

# 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](https://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**

	<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>MAIN ACCOUNT</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Membership fees	13,205		13,355	
Gift Aid	2,638		2,531	
Interest	322		25	
Donations	648		5	
		<b>16,813</b>		<b>15,916</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
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	
		<b>15,136</b>		<b>13,722</b>
<b>Surplus</b>		<b>1,677</b>		<b>2,194</b>
 <b>GROUPS ACCOUNT</b>				
Income	20,330		18,959	
Expenditure	20,677		17,315	
<b>Net income added to Groups' funds</b>		<b>-347</b>		<b>1,644</b>
 <b>Total increase in Ems Valley u3a funds for year</b>		<b>1,330</b>		<b>3,838</b>

**Ems Valley u3a**

**Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2025**

	<b>2024-25</b>		<b>2023-24</b>	
	£	£	£	£
<b>Current Assets</b>				
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	
		<b>23,642</b>		<b>31,149</b>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Advance membership fees	-1,850		-10,578	
Creditors	-20		-129	
		<b>-1,870</b>		<b>-10,707</b>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		<b>21,772</b>		<b>20,442</b>
<b><u>Represented by:</u></b>				
<b>Accumulated Fund</b>				
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		<b>6,918</b>		<b>5,241</b>
<b>Revenue Reserve</b>		<b>7,000</b>		<b>7,000</b>
<b>Group Funds</b>				
Balance brought forward	8,201		6,557	
Surplus / deficit (-) for year	-347		1,644	
Balance carried forward		<b>7,854</b>		<b>8,201</b>
<b>Total Reserves</b>		<b>21,772</b>		<b>20,442</b>

## 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:**

**Date:** 08 October 2025

**Name:**

D T Griffiths

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

**Address:**

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Emsworth

Hampshire, PO10 7NA