

BIDDULPH U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1121494

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2007-11-06

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

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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 IN THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Biddulph U3A has approx 500 members who take part in voluntary activities of their choice on a weekly basis. There are approx 35 classes to choose from including Singing, French, Spanish, Italian, German, Yoga, Tone and Trim, Keep Fit, Sequence Dancing, Acoustic Guitar, Badminton, Table Tennis, Computer Studies, Mexican Dominoes, Photography, Bowling, Art & Painting, Patchwork & Quilting, Walking.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE
- Staffordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£49,180	£38,439	-	-
2024-08-31	£47,377	£38,411	-	-
2023-08-31	£44,166	£36,751	-	-
2022-08-31	£46,360	£30,032	-	-
2021-07-10	£37,622	£9,732	-	-
2020-07-10	£26,429	£23,926	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Davis		2025-07-29
Barbara Lesley Forster		2024-04-30
Beverley Margaret Webb		2025-07-29
Diane Kemp		2021-10-22
Dianne Copeland		2025-07-29
Joseph Anthony Turner		2025-07-29
Julie Colclough		2025-07-29
Stephen Powney		2019-10-17
William Alec Hancock		2023-09-26

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2024 To 31/08/2025

Charity name: Biddulph u3a

Charity registration number: 1121494

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are no longer seeking full-time employment, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	There are 50 groups meeting on a weekly basis that offer a wide range of opportunities to maintain and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing. Activities include Art, Craft, Fitness, Games, Language, Music and Sport.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have regard for the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers give their time freely and are key to our achieving the purpose of our u3a
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Our groups help to build and strengthen friendships, provide further education, give support to fellow members and, with the diverse range of mental and physical activities, maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve the wellbeing of our members.</p> <p>Regular Group Leader meetings ensure Leaders are able to provide input to the management of our u3a.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Charity's finances are continuously reviewed during the year and audited in preparation for approval by members at the AGM.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in an interest-bearing account at a level to cover expenditure should the funding income become significantly reduced and are held at £60,000 to cover 3 years of expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£60,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Annual membership Fee and Weekly Session Fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing document is a Deed of Trust.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Members' Association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Constitution calls for a Committee of eight people who are elected by the membership at the AGM. The Committee may fill any vacancy arising amongst the Officers until the following AGM. Any such appointee must be a member of the u3a. A person so appointed shall have full voting rights and may stand for appointment to a first full term at that meeting. The Committee meets on a monthly basis to agree any major decisions.

Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Biddulph u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1121494
Charity's principal address	Lund House Lawton Street Biddulph ST8 6EX

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	William Hancock	Chair		Members at AGM
2	Joseph Anthony Turner	Vice-Chair		Members at AGM
3	Diane Kemp	Secretary		Members at AGM
4	Anthony Davis	Treasurer		Members at AGM
5	Steven Powney	Beacon Admin.		Members at AGM
6	Dianne Copeland	Membership		Members at AGM
7	Beverley Webb	Website Admin.		Members at AGM
8	Julie Colclough	Assistant Secretary		Members at AGM
9	Barbara Forster	Publicity		Members at AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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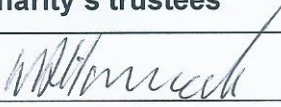
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	WILLIAM HANCOCK	J. A. TURNER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	V. CHAIR
Date	22/5/26	

Receipts & Payments, 1st September 2024 - 31st August 2025

Category	Start year		2024-25		2023-24	
	In	Out	In	Out	In	Out
Account Transfers	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 15,800.00	£ 15,800.00		
Affiliation Fees		£ 2,424.00		£ 2,360.00		
Bank interest rec'd	£ 875.53		£ 600.42			
Capital Expenditure				£ 89.99		
Cleaning and Maintenance		£ 2,997.59	£ 420.00	£ 2,908.84		
Consumables	£ 4.10	£ 526.67		£ 679.76		
Donations	£ 174.22		£ 450.15	£ 254.15		
Electricity		£ 1,568.95		£ 1,196.81		
Gas		£ 2,658.97		£ 2,734.49		
Gift Aid			£ 1,035.51			
Grants	£ 300.00		£ 436.00			
Health And Safety		£ 129.90		£ 4.99		
I.T. Expenses		£ 266.08		£ 158.17		
Insurance		£ 1,121.68		£ 1,051.93		
Lund House				£ 45.99		
Magazine Subscriptions		£ 104.91		£ 81.45		
Membership	£ 7,613.00		£ 7,307.00	£ 15.00		
Photocopying / Stationery		£ 442.88		£ 713.57		
Prize Draw	£ 1,420.00	£ 970.00	£ 1,280.00	£ 868.00		
Promotions/Advertising		£ 84.43		£ 19.00		
Rent		£ 22,361.30		£ 21,035.94		
Repairs and Renewals		£ 985.35		£ 3,794.74		
Subs	£ 37,984.02	£ 168.00	£ 36,537.50			
Sundries	£ 9.00	£ 364.07		£ 653.08		
Telephone		£ 464.40		£ 434.70		
	Sub-totals	£ 49,179.87	£ 38,439.18	£ 63,866.58	£ 54,900.60	
	Difference: Profit /Loss	£ 10,740.69		£ 8,965.98		
	Brought forward from previous year	£ 84,182.09		£ 75,216.11		
Total		£ 94,922.78		£ 84,182.09		

