

SHREWSBURY U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1148657

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2012-08-21

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: 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.

Activities: Shrewsbury U3A has self organised interest groups for people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age. This being the period of time after the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£36,285	£37,287	-	-
2024-08-31	£32,407	£28,770	-	-
2023-08-31	£26,911	£23,706	-	-
2022-08-31	£24,181	£28,617	-	-
2021-08-31	£13,620	£11,531	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Michael Reece	Chair	2025-12-01
Antony Arthur Brown		2025-11-17
Frank Velandar		2023-11-01
Ian Hallworth		2024-09-10
Ian Tanner		2023-11-01
Michael John McGarry		2025-11-17
Patricia Cooke		2021-10-18
Russell Game		2024-09-19
Sue Davies		2025-11-17

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Sept	2024		31	Aug	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

c/o Dyke Yaxley
1 Brassey Road Old Potts Way
Shrewsbury Shropshire
Postcode <input type="text" value="SY3 7FA"/>

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	Mike Reece	Chairperson		
2	Paul Claus		21/10/2024	
3	Patti Cooke			
4	Jan Dale			
5	Russell Game	Secretary	19/09/2024	
6	Ian Hallworth	Treasurer	09/10/2024	
7	Ian Tanner			
8	Frank Valander			
9	Alwyn Winter			
10	Keith Winter			
11	Don Burgess			
12	Pat Coultard-Jones			
13	Alison Ford			
14	Norman Jones			
15	Mike Masterson	Past Treasurer		
16	Jenny Masterson			
17	Jonathan Mutch			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution – revised 18 October 2021
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Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>The Charity’s organisational structure comprises a maximum of 5 Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). In addition between 5 and 10 other Committee Members can be appointed. On occasion this might be exceeded to provide a change-over of roles.</p> <p>The charity works with the Third Age Trust, West Midlands U3A Region and Shropshire U3A Network.</p> <p>The Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair shall have a maximum term of 2 years. The Treasurer and Secretary shall have a maximum term of three years.</p> <p>During the financial year the Executive Committee has approved actions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Duty of Trustees, and - Expenses Policy <p>Existing policies relating to Data Protection and Privacy of Members data continue.</p>
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The charity carries out the following activities in relation to the objects:

- Monthly Meetings in the Walker Theatre, Shrewsbury or other venue as necessary, with an invited Speaker to which all members are invited.
- At the end of the year (December or January), the monthly event takes the form of a Social. This might be U3A members performing music, poetry, readings. Alternatively, an Entertainer or key Speaker may be hired.
- At the year-end there were 1271 members and 114 groups operating within the charity meeting on an at least monthly basis. The groups cover a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Members can belong to one Study Group or many more – there is no limit other than their time available.
- In order to better manage the growing number of groups these have been organised into 8 categories, each having a Category Lead.
- A monthly Newsletter is circulated to all members (either electronically or in printed form) giving details of the charity's recent and forthcoming activities.
- A monthly Coffee Afternoon is organised as a drop-in centre for potential new members and a meeting place for existing members.
- A Theatre Group offering coach travel to attend a regional theatre production.
- A Trips Group offering day trips to various historical sites or cities in the UK

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The headline income and expenses as reported to the Charity Commission and available to the public are £36,285 and £32,287. However, these numbers include the Groups: Trips, Theatre, and Calligraphy. For most of this report I will comment on the accounts of Shrewsbury u3a, with a note on Groups at the end.

Fiscal Year	FY 24 25		FY 23 24	
	u3a	Groups	u3a	Groups
Income	£24,500	£11,800	£19,500	£12,900
Expenses	£24,900	£12,400	£18,000	£10,800

So, looking at Shrewsbury u3a (below) it can be seen that the u3a had a small deficit, this being mainly due to enhancement work on ARDA, our IT management system, some of which was originally budgeted for in the previous financial year. Income from Shrewsbury U3A's collaboration with The Shropshire Wild Life Trust of £2840, meant the deficit was smaller than otherwise would have been.

u3a	FY 24 25	FY 23 24
Income	£24,500	£19,500
Expenses	£24,900	£18,000
Surplus / Deficit	-400	£1,500

This year has seen a continued growth in membership. Membership is now 1271, from 1160 last year, a rise of 8.8%. Membership is the main source of income.

Many expenses are also driven by membership, but in this year there has also been some cost inflation over 23/24. However, some expenses should be noted:

- Speaker and speaker room hire was almost the same as last year.
- Office cost increase from £360 to £675, partly due to unforeseen membership costs.
- We have not spent anything on equipment this year. Last year we spent £1000.
- IT remediation (Arda enhancement) was £7400 much higher than the £900 in 23/24, but as stated above some of this work was budgeted in 23/24.

