

AGM 2023 REPORT OF THE CHAIR

2022 was a challenging year for Preston and District u3a as we emerged from the Covid Pandemic. Most of our activities resumed in September 2021 and so 2022 was the first full year since 2019 when our activities were not disrupted or cancelled altogether.

Whilst the use of Zoom technology allowed some group and All Member activities to continue in limited scope during Lockdown we were pleased to end this practice as soon as possible and resume as a social, face to face organization.

Unlike many other u3as and in contrast to the National picture our membership levels continued to grow after Lockdown and at the end of 2022 stood close to their highest ever levels. New members joined in record numbers during the year.

We were able to resume our programme of All Member events during 2022 including a "Balloon Debate", A "Night at the Opera" wine and cheese evening, a Fairport Convention talk, a "Tales from Liverpool" event and Local History talks for all members. Additionally there were several outings and theatre visits for members to enjoy.

Our 60+ Interest Groups continued to provide a very wide range of activity for members to enjoy and participate in. My thanks go to all Group Leaders and providers of support services to enable these groups to operate. However, we have seen some reduction in attendance at Interest Group meetings during 2022 possibly reflecting an initial reluctance to meet socially on the part of some members after the ravages of Lockdown. We hope that these concerns will recede during 2023.

Members of your Committee worked diligently during the year to ensure the smooth running of our u3a and its administration. They responded well to the challenges of resuming our programme after 18 months of lockdown. During the year we elected new members to the Committee and we said farewell to Committee members Pat Green and Margaret Jones after 9 and 8 years service respectively. My thanks go to both of them for all their efforts to serve the membership over a long period of time.

A Chair is only as effective as the team around him and I would like to thank my fellow Committee members for all their support in a challenging year. Finally, I should like to thank all the members of Preston and District u3a for their continued support.

Tony Cheetham

Chair, Preston and District u3a.

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE - PRESTON & DISTRICT BRANCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2022

	31st Dec 2022		31st Dec 2021	
	£	£	£	£
DESIGNATED FUNDS - INTEREST GROUPS				
Income:				
Attendance Fees		19,800		6375
		<u>19,800</u>		<u>6375</u>
Less Expenditure:				
Accommodation		18,948		6244
Expenses		5,380		2424
		<u>24,327</u>		<u>8667</u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year - Designated Funds		<u><u>-4,528</u></u>		<u><u>-2292</u></u>
GENERAL FUNDS				
Income:				
Membership		8,483		3,703
Monthly Meetings		851		276
Events, Talks, Quizzes, Theatre & Outings		5,242		310
Gift Aid		1,117		463
Other		247		305
		<u>15,940</u>		<u>5,057</u>
EXPENDITURE				
Accommodation:				
Committee	150		90	
Monthly Meetings	1,391		415	
Events, Talks, Quizzes, Theatre & Outings	542		48	
AGM	105		0	
Total		<u>2,188</u>		<u>553</u>
Activity Expenses:				
Monthly Meetings Speakers & refreshments	646		643	
Events, Talks, Quizzes, Theatre & Outings	<u>4,385</u>		<u>355</u>	
		5,032		997
Other Expenses:				
Training	0		56	
Equipment Maintenance & Software	160		442	
Equipment purchased (under £200)	156		127	
Third Age Trust Capitation	3,008		2,296	
Beacon Annual Fee	748		651	
AGM	79		102	
Sundries	80		66	
Publications & Distribution Costs	2,824		1,869	
Postage, Printing & stationery	102		30	
PayPal & SumUp Commission	<u>114</u>		<u>77</u>	
Sub-total		7,270		5,717
Depreciation		111		611
		<u><u>14,602</u></u>		<u><u>7,878</u></u>
Surplus/Deficit for the year - General Funds		<u><u>1,338</u></u>		<u><u>-2,821</u></u>
Overall surplus/Deficit		<u><u>-3,190</u></u>		<u><u>-5,113</u></u>

Examined & found to accord with the Accounting Records
Edith B. Bailey
Examined 29th January 2023

UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE - PRESTON & DISTRICT BRANCH
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2022

	<u>31st Dec 2022</u>		<u>31st Dec 2021</u>	
	£	£	£	£
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Fixed Assets:				
Audio Equipment	0		0	
Bird Watching	0		0	
Computers	0		111	
Furniture	0		0	
	<u>0</u>	0	<u>0</u>	111
Current Assets:				
Operational Cash at Bank		17,346		20,636
Contingency Cash at Bank		21,254		21,007
Group Money Received after year-end		0		0
Prepayments & Debtors		0		0
Current Liabilities:				
Membership Fees received in advance		(36)		0
Prepayment for trips		0		0
Creditors		0		0
Net Assets		<u><u>38,564</u></u>		<u><u>41,754</u></u>
Represented by:				
Reserves b/fwd		41,754		46,867
Surplus/Deficit in Year		-3,190		-5,113
		<u><u>38,564</u></u>		<u><u>41,754</u></u>

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