Balance Sheet	2024-2025	2023-2024
Current	£ 35,490.95	£ 25,620.73
Petty Cash	£ 45.40	£ 50.46
Reserve Account	£ 59,386.43	£ 58,510.90
Social Account	£ 0.00	£ 0.00
Total	£ 94,922.78	£ 84,182.09



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
BIDDULPH U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2025

**Charity no
(if any)**

1121494

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 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:

22/03/2026

Name:

Mr David Meech

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

Address:

25A Daisybank Drive

Congleton

Cheshire CW12 1LX

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **01/09/2023** Period start date To **31/08/24** Period end date

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Charity registration number: **1121494**

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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity's financial continues to improve year on year as we slowly recover from the effects of Covid.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in an interest-bearing bank account at a level to cover expenditure should the funding income become significantly reduced and are held at a level to cover 18 months expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£58k
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
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Registered charity number	1121494
Charity's principal address	Lund House Lawton Street Biddulph ST8 6EX

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	Janet Shingler	Chair		Members at AGM
2	Bill Hancock	Vice Chair/Group Coordinator		Members at AGM
3	Diane Kemp	Secretary		Members at AGM
4	Helen Pemberton	Treasurer		Members at AGM
5	Trevor Hancock	Finance Officer		Members at AGM
6	Phil Watts	Membership Secretary		Members at AGM
7	Barbara Forster	Press & Publicity Officer		Members at AGM
8	Steve Powney	Register Auditor		Members at AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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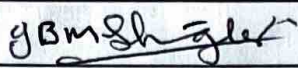
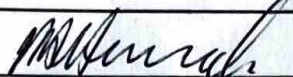
Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Janet Shingler	William Alec Hancock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair/Group Coordinator
Date	24 th June 2025	



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
BIDDULPH U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

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**Responsibilities and
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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:

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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:

19/05/2025

Name:

Mr David Meech

**Relevant professional
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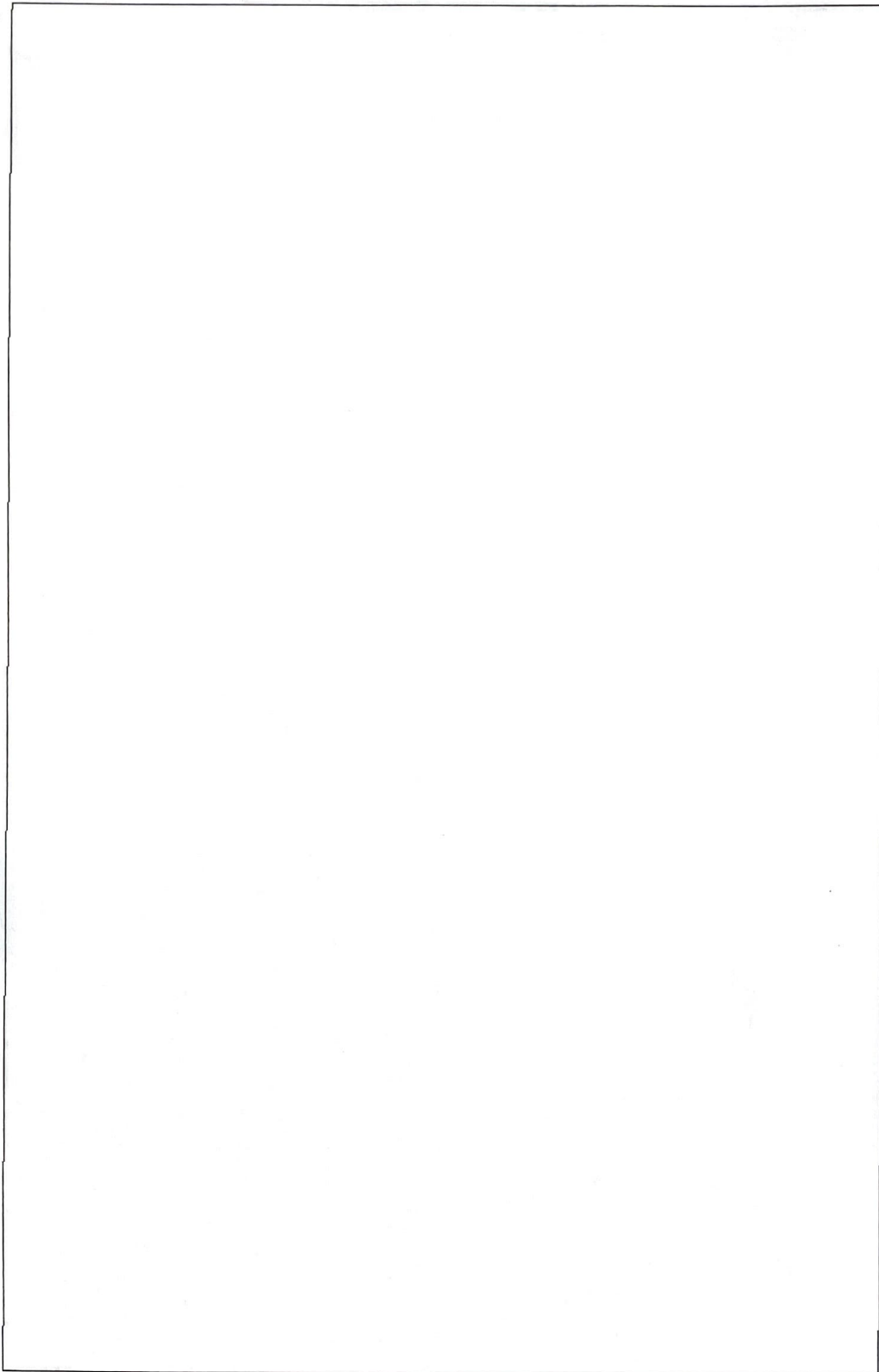
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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



Biddulph U3a

Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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Income & Expenditure, 1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

Category	2023		2022	
	In	Out	In	Out
Account Transfers	£ 15,800.00	£ 15,800.00		
Affiliation Fees		£ 2,360.00		£ 2,315.00
Amazon			£ 38.68	
Bank Interest rec'd	£ 600.42		£ 338.60	
Capital Expenditure		£ 89.99		£ 508.98
Cleaning and Maintenance	£ 420.00	£ 2,908.84		£ 1,918.49
Consumables		£ 679.76		£ 223.84
Donations	£ 450.15	£ 254.15	£ 227.30	£ 5.00
Electricity		£ 1,196.81		£ 1,232.26
Gas		£ 2,734.49		£ 2,846.55
Gift Aid	£ 1,035.51		£ 1,316.91	
Grants			£ 350.00	
Health And Safety		£ 4.99		
I.T. Expenses		£ 158.17		£ 99.68
Insurance		£ 1,051.93		£ 878.40
Lund House		£ 45.99		£ 3,715.00
Magazine Subscriptions		£ 81.45		£ 147.93
Membership	£ 7,307.00	£ 15.00	£ 7,125.00	£ 30.00
Photocopying / Stationery		£ 713.57		£ 543.19
Prize Draw	£ 1,280.00	£ 868.00		
Promotions/Advertising	£ 436.00	£ 19.00		
Rent		£ 21,035.94		£ 21,068.28
Repairs and Renewals		£ 3,794.74		£ 153.00
Subs	£ 36,537.50		£ 34,985.00	£ 6.00
Sundries		£ 653.08		£ 1,004.50
Telephone		£ 434.70		£ 270.16
Sub-totals	£ 63,866.58	£ 54,900.60	£ 44,381.49	£ 36,966.26
Brought forward	£ 75,216.11		£ 67,800.88	
Total		£ 84,182.09		£ 75,216.11
Balance Sheet				
Current		£ 25,620.73		£ 32,281.12
Petty Cash		£ 50.46		£ 24.51
Reserve Account		£ 58,510.90		£ 42,910.48
Social Account		£ 0.00		£ 0.00
Total		£ 84,182.09		£ 75,216.11