The reserves of the u3a remain strong: £20,600 excluding groups, equivalent to roughly 10 months of our anticipated spend in the year to come.

Consequently, the Committee is recommending that the Membership Subscription Rate should be unchanged at £15 per member.

Groups: The requirement is that groups must be self-funding. So, income should match or exceed expenses. It can be seen that this is the case.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In order for the charity to manage the variable timing of income and expenditure, a reserve sum equivalent to 6 months income will be maintained. At the financial year end 2024-2025 the reserves held were nearly the equivalent of one full year.

Even allowing that ongoing enhancement of Arda may cause deficits, we consider that the reserves are strong, and do not anticipate a need to change or lift subscriptions.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Ian Hallworth

Ian Hallworth	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Treasurer	
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Date

3 Nov 2025

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Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 August 2025

	U3A	Groups	2025	2024
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Subscriptions	19,766.00		19,766.00	17,601.50
PayPal & SumUp Commission	(434.13)		(434.13)	(363.48)
Net Subscriptions	19,331.87		19,331.87	17,238.02
Gift Aid	2,064.00		2,064.00	1,865.87
Newsletter Advertising	0.00		0.00	330.00
Grants and Donations	2,850.06		2,850.06	0.00
Interest	158.05		158.05	63.72
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		11,880.73	11,880.73	12,909.20
	<u>24,403.98</u>	<u>11,880.73</u>	<u>36,284.71</u>	<u>32,406.81</u>
Payments:				
Third Age Trust Membership/Insurance	4,560.00		4,560.00	4,176.00
U3A Magazine mailing	2,732.88		2,732.88	2,232.28
Room Hire - Speakers	3,766.92		3,766.92	3,678.00
Speakers' Fees	968.00		968.00	920.00
Palmers Café	390.00		390.00	497.80
Social	1,364.50		1,364.50	1,421.25
Newsletter, printing (Inc. AGM supplement)	1,453.00		1,453.00	1,263.00
Newsletter Postage	340.00		340.00	480.00
Membership Stationery	675.88		675.88	337.27
IT Remediation & Enhancement	7,431.00		7,431.00	894.00
IT Support Costs	178.78		178.78	178.69
Equipment	0.00		0.00	1,073.78
Committee + Office	441.24		441.24	259.40
Sundry / Gifts	89.99		89.99	236.98
Publicity - u3a day, Flower Show, print	107.25		107.25	342.60
Manage Expenses Funds	357.60		357.60	0.00
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		12,430.29	12,430.29	10,778.85
	<u>24,857.04</u>	<u>12,430.29</u>	<u>37,287.33</u>	<u>28,769.90</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	(453.06)	(549.56)	(1,002.62)	3,636.91
Surplus brought forward from previous year	20,954.34	3,935.10	24,889.44	21,252.53
Surplus carried forward to next year	20,501.28	3,385.54	23,886.82	24,889.44
<u>Represented By:-</u>				
Bank Accounts				
Current Account	2,631.43	3,385.54	6,016.97	18,553.31
Deposit Account - Lloyds	5,136.61		5,136.61	5,089.51
Shawbrook Deposit Account	10,110.95		10,110.95	0.00
Theatre Group Bal - to u3a	100.00		100.00	100.00
PayPal account	458.29		458.29	1,146.62
	<u>18,437.28</u>	<u>3,385.54</u>	<u>21,822.82</u>	<u>24,889.44</u>
Accrued Income	2,064.00		2,064.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00		0.00	0.00
Net assets	20,501.28	3,385.54	23,886.82	24,889.44
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Prepared by Ian Hallworth Treasurer



10-Sep-25

Examined and found correct in accordance with account books and receipts
S Tarr, Chartered Accountant

9/10/2025

Susan J Tarr



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Shrewsbury U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31 August 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1148657

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2025.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) 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.

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:

Susan J. Tarr

Date:

10 September 2025

Name:

Susan J Tarr

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

BSc ACA

Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

Address:

67 Ellis Peters Drive Telford TF3 1AW

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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Registered charity number (if any) 1148657

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7	Norman Jones			
8	Jan Dale			
9	Patti Cooke			
10	Don Burgess			
11	Keith Winter			
12	Pat Coulthard-Jones			
13	Ian Tanner		November 23	
14	Alison Ford		November 23	
15	Frank Velander		November 23	
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Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity

The membership of the Shrewsbury u3a was markedly affected by the Covid pandemic. In 2019 membership declined from 1000 to 700. A

major focus of activity from 2020 on was to recover membership. Membership has recovered to better than earlier peaks, and we have had to strengthen the management of groups.

