



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From

Period start date

01

Sept

2024

To

Period end date

31

Aug

2025

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	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
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 in October, following year end August. Trustees may be appointed by the Committee within the year, to fill vacancies and to prepare for taking on a role from a predecessor.

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. On occasion this might be exceeded to provide a change-over of roles.

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:

- Duty of Trustees, and
- Expenses Policy

Existing policies relating to Data Protection and Privacy of Members data continue.

Section C Objectives and activities

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)

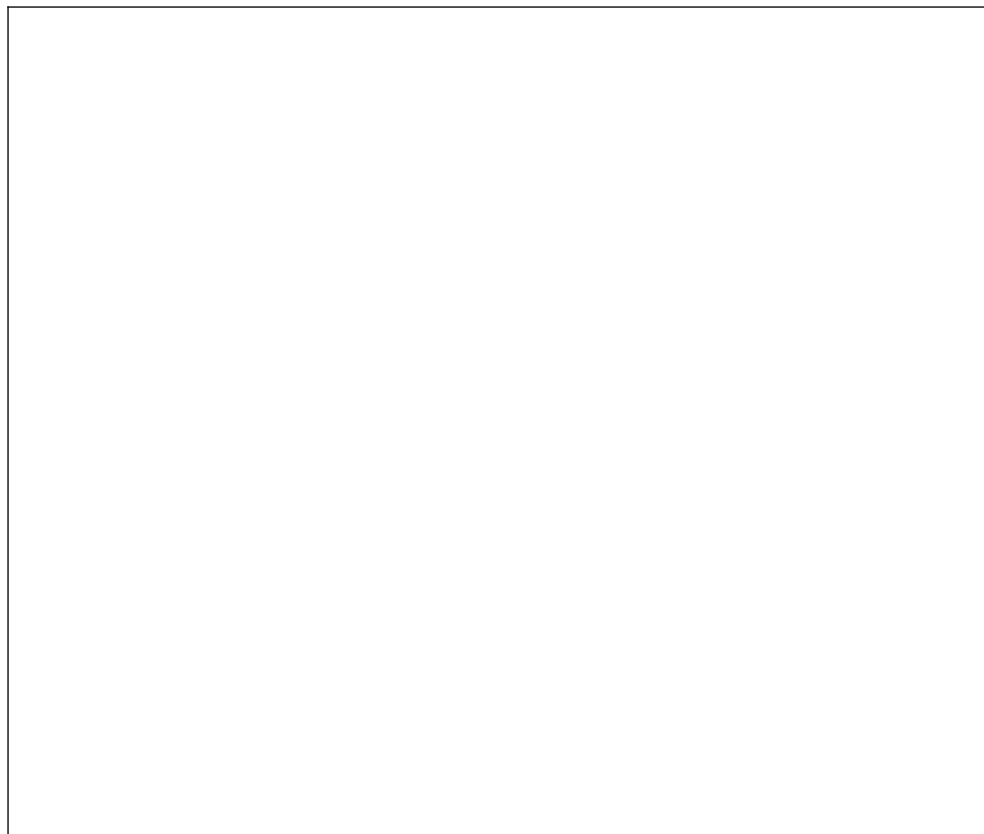
The charity carries out the following activities in relation to the objects:

- 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 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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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	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
Date	3 Nov 2025	

U3A SHREWSBURY

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
	24,403.98	11,880.73	36,284.71	32,406.81
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
	24,857.04	12,430.29	37,287.33	28,769.90
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
Represented By:-				
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
	18,437.28	3,385.54	21,822.82	24,889.44
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

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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):

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