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
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**On accounts for the year
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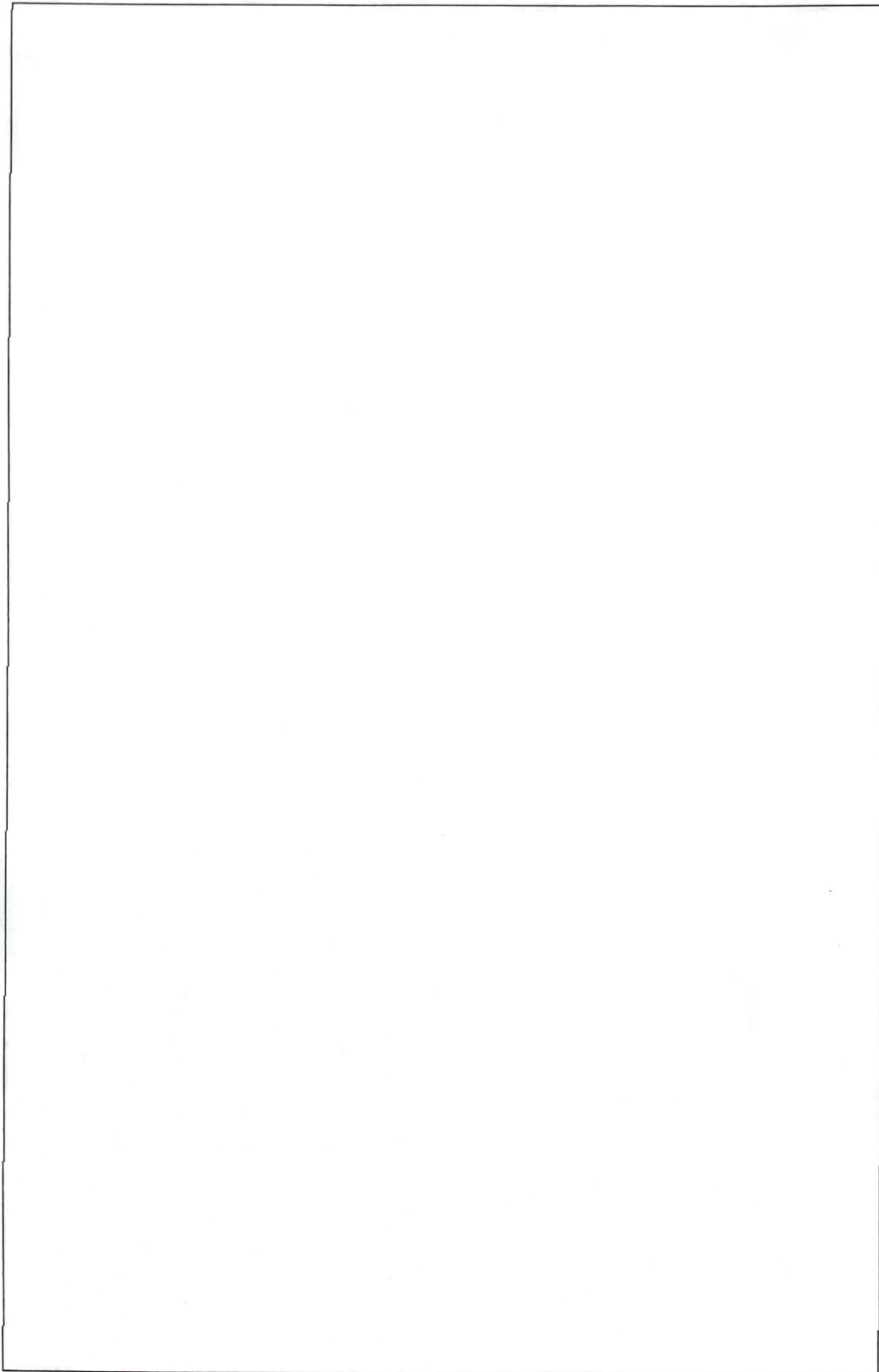
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Biddulph U3a

Statement of Accounts: all accounts

Printed 20th January 2025 16:43

Income & Expenditure, 1st September 2023 - 31st August 2024

Category	2023		2022	
	In	Out	In	Out
Account Transfers	£ 15,800.00	£ 15,800.00		
Affiliation Fees		£ 2,360.00		£ 2,315.00
Amazon			£ 38.68	
Bank Interest rec'd	£ 600.42		£ 338.60	
Capital Expenditure		£ 89.99		£ 508.98
Cleaning and Maintenance	£ 420.00	£ 2,908.84		£ 1,918.49
Consumables		£ 679.76		£ 223.84
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Sub-totals	£ 63,866.58	£ 54,900.60	£ 44,381.49	£ 36,966.26
Brought forward	£ 75,216.11		£ 67,800.88	
Total		£ 84,182.09		£ 75,216.11
Balance Sheet				
Current		£ 25,620.73		£ 32,281.12
Petty Cash		£ 50.46		£ 24.51
Reserve Account		£ 58,510.90		£ 42,910.48
Social Account		£ 0.00		£ 0.00
Total		£ 84,182.09		£ 75,216.11