To achieve this:

- In 2021 and again in 2023 the public brochures were redesigned to better inform interested parties of the activities and groups available, with contact information.
- In 2023 we selected present a special speaker (Iolo Williams) in the main auditorium of Theatre Seven. We shared this with Shropshire Wildlife Trust. The event sold out with 650 tickets. This was in place of the earlier u3a Open Day events.
- While the heat did affect footfall at the flower show, post-event analysis did show strong growth of membership that well re-paid the costs of these events.

The other major activity of the Shrewsbury u3a was to stabilise and enhance management information system: Arda. In 2021 this became unsupported. Through 2021 and into 2022 the Management Committee has rebuilt the support and made enhancements. This continued through 2023

The finances of the Shrewsbury u3a continue to be healthy. Below is an extract of the Treasurers Report to the AGM:

Extract:

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So, looking at Shrewsbury u3a (below) it can be seen that the u3a continued in surplus, even though we did budget a deficit as we hoped to complete some enhancements to Arda, our IT management suite.

u3a	FY 23 24	FY 22 23
Income	£19,500	£17,500
Expenses	£18,000	£15,300
Surplus / Deficit	£1,500	£2,200

With subscriptions being constant, it is membership that drives the u3a income. This year has seen a continued growth in membership from the decline of the pandemic. Membership is now 1160, from 1050 last year, and well above pre-pandemic membership.

Many expenses are also driven membership, but in this year there has also been more cost inflation than in 22 23. This would account for approximately £1,500 of the £2,700 increase. However, some expenses should be noted:

- Speaker room hire was increased as we had to use Shrewsbury Town Football Club on three occasions: £500.
- We needed to spend £1,000 on equipment, having not spent anything in the previous year. That was un-naturally low.

- IT remediation (Arda enhancement) was £500 lower than in 22 23 as our supplier was not able to complete the work.
- Our publicity spend recovered from the low spend of 22 23: £300.

The reserves of the u3a remain strong: £21,000 excluding groups, equivalent to roughly 10 months of our anticipated spend in the year to come.

Consequently, the Committee is recommending that the Membership Subscription Rate should be unchanged at £15 per member.

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Mike Masterson, Treasurer.

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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Masterson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	11 Sept, 2024	

U3A SHREWSBURY

Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 August 2024

	U3A	Groups	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Subscriptions	17,601.50		17,601.50	15,505.40
PayPal & SumUp Commission	<u>(363.48)</u>		<u>(363.48)</u>	<u>(307.18)</u>
Net Subscriptions	17,238.02		17,238.02	15,198.22
Gift Aid	1,865.87		1,865.87	1,841.73
Newsletter Advertising	330.00		330.00	300.00
Interest	63.72		63.72	128.82
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		12,909.20	12,909.20	9,443.14
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Palmers Café	497.80		497.80	494.00
Social	1,421.25		1,421.25	1,404.10
Newsletter, printing (Inc. AGM supplement)	1,263.00		1,263.00	1,174.00
Newsletter Postage	480.00		480.00	238.79
Membership Stationery	337.27		337.27	354.00
IT Remediation & Enhancement	894.00		894.00	1,428.00
IT Support Costs	178.69		178.69	75.04
Equipment	1,073.78		1,073.78	0.00
Committee + Office	259.40		259.40	479.11
Sundry	236.98		236.98	47.00
Publicity - u3a day, Flower Show, print	342.60		342.60	69.96
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		10,778.85	10,778.85	8,428.13
	<u>17,991.05</u>	<u>10,778.85</u>	<u>28,769.90</u>	<u>23,706.23</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	1,506.56	2,130.35	3,636.91	3,205.68
Surplus brought forward from previous year	19,447.78	1,804.75	21,252.53	18,046.85
Surplus carried forward to next year	<u>20,954.34</u>	<u>3,935.10</u>	<u>24,889.44</u>	<u>21,252.53</u>
Represented By:-				
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Bank Accounts				
Current Account	14,618.21	3,935.10	18,553.31	15,744.12
Deposit Account - Lloyds	5,089.51		5,089.51	5,025.79
Theatre Group Bal - to u3a	100.00		100.00	100.00
PayPal account	<u>1,146.62</u>		<u>1,146.62</u>	<u>382.62</u>
	20,954.34	3,935.10	24,889.44	21,252.53
Accrued Income	0.00		0.00	0.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00		0.00	0.00
Net assets	<u>20,954.34</u>	<u>3,935.10</u>	<u>24,889.44</u>	<u>21,252.53</u>

Prepared by Mike Masterson, Treasurer



17-Sep-24

Examined and found correct in accordance with account books and receipts
S Tarr, Chartered Accountant

17-Sep-24

Susan J Tarr

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Shrewsbury U3A.

