

## **Aim and purpose**

The objective of the Stokesley and District u3a 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 Stokesley and surrounding area.

## **Activities**

### Monthly meetings open to all members

There is normally a monthly meeting held in Stokesley Town Hall to which all members are invited so that they can socialise, listen to a speaker, take part in general discussions and find out about the u3a's interest groups.

### Interest groups

These are formed to satisfy interest in any subject, with frequency, location and timing of meetings decided by the group members. A Stokesley and District member acts as the group's leader/organiser/tutor. There is a wide range of interest groups covering subjects such as archaeology, art appreciation, creative writing folk dancing, foreign languages, gardens, guitar playing, history, music appreciation, poetry, science, singing, ukulele playing, walking and yoga.

## **Funding**

Members pay a £17 annual subscription. In addition, members pay a £1 attendance fee for each interest group meeting that they attend, when the meeting is held in hired premises. Small donations are occasionally received from members.

When an interest group arranges a visit to an attraction, for example an ornamental garden or theatre, members pay the u3a to cover the cost of the trip. The aim of all such trips is to breakeven.

Details of income can be found in the accompanying annual accounts.

## **Expenditure**

Money has been spent on the following items.

- Third Age Trust related items
  - Third Age Trust membership fees (£4 per member)
  - Use of Third Age Trust's Beacon system used to record and maintain members' data, finance transactions (£1 per member)
  - Third Age Trust's Third Age Matters magazine subscription (£3.60 per annual subscription)
- Monthly meetings
  - Room hire for monthly meetings
  - External speakers for the monthly meetings
- Interest groups
  - Room hire for interest group meetings.
  - Incidental expenditure incurred by interest groups such as photocopying
- Interest group visits
  - Admission fees
  - Coach hire
- Committee expenses
- Postage, printing and stationery
- Copyright and Microsoft 365 annual licences.

Details of expenditure can be found in the accompanying annual accounts.

**Stokesley & District U3A****Registered Charity No. 1117650****Income & Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 31 July 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Subscriptions	9,753	9,197
Attendance Fees	8,268	7,079
Gift Aid	1,714	1,682
Bank Interest	164	32
Donations	20	57
Group Visits	9,911	12,462
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29,830</b>	<b>30,510</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Third Age Trust		
Membership Fee - 3rd Age Trust	2,160	2,048
Beacon Fees	566	528
U3A Magazine	800	599
Monthly Meetings		
Room Hire & Expenses	749	530
Speakers	531	570
Groups' Room Hire	9,733	8,681
Other Group Expenditure	413	586
Postage, Printing & Stationery	424	312
Committee Expenses	767	229
Licences	144	80
Equipment	462	26
Group Visits	9,711	12,114
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>26,460</b>	<b>26,303</b>
<b>Surplus For Year</b>	<b>3,370</b>	<b>4,206</b>
<b>Reserves at Start of Financial Year</b>	<b>16,896</b>	<b>12,689</b>
<b>Reserves at End of Financial Year</b>	<b>20,266</b>	<b>16,896</b>
<b><u>Represented By</u></b>		
Cash at Bank	21,869	17,732
Creditors	-747	-436
Debtors and Payments in Advance	97	81
Receipts in Advance	-953	-481
	<b>20,266</b>	<b>16,896</b>



Ruth Forbes

Chair



Martin Sutton

Treasurer

Date 14 August 2024

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees and Members of Stokesley & District U3A**

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 July 2024.

As the charity's trustees, 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 :



Date 5 August 2024

David Rossiter

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