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2022 Period start date To 31/08/2023 Period end date

Charity name: Biddulph u3a

Charity registration number: 1121494

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	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.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	There are 50+ groups meeting on a weekly basis that offer a wide range of opportunities to maintain and improve physical and mental health and wellbeing. Activities include Art, Computing, Craft, Dance, Fitness, Games, Language, Music and Sport.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have regard for the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our volunteers give their time freely and are key to our achieving the purpose of our u3a.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Our groups help to build and strengthen friendships, provide further education, give support to fellow members and the diverse mental and physical activities help to maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve the wellbeing of our members.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position is better than previous year, improving after covid.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held in an interest bearing bank account at a level to cover expenditure should the funding income become significantly reduced.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Currently £42K
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Annual Membership Fee and Weekly Session Fees
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Governing document is a deed of trust.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated members association
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The constitution calls for a committee of eight people and are elected by the membership at the AGM. The committee may fill any vacancy arising amongst the Officers until the following Annual General Meeting. Any such appointee must be a member of The U3A. A person so appointed, who shall have full voting rights, may stand for appointment to a first full term at that meeting. The committee meets on a monthly basis to agree any major decisions.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Biddulph u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1121494
Charity's principal address	Lund House Lawton Street Biddulph ST8 6EX

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	Janet Shingler	Chair		Members at AGM
2	Sue Miller	Group Coordinator	01/09//22 – 26/07/23	Members at AGM
3	Diane Kemp	Secretary		Members at AGM
4	Helen Pemberton	Treasurer		Members at AGM
5	Trevor Hancock	Finance Officer		Members at AGM
6	Phil Watts	Membership Secretary		Members at AGM
7	Susan Ashman	Press & Publicity Officer		Members at AGM
8	Steve Powney	Register Auditor		Members at AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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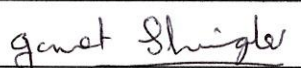
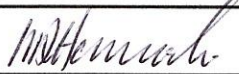
Other optional information

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Declarations

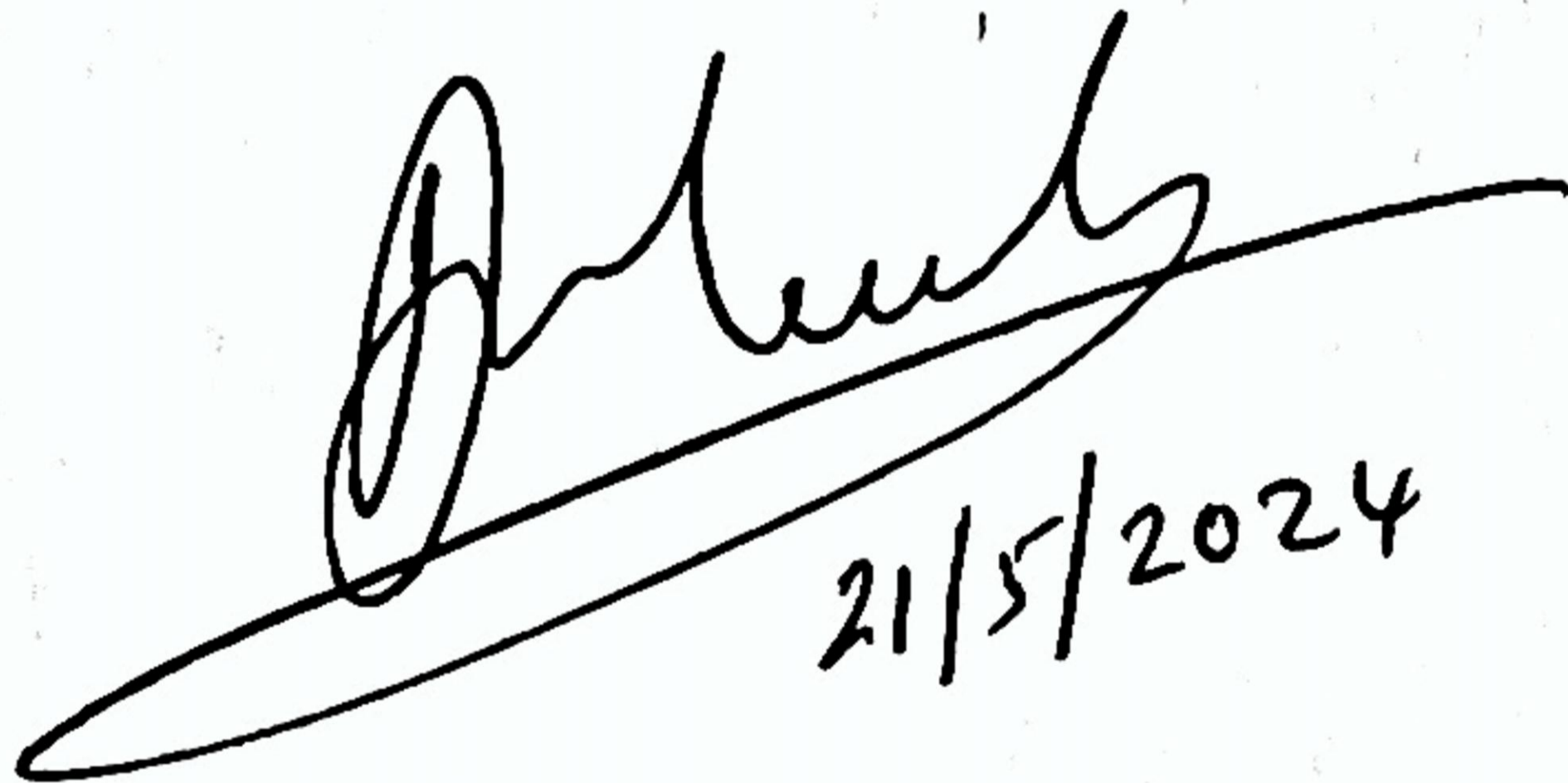
The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Janet Shingler	William Alec Hancock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair/Group Coordinator
Date	25 th June 2024	