I report on the accounts of Shrewsbury U3A for the year ended 31 August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you 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.

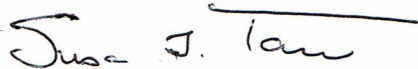
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) 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.

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.

Susan Tarr BSc ACA



Date: 16 September 2024

SHREWSBURY U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1148657

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	01	Sep	2022		31	Aug	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Shrewsbury U3A

Other names charity is known by None

Registered charity number (if any) 1148657

Charity's principal address c/o Dyke Yaxley

1 Brassey Road, Old Potts Way

Shrewsbury Shropshire

Postcode

SY3 7FA

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	Jonathon Mutch	Chairperson		
2	Mike Rees	Vice-Chair		
3	Ian Peterson	Secretary		
4	Michael Masterson	Treasurer		
5	Alwyn Winter			
6	Jenny Masterson			
7	Norman Jones			
8	Jan Dale			
9	Patti Cooke			
10	Don Burgess			
11	Keith Winter			
12	Pat Coulthard-Jones			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity’s trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution – revised 18 October 2021

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Trust

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Officers and other Committee Members are appointed by the membership at the Annual General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity’s organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees’ consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Charity’s organisational structure comprises a maximum of 5 Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Treasurer and Secretary). In addition between 5 and 10 other Committee Members can be appointed. The charity works with the Third Age Trust, West Midlands U3A Region and Shropshire U3A Network.

The Chair, Vice Chair and Past Chair shall have a maximum term of 2 years. The Treasurer and Secretary shall have a maximum term of three years.

During the financial year the Executive Committee has approved actions to:

- Continue to operate safely, having regard to the ongoing Covid experience, and
- Recover membership from the decline that resulted from the 2020 Covid lockdown

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The charitable purpose of Shrewsbury U3A is 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 activities conducive to learning and personal development, in Shrewsbury and its surrounding locality.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by *the Charity Commission on public benefit*)

The charity carries out the following activities in relation to the Objects :-

- Monthly Meetings in the Walker Theatre, Shrewsbury or other venue as necessary, with an invited Speaker to which all members are invited.
- At the end of the year (December or January), the monthly event takes the form of a Social. This might be U3A members performing music, poetry, readings. Alternatively, an Entertainer or key Speaker may be hired.
- At the year-end there were nearly 100 Groups operating within the charity meeting on an at least monthly basis. The groups cover a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities. Members can belong to one Study Group or many more – there is no limit other than their time available.
- A monthly Newsletter is circulated to all members (either electronically or in printed form) giving details of the charity's recent and forthcoming activities.
- A monthly Coffee Afternoon is organised as a drop-in centre for potential new members and a meeting place for existing members.
- A Theatre Group offering coach travel to attend a regional theatre production
- A Trips Group offering day trips to various historical sites or cities in the UK

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The membership of the Shrewsbury u3a was markedly affected by the Covid pandemic. A major focus of activity this year was to recover membership from 700 to over 1000.

To achieve this:

- In 2021 the public brochures were redesigned to better inform interested parties of the activities and groups available, with contact information.
- A u3a day were held in the Old Market Square where interested parties could use the revised brochures and meet members of the groups. This followed the successful u3a day of 2021
- Shrewsbury u3a also took a stand at the Shrewsbury Flower Show.
- While the heat did affect footfall at the flower show, post-event analysis did show strong growth of membership that well re-paid the costs of these events.

The other major activity of the Shrewsbury u3a was to stabilise and enhance management information system: Arda. In 2021 this became unsupported. Through 2021 and into 2022 the Management Committee has rebuilt the support and made enhancements.

The finances of the Shrewsbury u3a continue to be healthy. Below is an extract of the Treasurers Report to the AGM:

This year has seen a continued recovery of membership from the decline of the pandemic. Membership is 1044, nearly back to our peak. Expenses have also stabilised markedly.

This is reflected in the financial results (excluding groups):

- Income last year was £16,500, and has grown to £17,500 this year.
- Expenses last year were £19,700, and dropped to £15,300 this year.

