



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

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Found correct.

15/7/21

Janet Wakelin

**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 2019/2020

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

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