



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2023 Period start date To 31/08/24 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 50groups 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		

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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 the diverse mental and physical activities help to maintain a healthy lifestyle and improve the wellbeing of our members.</p> <p>Regular Group Leader meetings has made sure that leaders are able to have a greater input into the committees 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 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	
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	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	
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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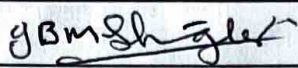
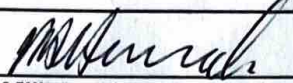
Other optional information

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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)	Janet Shingler	William Alec Hancock
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair/Group Coordinator

Date 24th June 2025



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**

Charity Name
BIDDULPH U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31 AUGUST 2024

**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 / 2024**.

**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:

19/05/2025

Name:

Mr David Meech

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

Address:

25A Daisybank Drive

Congleton

Cheshire CW12 1LX

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

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

	Start year	2023		2022
Category	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 Maintanance	£ 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	£ 54,381.49	£ 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
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