So, the deficit of £3,200 in 2022, has become a surplus of £2,200.

There were three main reasons for this:

- Continued growth has lifted income.
- During the year our membership management system, Arda, has been much more stable and there were fewer enhancements required.
- Our publicity campaign was much reduced, only a u3a Day in July 2021. This was artificially low cost: expenses paid in the previous year were credited back when the Queens funeral cancelled the planned event.

The reserves of the u3a remain strong: £17,700 excluding groups, equivalent to roughly a full year of our anticipated spend in the year to come.

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Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

In order for the charity to manage the variable timing of income and expenditure, a reserve sum equivalent to 6 months income will be maintained. At the financial year end 2022-2023 the reserves held were nearly the equivalent of one full year.

Even allowing that ongoing enhancement of Arda may cause deficits, we consider that the reserves are strong, and do not anticipate a need to change or lift subscriptions.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

This Trustees Annual Report was rewritten in May 2024 by the Treasurer (Mike Masterson) in order to be better compliant with Charity Commission guidance, by using the Char Comm TAR template. Previously that had not been used.

Section G**Declaration**

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Mike Masterson	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	2 May, 2024	

U3A SHREWSBURY

ANNUAL ACCOUNTS for the Year ended 31st August 2023

Receipts and Expenditure for the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	U3A	Groups	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Receipts:				
Subscriptions	15,505.40		15,505.40	14,327.00
PayPal & SumUp Commission	(307.18)		(307.18)	(218.23)
Net Subscriptions	<u>15,198.22</u>		<u>15,198.22</u>	<u>14,108.77</u>
Third Age Grant for U3A Day + Donations	0.00		0.00	208.00
Gift Aid	1,841.73		1,841.73	1,796.66
Newsletter Advertising	300.00		300.00	330.00
Interest	128.82		128.82	63.52
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		9,443.14	9,443.14	7,674.21
	<u>17,468.77</u>	<u>9,443.14</u>	<u>26,911.91</u>	<u>24,181.16</u>
Payments:				
Third Age Trust Membership/Insurance	3,688.00		3,688.00	3,364.00
U3A Magazine mailing	2,119.30		2,119.30	1,977.93
Room Hire - Speakers	2,878.80		2,878.80	3,128.40
Speakers' Fees	828.00		828.00	1,645.00
Palmers Café	494.00		494.00	390.00
Social	1,404.10		1,404.10	56.89
Newsletter, printing (Inc. AGM supplement)	1,174.00		1,174.00	1,396.00
Newsletter Postage	238.79		238.79	699.83
Membership Stationery	0.00		0.00	231.66
IT Remediation & Enhancement	1,428.00		1,428.00	3,822.00
IT Support Costs	75.04		75.04	685.40
Equipment	0.00		0.00	303.66
Committee + Office	833.11		833.11	231.30
Sundry / Gifts	47.00		47.00	89.59
Publicity - u3a day, Flower Show, print	69.96		69.96	1,656.37
Group Courses - Trips/Theatre/Golf Croquet		8,428.13	8,428.13	8,939.19
	<u>15,278.10</u>	<u>8,428.13</u>	<u>23,706.23</u>	<u>28,617.22</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>2,190.67</u>	<u>1,015.01</u>	<u>3,205.68</u>	<u>(4,436.06)</u>
Surplus brought forward from previous year	17,257.11	789.74	18,046.85	22,482.91
Surplus carried forward to next year	<u>19,447.78</u>	<u>1,804.75</u>	<u>21,252.53</u>	<u>18,046.85</u>
<u>Represented By:-</u>				
Bank Accounts				
Current Account	13,939.37	1,804.75	15,744.12	2,632.83
Deposit Account - Lloyds	5,025.79		5,025.79	5,000.25
Shawbrook Deposit Account	0.00		0.00	10,642.68
Theatre Group Bal - to u3a	100.00		100.00	
PayPal account	382.62		382.62	113.09
	<u>19,447.78</u>	<u>1,804.75</u>	<u>21,252.53</u>	<u>18,388.85</u>
Accrued Income	0.00		0.00	15.00
Accrued Expenses	0.00		0.00	(357.00)
Net assets	<u>19,447.78</u>	<u>1,804.75</u>	<u>21,252.53</u>	<u>18,046.85</u>

Prepared by Mike Masterson, Treasurer

01-Sep-23

Examined and found correct in accordance with account books and receipts
S Tarr, Chartered Accountant

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Susan J Tarr

Independent examiner's report to the trustees on the unaudited financial statements of Shrewsbury U3A.

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