

## **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 (£4.00 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 2025**

	2025	2024
	£	£
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Subscriptions	9,942	9,753
Donations	30	20
Bank Interest	220	164
Gift Aid	0	1,714
Attendance Fees	9,252	8,268
Group Visits	12,041	9,911
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>31,485</b>	<b>29,830</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Third Age Trust		
Membership Fee - 3rd Age Trust	2,204	2,160
Beacon Fees	579	566
U3A Magazine	659	800
Monthly Meetings		
Room Hire & Expenses	734	749
Speakers	635	531
Group Costs		
Groups' Room Hire	11,348	9,733
Other Group Expenditure	933	413
Operating Costs		
Committee Expenses	225	230
Group Leader Meetings	790	471
General Meetings	221	66
Postage, Printing & Stationery	398	424
Licences	197	144
Equipment	71	462
Group Visits	11,808	9,711
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>30,802</b>	<b>26,460</b>
<b>Surplus For Year</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>3,370</b>
<b>Reserves at Start of Financial Year</b>	<b>20,266</b>	<b>16,896</b>
<b>Reserves at End of Financial Year</b>	<b>20,949</b>	<b>20,266</b>
<b><u>Represented By</u></b>		
Cash at Bank	21,932	21,869
Creditors	-325	-747
Debtors and Payments in Advance	69	97
Receipts in Advance	-727	-953
	<b>20,949</b>	<b>20,266</b>



Peter Collins

Chair



Martin Sutton

Treasurer

Date

20 August 2025

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

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of members and examiner**

The charity's members are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's members consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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**10 August 2025**