

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 **To** 31/03/2025

Charity name: Burton on Trent University of the Third Age (u3a)

Charity registration number: 1146122

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Our main purpose is for the advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full-time work. This is by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development, residing in Burton-on-Trent and its surrounding locality
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit,	Our main activities are achieved through a number of interest groups and social activities that are run throughout the year for and on behalf of our members
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	At all times the trustees have had regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission.
Contribution made by volunteers	We are grateful for the many hours our volunteers have spent donating their time for the benefit of our members. Without this valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise we would not have been able to achieve so much

Achievements and Performance

<p>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.</p>	<p>During this year, we have had a mix of 14 committee members, 5 non-committee members, 56 groups, 67 group leaders and 940 members and what have we got? Well Burton u3a of course! Everyone has worked hard to ensure our u3a had been kept as good as it is and better than many.</p> <p>I want to thank everyone who has contributed in whatever form to keep us going through the past 12 months.</p> <p>We've had some great successes. Our membership has increased to 940 (and increasing), we have had new groups coming into existence, and many of our events have been very well subscribed.</p> <p>Every one of our events has happened by the work of our volunteer army of committee members and Group Leaders.</p> <p>Our committee members are elected for a maximum period of 3 years and it is now time for 5 committee members to retire after their 3 years' service and we need volunteers to step up onto the committee to help take our u3a forward for the next stage in its progress. Please consider putting yourself forward for election to the committee to be that person to join the team. We currently meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 10 am for about 2 hours.</p> <p>Some of the highlights of the past 12 months have been the holidays to Sunderland and Thursford, day trips to Llandudno, Bakewell Market, Chester, Leicester and to see Peter Pan in Birmingham, two Quiz afternoons, two Talk & Teas, the Christmas Party at Pirelli Stadium, singing and folk concerts and very approximately 1,688 Group meetings throughout the year.</p> <p>Just Am - A - Zing!</p> <p>This will be my last report to you as I have served my three years as Chair and it is time for me to retire, as well. It has been an amazing period in office and I must pass on my sincere thanks to the committee for supporting me in making Burton u3a work.</p> <p>Some of my particular highlights are the introduction of online payment for membership fees, introduction of new interest groups, and the knowledge that we must be doing most things right as our membership keeps on growing.</p> <p>I must thank every one of those who make it all happen and offer you my best wishes as you go forward to 2026 and beyond.</p>
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Financial Review

<p>Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period</p>	<p>At the end of the financial year our income was £99k and our expenditure was £90k</p> <p>Our surplus for the year was £8k. The bulk of this has come from a change in how we are managing out membership payments The committee are working to reduce our surplus and accumulated funds as we recognise we are a nonprofit making organisation. Our new committee will decide on the most appropriate actions to take and inform our membership accordingly.</p>
<p>Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held</p>	<p>We aim to keep a level of reserves that will cover 12 months of regular operating activity.</p>

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	We are governed by our constitution
How is the charity constituted?	We are 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	New trustees are appointed at the Annual General Meeting held in June for a three-year duration. If required additional trustees can be co-opted by the committee during the year to a maximum of fifteen. Co-opted committee members must be confirmed by appointment at the AGM.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Burton on Trent University of the Third Age (u3a)
Registered charity number	1146122
Charity's principal address	Riverside Church High St Burton on Trent DE14 1LD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
Mike Payne	Chair	
Neil Davenport	Vicechair	
Rosemary Marsden	Business Secretary	4/2024-5/2025
Katheryn Hines	Treasurer	
Jane Kent	Beacon Coordinator	
Valerie Bentinck	Events Secretary	
Michael Bartlett	Interest Group Coordinator	
Linda Walker	Membership Secretary	
Beverley Bhaskare	Minutes Secretary	
Jane Hance	Publicity Officer	
Christine Davenport	Communications	
Hugh Rodger	Accessibility Business Secretary	6/2024-3/2025
Bimal Jangra	Newsletter and website	
Glynis Lewis	Events Hospitality	
Dianne Needham		4/2024-6/2024
Barry Appleby		4/2024-2/2025
Alan Poore	Finance Assistant	8/2024-/3/2025

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	M.E.Payne
Full name(s)	Michael Edward Payne
Position	Chair
Date	20/10/2025

Burton-on-Trent University of the Third Age

Registered Charity Number 1146122

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BURTON-ON-TRENT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
Registered Charity number 1146122

	2025	2024
	£	£
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	8,843.00	7,606.10
Online Membership Subscriptions	3,787.00	3,178.00
Meetings General	2,212.00	1,977.90
Interest Groups Income	31,416.81	18,911.28
Gift Aid	974.19	630.96
THIAG Trust	-	287.82
Transfer	-	333.00
Sundry Income	51.10	415.72
	<u>47,284.10</u>	<u>33,340.78</u>
Expenditure		
Equipment	1,660.34	1,543.65
Meetings - General	3,875.76	3,510.29
Interest Groups - Room Hire	24,399.75	14,640.25
Coach	2,575.00	850.00
Speakers	1,310.00	1,260.00
Stationery	780.04	618.87
Postage	252.90	195.58
U3A Capitation Fees	3,600.00	2,404.00
U3A CLA Education Licence	67.21	64.20
TAM Postage	661.20	607.68
Beacon Licence	903.00	813.00
Sundry expenses	455.16	226.68
Paypal Fees	117.21	97.46
Square Fees	0.12	-
Accountancy	390.00	390.00
Account Transfer	-	335.00
	<u>41,047.69</u>	<u>27,556.66</u>
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	<u>6,236.41</u>	<u>5,784.12</u>
Accumulated Funds brought forward	19,127.31	13,343.19
Accumulated Funds at end of year	<u>25,363.72</u>	<u>19,127.31</u>
Represented by:		
Assets		
Net Assets		
Bank current account	23,292.61	16,046.77
Paypal account	2,071.11	3,080.54
Square account	0.00	0.00
Cash in hand	0.00	0.00
	<u>25,363.72</u>	<u>19,127.31</u>

BURTON-ON-TRENT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
SOCIAL FUND ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

			2025	2024
			£	£
Income				
	Social Activities -	Visits	42,556.30	45,903.20
	Lunches		8,670.38	8,903.19
	Sundry receipts		4.00	5.00
			<u>51,230.68</u>	<u>54,811.39</u>
Expenditure				
	Social Activities -	Entrance Fees and Coaches	41,362.05	42,697.95
	Lunches		7,794.25	8,460.81
	Lunches Refunds		-	234.25
	Trip Refunds		-	2,016.15
	Other Expenses		-	10.70
	Transfer		-	333.00
	Square Transfer fees		0.08	-
			<u>49,156.38</u>	<u>53,752.86</u>
Social Fund Surplus for the year			<u>2,074.30</u>	<u>1,058.53</u>
Social Fund accumulated balance brought forward			4,103.36	3,044.83
Social Fund Surplus carried forward			<u>6,177.66</u>	<u>4,103.36</u>
Represented by:				
	Petty cash		-	40.00
	Bank account - Social Activities Account		6,176.68	4,063.36
	Square account		0.98	-
			<u>6,177.66</u>	<u>4,103.36</u>

Note:

The activities within the Social Fund are outside the main objects of the Charity and this statement does not form part of the formal accounts of the Charity.

BURTON-ON-TRENT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR TO 31 MARCH 2025

I report on the accounts of the society for the year ended 31 March 2025 set out on page 1.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145(5)(b) of the Act whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commissioners. 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 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act;have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Wynniatt-Husey Limited

Wynniatt Husey Ltd
Chartered Accountants
The Old Bakehouse
Dove Walk, Uttoxeter
14 April 2025