

CROXLEY GREEN U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1142144

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2011-05-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The charity's object (the object) is the advancement of education, and in particular the education of older people and those retired from full time work, by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development in Croxley Green and its surrounding area.

Activities: These objectives are achieved by self-managed Study Groups of members of Croxley Green U3A and the monthly meetings, open to all members, which usually include a presentation by a visiting speaker. These activities are supported by a quarterly newsletter

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£38,085	£35,980	-	-
2023-12-31	£34,565	£32,059	-	-
2022-12-31	£15,784	£18,087	-	-
2021-12-31	£8,561	£5,939	-	-
2020-12-31	£5,709	£4,369	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Nicholas Mark Smyth	Chair	2024-04-17
Christopher Robert Hankinson		2023-04-18
Diane Windle		2022-04-20
Louise Bland		2024-04-17
Martin Wright		2025-04-16
PETE COULSON		2011-05-04
Rosemary Patricia Limpitlaw Mann		2022-04-20
Ruth Margaret Casadei		2024-04-17
Trevor Nigel Collingwood		2024-04-17

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Accounts

Croxley Green U3A

Trustee's Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

Name and Constitution

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Charity Commission Contact

Peter Coulson "Shanaclon", Farm Road, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2NZ

Bankers: TSB Bank plc, Excel House, 30 Sempole Street, Edinburgh EH3 8BL

Trustees

The following members of the Executive Committee (the trustees) held office during 2024:

Mary Coulson	David Rayment - (Retired 17 April 2024)
Peter Coulson	Stephen Smith - (Retired 17 April 2024)
Nick Smyth - Chair (Joined 17 April 2024)	Mairi Moore - (Retired 17 April 2024)
Christopher Hankinson - Treasurer	Rosey Mann
Trevor Collingwood - Secretary (Joined 17 April 2024)	Diane Windle
Jeremy Taffel - Secretary (until 17 April 2024), remained a trustee	Gillian Williams
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Objects of the charity

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Main activities and membership

In order to achieve the objects of the charity, the opportunity has been given to all qualifying adults in Croxley Green and its surrounding locality to become a member subject to setting, if necessary, a ceiling on numbers for practical reasons. On 31st December 2024 there were 362 members (2023: 355).

Monthly meetings are held, and interest groups run by members for members are formed - On 31st December 2024 there were 50 interest groups (2023: 45). All activities are open to all members.

The support and involvement of members confirms the trustees firm view that Croxley Green U3A fills a real need and is very much in the public interest.

Financial Statements

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Unrestricted reserve


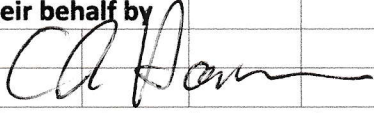
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Approved by the trustees on 15th January 2025.

Nick Smyth - Chair

Christopher Hankinson - Treasurer

CROXLEY GREEN u3a : ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted		Restricted		Total	
		2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT							
Receipts							
Membership subscriptions	3	9020	8637	0	0	9020	8637
Gift Aid tax refund		1213	765	0	0	1213	765
Other income		70	70	0	0	70	70
Activities:							
Study Groups	3 & 5	0	0	27783	25093	27783	25093
		10303	9472	27783	25093	38085	34565
Payments							
Activities:							
Third Age Trust: capitation fees		1368	1308	0	0	1368	1308
: magazine		866	935	0	0	866	935
Monthly meetings	4	1978	1645	0	0	1978	1645
Study Groups	3 & 5	3231	3160	27228	24393	30458	27553
Other expenses	4	1197	494	0	0	1197	494
		8640	7542	27228	24393	35868	31935
Assets purchased	2	112	124	0	0	112	124
		8752	7666	27228	24393	35980	32059
Excess of Payments over Receipts		1551	1806	555	701	2105	2507
Bank & cash balances 31 December 2023		5780	3974	1870	1169	4650	5143
Bank and cash balances 31 December 2024		7331	5780	2425	1870	6755	7650
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES at 31 December 2024							
Cash Funds							
Bank balances		7331	5780	2037	1442	9368	7222
Funds held by Group organisers		0	0	388	428	388	428
		7331	5780	2425	1870	9756	7650
The Accounts comprise pages 1 and 2.							
Approved by the trustees on 15 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by							
							
