



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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)

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	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

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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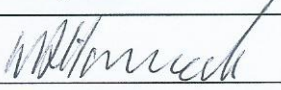
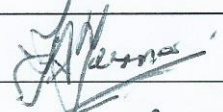
Other optional information

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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 HAWCOCK	J. A. TURNER
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	V. CHAIR
Date	22/5/26	

Biddulph u3a Charity no. 1121494
Statement of Accounts 2024-2025



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):**

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