for the time being of Ems Valley u3a.



.....
Chairman, Ems Valley u3a

Date..... 25.05.2023



.....
Business Secretary, Ems Valley u3a

Date..... 25/5/23

Ems Valley u3a

Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31 March 2023

	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
BUSINESS ACCOUNT		
Income		
Subscriptions	10,390	5,798
Gift Aid	946	1,464
Sales	160	1
Donations	10	70
	11,486	7,333
Expenditure		
Speakers	723	777
Refreshments	273	172
Hall Rents	9,088	4,277
Zoom	144	913
Member subscriptions	1,968	1,470
Magazine	987	700
Beacon	503	421
U3A Day	175	328
Sundries	136	98
	13,977	9,156
Surplus / deficit (-)	-2,491	-1,823
GROUP ACCOUNTS		
Income	14,131	10,227
Expenditure	12,502	8,757
Net income added to Group funds	1,629	1,471
Total increase / decrease (-) in Ems Valley u3a funds for year	-862	-353

Ems Valley u3a

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022-23		2021-22	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Petty cash		63		63
Business bank account	19,884		19,095	
Social bank account	7,619		4,927	
Total Current Assets		27,566		24,086
Current Liabilities				
Advance subscriptions	-9,170		-6,620	
Creditors	-1,792		0	
		-10,962		-6,620
Net Current Assets		16,604		17,466
Represented by:				
Revenue Reserve		4,000		4,000
Group Funds				
- Balance b/fwd	4,927		3,457	
- Surplus / deficit (-) for year	1,629		1,471	
- Balance c/fwd		6,557		4,927
Accumulated Fund				
- Balance b/fwd	8,538		10,361	
- Surplus / deficit (-) for year	-2,491		-1,823	
- Balance c/fwd		6,047		8,538
Total Funds		16,604		17,466

Ems Valley u3a

Income and Expenditure Account for year ending 31 March 2023

	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
BUSINESS ACCOUNT		
Income		
Subscriptions	10,390	5,798
Gift Aid	946	1,464
Sales	160	1
Donations	10	70
	11,486	7,333
Expenditure		
Speakers	723	777
Refreshments	273	172
Hall Rents	9,088	4,277
Zoom	144	913
Member subscriptions	1,968	1,470
Magazine	987	700
Beacon	503	421
U3A Day	175	328
Sundries	136	98
	13,977	9,156
Surplus / deficit (-)	-2,491	-1,823
GROUP ACCOUNTS		
Income	14,131	10,227
Expenditure	12,502	8,757
Net income added to Group funds	1,629	1,471
Total increase / decrease (-) in Ems Valley u3a funds for year	-862	-353

I have examined the above accounts for 2022/2023 and consider they provide an accurate account of the financial transaction of Ems Valley U3A.



John Dewar.

2nd June 2023

Ems Valley u3a


Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2023

	2022-23		2021-22	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Petty cash		63		63
Business bank account	19,884		19,095	
Social bank account	7,619		4,927	
Total Current Assets		27,566		24,086
Current Liabilities				
Advance subscriptions	-9,170		-6,620	
Creditors	-1,792		0	
		-10,962		-6,620
Net Current Assets		16,604		17,466
Represented by:				
Revenue Reserve		4,000		4,000
Group Funds				
- Balance b/fwd	4,927		3,457	
- Surplus / deficit (-) for year	1,629		1,471	
- Balance c/fwd		6,557		4,927
Accumulated Fund				
- Balance b/fwd	8,538		10,361	
- Surplus / deficit (-) for year	-2,491		-1,823	
- Balance c/fwd		6,047		8,538
Total Funds		16,604		17,466


 John Dewar
 2nd June 2023

Group funds summary for 2022-23

Group	Balance as at 31.03.2022	Income 2022-23	Expenditure 2022-23	Provision for rent payments	Balance as at 31.03.2023
Art Appreciation	0.00	260.00	260.00		0.00
Bridge	0.00	917.00	600.00		317.00
Family history	70.50	0.00	0.00		70.50
French	69.20	570.50	56.00	284.00	299.70
Gardens	-100.00	984.00	884.00		0.00
Line Dancing	994.00	2,158.30	2,127.00	48.00	977.30
Local History	133.00	0.00	90.00		43.00
MathJong	273.40	412.00	0.00	480.00	205.40
Plates 1	3.50	1,898.50	1,632.00	56.00	214.00
Plates 2	0.00	773.00	426.00	70.00	275.00
Spanish	158.00	90.00	124.00	124.00	0.00
Wine 1	1,440.33	1,802.50	1,581.47		1,661.36
Wine 2	960.07	1,440.00	1,684.26		715.81
Wine 3	33.17	1,000.00	739.70		293.47
Wine 4	892.25	990.00	643.80		1,238.45
Wine 5	0.00	835.20	589.49		245.71
TOTALS	4,927.42	14,131.00	11,439.72	1,062.00	6,556.70


 John Deane
 2nd June 2023