Income & Expenditure, 1st September - 31st August

Category	Start year		2022		2021	
	In		Out	In	Out	
Account Transfers				£ 200.00		£ 200.00
Affiliation Fees			£ 2,315.00			£ 2,348.00
Amazon	£ 38.68			£ 20.18		
Bank Interest rec'd	£ 338.60			£ 139.26		
Capital Expenditure			£ 508.98			£ 350.00
Cleaning and Maintainance			£ 1,918.49			£ 704.28
Consumables			£ 223.84			£ 90.17
Donations	£ 227.30		£ 5.00	£ 669.60		
Electricity			£ 1,232.26			£ 1,055.23
Fund Raising				£ 203.50		
Gas			£ 2,846.55			£ 1,414.17
Gift Aid	£ 1,316.91			£ 1,532.65		
Grants	£ 350.00			£ 1,950.00		
Health And Safety						£ 68.95
I.T. Expenses			£ 99.68			£ 29.76
Insurance			£ 878.40			
Lund House			£ 3,715.00			£ 5,198.98
Magazine Subscriptions			£ 147.93			£ 139.90
Membership	£ 7,125.00		£ 30.00	£ 6,646.50		
Photocopying / Stationery			£ 543.19	£ 25.55		£ 605.67
Rent			£ 21,068.28			£ 16,110.96
Repairs and Renewals			£ 153.00	£ 250.00		£ 690.50
Subs	£ 34,811.00		£ 6.00	£ 34,823.52		
Sundries	£ 174.00		£ 1,004.50	£ 100.00		£ 954.57
Telephone			£ 270.16			£ 271.06
	Sub-totals	£ 44,381.49	£ 36,966.26	£ 46,560.76		£ 30,232.20
	Brought forward	£ 67,800.88		£ 51,472.32		
Total			£ 75,216.11			£ 67,800.88
Balance Sheet						
Current			£ 32,281.12			£ 25,161.89
Petty Cash			£ 24.51			£ 67.11
Reserve Account			£ 42,910.48			£ 42,571.88
Social Account			£ 0.00			£ 0.00
Total			£ 75,216.11			£ 67,800.88


21/5/2024



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

BIDDULPH U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2023

**Charity no
(if any)**

1121494

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31 / 08 / 2023**.

**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:

21/05/2024

Name:

Mr David Meech

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

Address:

25A Daisybank Drive

Congleton

Cheshire CW12 1LX

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Chairwoman's Report 2021-2022

At the AGM in August 2022 Frederick Reed resigned as Chair of Biddulph u3a and I was accepted as the new Chair. I would like to thank Fred for his assistance in making the change as smooth as possible.

Diane Kemp moved from Assistant Secretary to Secretary after the resignation of Mavis Hancock who is now taking a well-earned rest from the secretarial role but has always been available for help and guidance when needed.

I would like to thank all the leaders for their efforts in keeping the groups going through these difficult times and for their support during my first year in office.

Membership is still around 480 as it was last year and it seems that despite the production and distribution of updated leaflets, bookmarks, and the introduction of the Facebook page the covid effect is still in evidence and we are struggling to get to the pre pandemic level of around 600.