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There are at present 50 interest groups. It is the general policy of the trustees for interest groups to be self-financing taking one year with another. However, for some of the Groups the significant costs of room hire are being met from unrestricted (general) funds and are outside of the self-financing requirements. The groups which, in the view of the trustees, have a material turnover are included in the Accounts as restricted funds. Most of the 50 groups are not included as their turnover relates only to a kitty for refreshments.

4 Activities: analysis of payments

	Unrestricted	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Monthly general meetings:		
Room and equipment hire	832	870
Speakers: fees and expenses	805	485
Refreshments	341	290
	1978	1645
Other Expenses:		
Membership and administration	692	443
Group Leaders' Lunch	305	0
Sundries	200	51
	1197	494

5 The movements in restricted funds during the year were:

	Balance	Receipts	Payments	Balance
	1 Jan 2024			31 Dec 2024
	£	£	£	£
Restricted Study Groups				
Gardening Group	268	6907	6865	310
Local History Group	52	1066	1012	106
Exploring churches	60	527	527	60
Wine Appreciation	111	2271	2321	61
	491	10771	10725	537
Restricted Social Activities				
Theatre Group	1347	16407	16101	1653
Table Tennis	32	108	129	11
Pickleball	0	497	273	224
	1379	17012	16503	1888
TOTAL	1870	27783	27228	2425

- 6 Remuneration of trustees and independent examiners - No remuneration was paid or payable, directly or indirectly, out of the funds of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024 to any trustee or to any person or persons known to be connected with them (2023: nil). No amounts were paid or payable to the independent examiner in the year ended 31 December 2024 (2023: nil)

CROXLEY GREEN u3a
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF CROXLEY GREEN u3a

I report on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 and 2.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and Independent Examiner

The Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. They consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- * examine the Accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- * to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Charities Act; and
- * to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 terms or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the 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 and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's statement

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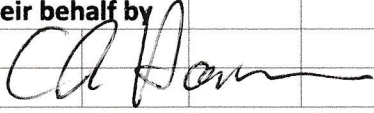
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Date: 16 January, 2025

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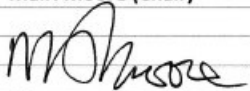
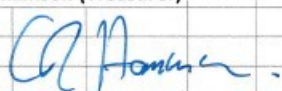
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Accounts

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Receipts							
Membership subscriptions	3	8637	2571	0	0	8637	2571
Gift Aid tax refund		765	666	0	0	765	666
Other income		70	391	0	0	70	391
Activities:							
Study Groups	3 & 5	0	0	25093	12156	25093	12156
		9472	3628	25093	12156	34565	15784
Payments							
Activities:							
Third Age Trust: capitation fees		1308	1196	0	0	1308	1196
: magazine		935	802	0	0	935	802
Herts Network of U3A's : affiliation fee & delegates			0	0	0	0	0
Monthly meetings	4	1645	1488	0	0	1645	1488
Study Groups	3 & 5	3160	1920	24393	11635	27553	13555
Other expenses	4	494	617	0	0	494	617
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Assets purchased	2	124	430	0	0	124	430
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- 4 Activities: analysis of payments

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Room and equipment hire	870	675
Speakers: fees and expenses	485	560
Refreshments	290	124
	1645	1488
Other Expenses:		
Membership and administration	443	438
Newsletter	0	87
Costs of Zoom etc	0	72
Sundries	51	20
	494	617

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Local History Group	102	548	599	51
Exploring churches	60	693	693	60
Wine Appreciation	34	955	878	111
Food Group	0	476	476	0
	410	8324	8245	489
Restricted Social Activities				
Theatre Group	534	16661	15848	1347
Table Tennis	224	108	300	32
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