



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date **01/04/2023**

To Period end date **31/03/2024**

Charity name: **Wetherby & District u3a**

Charity registration number: **1143289**

## 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	<p>Wetherby and District U3A is a self-help learning organisation for all retired people or that are no longer in full-time employment, who wish to join in activities encouraging learning and the development of skills, whilst also promoting enjoyment and friendship.</p> <p>W&amp;D U3A has over 100 Groups providing a wide range of activities and experiences from social and recreational to the arts and languages. Each Group has a Leader who is responsible for organising and providing activities. The Groups meet regularly at a number of local venues when permitted. During the lockdown a number of groups have met on Zoom. A Committee member is coordinator for all the Groups.</p> <p>In addition to the individual Groups, there is a monthly Open Meeting with a guest speaker, followed by refreshments and social interaction. The subjects at the Open Meetings cover a wide range of interests.</p> <p>To communicate with and keep members informed of activities, W&amp;D U3A publishes a Monthly Memo and a more detailed Newsletter once a year. These are circulated to all the membership and also made available on the website.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In planning activities the Trustees take due regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

## 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	
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>Since establishing in 2010, W&amp;D U3A membership increased steadily until the lockdown when we had a decline. It has recovered and sits around the 1200 mark.</p> <p>We continue with our New Member meetings to encourage member participation in Group activities and u3a wide events such as the monthly Open meetings.</p> <p>The Open meetings feature a guest speaker and a chance to mingle over tea and biscuits afterwards. These meetings are also live streamed on Zoom for those unable to get to Wetherby in person.</p> <p>We held a Showcase event in December 2023 where Groups were encouraged to display what their groups do and to encourage new members. There were performances from various musical and artistic groups.</p> <p>We hold a Renewal meeting each year where members can pay using PayPal through the internet or by card, cash or cheque.</p>

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set		
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	Total income £43,791 Total expenditure £45,960 Movement in year -£2,169
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Our Policy is to maintain a minimum level of reserves at 12 months running costs of our organisation. This does not include any income or expenses of our Activity Groups or outings, all of which are self-funding.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Reserves of £29,013
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	n/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	n/a

## 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	Our principal source of income is from our membership fees. In recent years the annual subscription has been kept at £12. We also receive Gift Aid. We receive small fees from non-members who are allowed to attend our monthly Open Meetings on two occasions as guests before becoming full members. The Activity Groups receive sums from members to pay for hall hire, speaker fees, and sales of tickets for visits all of which are self-financing.
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		
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our updated governing Constitution was adopted on 30th June 2021.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	We are an unincorporated members association, an independent charity, which is a member of the Third Age Trust which is itself an unincorporated 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	Trustees are elected by the membership at the AGM. New Trustees can be co-opted between AGMs and then stand for election at the next AGM.

### 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	New Trustees are provided with specific information about their individual roles, including detailed job descriptions. They are also provided with wider information packages showing the various policies and procedures of Wetherby and District U3A. Policies are in place in respect of: Data Protection (fully in line with the General Data Protection Regulations); Safeguarding; Equality, Diversity and Inclusion.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Committee meets every 6 weeks. In addition, working groups on specific issues are established where appropriate.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wetherby & District u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1143289

Charity's principal address	11 Coxwold Hill Wetherby LS22 7PX

**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	John Pentith	Chair	Until 28/06/2023	
2	Philip Aindow	Vice Chair/Chair		
3	Richard Daniel	Treasurer	Until 28/06/2023	
4	Moira Dopson	Treasurer	From 28/06/2023	
5	George Barry Atkinson	Events Officer		
6	Sarah Goodwin	Groups Coordinator	Until 28/06/2023	
7	Peter Harry Welton	Member Liaison Officer	Until 06/08/24	
8	Sue Howe	Admin Assistant		
9	Jennie Grover	Membership Secretary		
10	Timothy Mallett	Website Manager		
11	Pamela Tudor	General Secretary		
12	Linda June Richards	Vice Chair	From 30/05/2023	
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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	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### **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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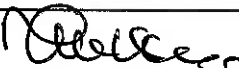

## **Other optional information**

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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)	Philip Aindow	Moira Dopson
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	29/10/2024	

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the  
Wetherby & District u3a**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Wetherby & District u3a (Charity Number 1143289) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which comprise the consolidated receipts and payments account, the consolidated balance sheet and related notes set out on pages 1 and 2.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

The Wetherby & District u3a trustees 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 all 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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Wetherby & District u3a as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed: *Ann Hill*

Name: Ann Hill

Address: Field House, 8 Whitham Close, Boston Spa, Wetherby, LS23 6DU

Date: 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024