

BARNET UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Registered Charity No. 1129309

ANNUAL REPORT

For the year ended 30 November 2025

Constitution

Barnet University of the Third Age was established by constitution recommended by the Third Age Trust and was formally adopted on 5th March 2009.

It was registered as a Charity on 24th April 2009.

Trustees during the year to 30th November 2025:

James Jenkins (Co-Chair)
Averill Lovatt (Co-Chair)
Johannah Fischer (Treasurer)
Paul Phillips (Membership) (Resigned 3/4/25)
Johanne Carstairs (Groups)
Trevor Orr (Secretary)
John Bent
Joanna Tambouridou
Brian Lipman (Resigned 18/9/25.)
Kathryn Barber
Sarah Beaumont (Resigned 3/4/25)
Jenny Murley
Hasan Mustafa
Susan Price (Co-opted 15/7/25)

Bankers:

HSBC Plc

Independent Examiner

Mrs M P Dye, FCA

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Annual Report (continued)

For the year ended 30 November 2025

Objectives

To advance the education of the public and in particular those not in full-time employment in Barnet and its surrounding locality. The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.

Finance

Annual subscriptions for the current year have been held at the same rate as last year and are at a level designed to cover our running costs. The financial statements that follow show a surplus on general funds of £8,203 (£7,663 in 2024) and a deficit of £1,332 on members activities (£273 surplus in 2024). Reserves are adequate to meet current requirements and anticipated cost increases.

Report for the year

Our membership numbered 1886 at 30th November 2025. Our objective is to offer activities on a shared participation basis over an expanding broad spectrum of educational and recreational groups, including crafts, physical activities, discussion forums and social events. Our activities are constantly evolving in order to satisfy member demands. Our monthly meetings with guest speakers continue to attract substantial attendances.

Future

We will encourage all groups and hope to increase educational activities, such as workshops, as well as hosting social events. We also hope to continue the travel offerings that have been hugely popular. Membership is growing and it would be appreciated if more individuals could volunteer to give assistance in some way for the general benefit of our highly successful Barnet u3a.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



James Jenkins
Co Chair
23rd February 2026



Johannah Fischer
Treasurer
23rd February 2026

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
BARNET UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE ON ACCOUNTS FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2025**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 30th November 2025 which are set out on pages 4 to 6.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and report. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year {under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act)}, and that an independent examination is needed. The Charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- i Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011.
- ii To follow the procedures laid down in general directions given by the Charities Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.
- iii To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, seeking explanation from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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". The report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

- 1 I have completed my examination and 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:
 - i the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
 - ii the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
 - iii the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reporting) 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.
- 2 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Mrs M P Dye, FCA
Independent Examiner
10 Salisbury Road
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24th February 2026

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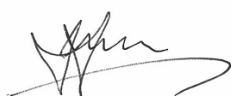
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 30 November 2025

General Fund £	2024	Total £		General Fund £	2025	Total £
	Activity Funds £				Activity Funds £	
Income						
33,835		33,835	Members' subscriptions	35,192		35,192
5,400		5,400	Gift Aid	5,676		5,676
648		648	Interest	814		814
0		0	Other income			
	76,631	76,631	Contributions from Member activities		93,760	93,760
39,883	76,631	116,514	Total Income	41,682	93,760	135,442
Expenditure						
6,124		6,124	Membership fees (to Third Age Trust)	6,288		6,288
3,313		3,313	Monthly / New member meetings	4,215		4,215
3,120		3,120	Co-ordinators' expenses contributions	3,340		3,340
290		290	Other co-ordinators' and committee costs	336		336
558		558	Study days and Seminars	214		214
358		358	Video conferencing	268		268
4,499		4,499	National magazine	3,243		3,243
8,317		8,317	Newsletter	9,314		9,314
803		803	Printing, stationery and telephone	1,149		1,149
72		72	Postage	252		252
1,706		1,706	Other costs including PO Box and other Licences	1,364		1,364
0		0	Sundry equipment and IT costs	299		299
1,641		1,641	Membership system costs	1,698		1,698
597		597	Bank charges	400		400
176		176	Credit card fees	248		248
646		646	Depreciation of equipment	Note 2 851		851
	76,358	76,358	Expenditure on Member activities		95,092	95,092
32,220	76,358	108,578	Total Expenditure	33,479	95,092	128,571
7,663	273	7,936	Net Surplus (Deficit) for year	8,203	(1,332)	6,871
21,547	9,681	31,228	Funds brought forward	25,512	13,652	39,164
(3,698)	3,698	0	Transfers between funds	2,572	(2,572)	
25,512	13,652	39,164	Funds carried forward	36,287	9,748	46,035

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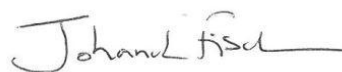
Balance Sheet at 30 November 2025

<u>2024</u>						<u>2025</u>
£	£	Fixed Assets	Note 2	£		£
9,342		Cost		10,433		
8,070		Less: accumulated depreciation		8,921		
	1,272					1,512
		Current Assets				
72,955		Bank Accounts		77,943		
635		Deposits and Payments in advance		5,670		
		Gift Aid Pending		1,405		
	73,590					85,018
	74,862					86,530
		Less: Current Liabilities				
22,006		Members subscriptions in advance		26,650		
631		Expense creditors		707		
13,061		Creditors re Members activities		13,138		
	35,698					40,495
	<u>39,164</u>	NET ASSETS				<u>46,035</u>
		Funds				
	25,512	General Fund				36,287
	13,652	Activity funds	Note 3			9,748
	<u>39,164</u>	TOTAL FUNDS				<u>46,035</u>



James Jenkins
Co Chair

23rd February 2026



Johannah Fischer
Treasurer

23rd February 2026

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Notes to the accounts for the year ended 30 November 2025

1 Policy on Funds

Surplus funds may arise in the course of normal activities and the committee believes these should be applied for the benefit of all current membership, subject to maintaining appropriate reserves.

2 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Opening Cost	Additions in 2025	Total Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value
3 Part Notice Boards	209		209	209	0
Projector and Stand	822		822	822	0
Laptop Lenovo	455		455	455	0
Laptop Dell Inspiron 15	480		480	480	0
Projector Epson EBLI 61	2,786		2,786	2,786	0
Screen and Case for Projector	757		757	757	0
Projector Screen and Stand	521		521	521	0
Acer Laptop and Equipment	731		731	731	0
Video Camera and memory cards	268		268	268	0
Croquet Equipment	368		368	276	92
Sound Equipment	1,480		1,480	1,110	370
Microphone	216		216	108	108
Banner	249		249	125	124
Portable Ramp		200	200	50	150
Pilates Equipment		891	891	223	668
	9,342	1,091	10,433	8,921	1,512

Notes:

Equipment costing less than £200 is not capitalised.

Substantial items in use, being depreciated on a straight line basis over four years, are shown above.

3 Activity Funds

These funds represent amounts available to cover anticipated expenditure on group activities. The intention is for each group to break even. Where expenditure is less than the income generated, surpluses may arise. Such surpluses are considered available for the general benefit of all our u3a members.