The Facebook page is open for anybody to make posts to, if leaders or individual members want to publicise their group with an article and/or photos they are welcome to do so and if you think you will struggle to upload onto Facebook then site admin, Steve Powney, will be happy to assist.

Once again, we have seen that our groups are using their talent and skills to raise funds for worthwhile causes such as the Friday Card Making Group raising funds for Ward 202 and now for Lymphoma Action Charity, the Singing For Pleasure Group with concerts in aid of the British Heart Foundation and the Victoria Centre Defibrillator Appeal and the Acoustic Guitar Group fundraising for the Green Tea House and lending their support to the "Million Dollar Bash" in aid of the Trussell Trust. Well done to you all and everyone else doing their bit for others.

Our reserves, which we normally try to keep to a minimum of 9 months fixed costs, are in a healthy position thanks to the bequest from Trisha and which should be used to benefit Biddulph u3a as a whole. We received a small grant of £300 from SMDC which we are using



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help finance a test switch to LED lighting which if successful we can roll out throughout Lund House.

Replacing committee members is still a problem with roles of Vice Chair and Social Secretary still vacant and both the Treasurer and Finance Officer already serving beyond their planned resignation dates with no candidates offering take up their positions to date. On the positive side the Assistant Secretary position has been filled Maureen Newby who will be assisting the Secretary but not becoming a trustee of the charity.

We do need members to come forward to take up vacant committee roles and to take over from those who have completed their term, you can only say "I'll stay on another year" for so long, but we also needs your help on an ongoing basis, you may not want to become a full-time member of the committee but possess skills, or have ideas that would be helpful or just be prepared to attend local events as a representative of Biddulph u3a please make yourself known to the committee so that we can call on you when needed.

The committee is a small group dedicated to keeping our u3a branch going but I fear that Biddulph u3a will not survive without additional support from the membership.

My thanks and gratitude go to all the current committee members for their commitment and assistance and hope that, with the support of the leaders and members, we can see Biddulph u3a flourish over the coming year and for many more years to come.

J Shingler

Chairwoman

Biddulph U3A
Statement of Accounts

Income & Expenditure 2021/2022

	Income	Expenditure
Account Transfers	£200.00	£200.00
Affiliation Fees		£2,348.00
Amazon	£20.18	
Bank interest rec'd	£139.26	
Capital Expenditure		£350.00
Cleaning and Maintenance		£704.28
Consumables		£90.17
Donations	£669.60	
Electricity		£1,055.23
Fund Raising	£203.50	
Gas		£1,414.17
Gift Aid	£1,532.65	
Grants	£1,950.00	
Health and Safety		£68.95
IT Expenses		£29.76
Lund House		£5,198.98
Magazine Subscriptions		£139.90
Membership	£6,646.50	
Photocopying / Stationery	£25.55	£605.67
Rent		£16,110.96
Repairs and Renewals Subs	£250.00	£690.50
Member Subscriptions	£34,823.52	
Sundries	£100.00	£954.57
Telephone		£271.06
Sub-totals	£46,560.76	£30,232.20
Brought-forward	£51,472.32	
		£67,800.88

Balance Sheet

Current A/C	£25,161.89
Petty Cash	£67.11
Reserve A/C	£42,571.88
Total	£67,800.88

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Biddulph U3A
Charity No. 1121494**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Biddulph U3A (the Charity) for the financial year 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The trustees of the Charity 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:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- the accounts do 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 to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Janet Wakelin
25 Endon Drive
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SIGNED and DATED

Janet Wakelin 4/5/23.

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Chairmans Report 2020-2021

Our delayed AGM was held in August 2021, and we had good attendance, which in the circumstances was pleasing.

Two new committee members were added to our number, Mrs. Susan Ashman Press officer, and Mrs. Diane Kemp Assistant Secretary.

It was agreed that Mrs. Mavis Hancock would continue for one further year so that Diane Kemp could follow her to learn the role and responsibilities.

Mr. Trevor Hancock would stay on for a final year to assist The Treasurer during this difficult time.

We have focussed on recruitment and our number has reached 480 but it is still below our previous membership circa 600, and that was what all our financial forecasts required.

We have 48 active groups, and many turned to online methods to maintain activity throughout the pandemic, our thanks go to all of them for all their hard work.

Increasing the use of Lund house is a priority we have had some success, introducing Table Tennis, Pilates, and additional watercolour tuition.

New activities are now a priority to make full use of the facilities in Lund House.

Succession planning has always been problematic, and we shall lose the Treasurer and the Chairman at the next AGM, at the moment we do not have people interested in taking on these important posts.

The whole of the committee has worked very hard to put Biddulph U3A back on Track and my personal thanks go out to them.

Frederick M Reed

Chairman

Biddulph U3A
Statement of Accounts

Income & Expenditure 2020/2021

	Income	Expenditure
Account Transfers	£100.00	£100.00
Affiliation Fees		£1,323.00
Amazon	£21.45	
Bank interest rec'd	£109.62	
Cleaning and Maintenance		£119.52
Consumables		£2.99
Donations	£28,280.00	
Electricity		£658.76
Gas		£498.53
Gift Aid	£924.80	
Grants	£1,150.00	
Health and Safety		£301.27
IT Expenses		£200.00
Lund House		
Magazine Subscriptions		£109.91
Membership	£5,040.00	
Photocopying / Stationery		£158.18
Rent		£5,023.98
Repairs and Renewals Subs		£1,021.44
Member Subscriptions	£2,096.50	
Sundries		£48.99
Telephone		£264.96
Sub-totals	£37,722.37	£9,831.53
Brought-forward	£23,581.48	
		£51,472.32

Balance Sheet

Current A/C	£9,019.32
Petty Cash	£20.38
Reserve A/C	£42,432.62
Total	£51,472.32

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Biddulph U3A
Charity No. 1121494**

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BIDDULPH U3A

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Chairman's Report 2019-2020

We are living through unprecedented times and our thoughts go out to all those for whom this pandemic has been life changing.

The newly formed committee had no experience of The Third Age Trust, The Charity Commission, or the workings of the u3a, it was a very steep learning curve. Which meant relying very heavily on the experience of The Secretary Mavis Hancock.

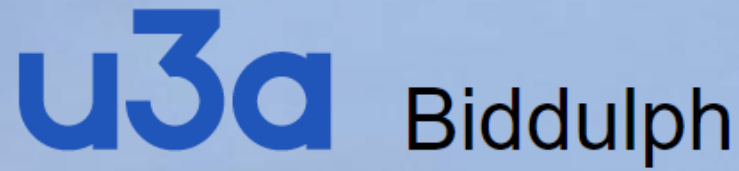
Christmas and New Year breaks preceded Covid19 and lockdown and, from March 2020, no sessions meant no income, but the bills had to be paid. I must at this time give a thank you to the Rhodes family for their generosity in giving us rent breaks and reductions, without their support we would have struggled.

Times have been difficult for Biddulph u3a, and it has been a struggle to keep any interest going when there were no sessional activities. Thank you to all the groups who managed some activity using various social media platforms.

We managed to keep the Biddulph Banter going but whilst there were signs that it was appreciated, there was very little input forthcoming from the membership, apart from a few stalwarts.

We managed to achieve donations from several sources thanks to the hard work of Steve Powney, and the cajoling of councillors and others by Mavis Hancock which helped the bank balance.

Because of the constraints of Covid19 and lockdown, we were unable to hold a physical AGM for 2019/2020 and, as a virtual meeting would not achieve a quorum, it was decided that the financial statement and reports would be presented at the AGM for the year 2020/2021 which would be held as soon restrictions allowed.



Looking forward to 2020/2021, our Subscription cycle disappointedly saw a 50% drop in our membership, at a time when there was a requirement for a membership increase and an increase of our sessional income to pay for Lund House. Thank you to all those who paid their subscription and who made donations despite this lack of sessional activity.

Fred Reed
Chairman Biddulph u3a

Biddulph U3A

Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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Income & Expenditure, 2019/2020

Start year	2019	
Category	In	Out
-Account Transfers	£200.00	£200.00
Admin		
Affiliation Fees		£2,794.00
Bank interest rec'd	£142.99	
Capital Expenditure		£3,165.44
Cleaning and Maintainance		£1,830.77
Consumables		£266.93
Council Tax		
Donations	£2,285.00	
Electricity		£878.33
Fund Raising		
Gas		£1,360.09
Grants	£6,799.99	
I.T. Expenses		£30.00
Lund House		£2,736.66
Magazine Subscriptions	£39.99	£278.91
Membership	£5,485.00	
Photocopying / Stationery		£402.20
Rent		£9,698.99
Repairs and Renewals		£147.60
Subs	£11,681.50	
Sundries	£243.00	£208.10
Telephone		£376.47
Water		
Sub-totals	£26,877.47	£24,374.49
Brought forward	£21,078.50	
Total		£23,581.48

Balance Sheet

Current	£8,318.75
Petty Cash	£14.73
Reserve Account	£15,248.00
Social Account	
Total	£23,581.48

Examined &
found correct.
15/7/21 Janet Wakelin

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Biddulph U3A
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