

## **Arnold u3a**

**Registered Charity No. 1153672**

### **Annual Report to the Charity Commission for Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

Arnold u3a is managed by a committee that is appointed or reappointed at the Annual General Meeting held in March each year. The committee are the trustees of the Arnold u3a Charity. The constitution adopted on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 is the governing document of Arnold u3a.

Membership of Arnold u3a is open to older people and those retired from full time work living in Arnold and its surrounding area. The members of the u3a form interest groups that are managed by members of the u3a who share their knowledge and expertise with the group. No qualifications are sought or offered. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime objective, not qualifications or awards. Groups are self-financing and meet in a variety of venues. Arnold u3a has fifty nine groups that could be divided into those providing an opportunity to learn (e.g languages, history, psychology, science, Shakespeare and classical music); others that encourage the creative arts (e.g art and painting, patchwork and quilting, photography) whilst some provide an opportunity for members to meet up and enjoy shared experiences of theatre and cinema visits, play board and card games. In addition to these groups there are those that cater for the physical well being of their members offering the opportunity to exercise together .....Arnold has several walking groups and a Yoga group that meet regularly throughout the year. The philosophy of the u3a movement "Learn, Laugh, Live" is behind all group activities as is the principle "by the members for the members".

### **Chairman's Report**

Another year and although Coronavirus is still around the effects of the virus are not now as severe as they once were so hopefully do not last as long.

We have had another successful year at Arnold u3a with most groups continuing to grow and flourish. We do lack music and dance groups so let's see if we can remedy that this coming year.

The Drama group managed to stage yet another Murder Mystery play at Mapperley Golf club and provide the entertainment for the Christmas party.

A big Thank You to all group leaders who continue to lead and inspire with all the hard work, dedication and sense of fun to make their sessions enjoyable.

September 2022 was a month of celebrations as the u3a movement was 40 years old. The Nottinghamshire Network chaired by Rosie Allen organised a series of events to mark the event. Arnold u3a committee and members met on September 20<sup>th</sup> at Arnold Methodist Church where volunteers dressed the area with bunting and banners and welcomed members from Carlton and Gedling u3as, as they handed over a torch which some members of the walking group carried up to Gedling country park. Before we set off we had the Mayor of Gedling Peter Barnes mingle with the crowd before giving a speech congratulating the u3a for the continuation of all the various activities that are available for members.

On Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> about 20 u3as from all the Nottinghamshire area met at Highfields for a picnic and a continuation of celebrations. We had music from the Dukeries Steel band (How good were they? Wow) Speeches from Rosie who welcomed the Mayor of Nottingham Wendy Smith and Jean Hogg our Regional representative who both spoke of the merits of the u3a movement.

The afternoon concluded with a flash mob dance with all members of the u3as joining in. A very enjoyable week of celebrations and a big Thank you to all the Network members who put such a lot of hard work in making the event such a great success.

A big thank you to all my fellow committee members who have steered Arnold u3a through another year. We do have retiring committee members, Jean Cussons the group leader co-ordinator, Denise Swain the newsletter editor and Marie Bell Business Secretary. Gwen Whitehouse has agreed to take over the role of group leader co-ordinator and Hazel Ward has agreed to take over the role of Business Secretary, but as yet we do not have a newsletter editor.

A big Thank you to all the “background” members, Peter Beastall and David Brown who make sure all the I.T. at meetings works correctly. The refreshment volunteers who provide all the cups of tea coffee and biscuits at meetings. Sandra on reception desk, the new members team and meeters and greeters

To conclude:-

Please read your newsletter and please check out the website on a regular basis as lots of news is posted on there.

Looking forward to another successful year of Arnold u3a

Sylvia Hale Chairman

### **Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022**

Arnold u3a is a registered charity and an associate member of the Third Age Trust and as such it is required to comply with regulations issued by the Charity Commission and follow guidelines set by the Third Age Trust.

The accounts attached to these papers are for the period 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022. The accounts have been independently examined by Anne Sutton , a member of this u3a , because the income for the year is £37,509.

The General Account includes the membership income and the costs of running the u3a; the receipts and payments of the groups within the u3a are aggregated in the Education and Social Activities section of the accounts.

Within the General Fund accounts, provision has been made for outstanding printing cost (£1,273); rents paid in advance (£366) ; Gift Aid due (£1.073 ) and Membership fees paid in advance (£1,143 ). Including these accruals in the accounts facilitates meaningful year on year comparison of the costs of running the u3a.

The u3a has two current bank accounts , one for the general running of the u3a and one for group activities .We also have a deposit account into which members can pay their membership fees by bank transfer.

### **The General Account**

Membership income is still being affected by the pandemic. In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019, the last year before the pandemic restricted our daily lives , membership income was £9,022. In the year to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 membership income was £7,490 , a reduction of £1,532. We did not resume face to face general meetings until April 2022. Whilst new members have joined our u3a they have not joined in sufficient numbers to offset those who have not renewed their membership. This fall in membership is nationwide throughout the u3a movement. It is evidence that the pandemic continues to have an effect on public confidence in large gatherings.

Arnold u3a took part in the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the National u3a movement.

We purchased a new banner (£134 ) and took part in a Flash dance (£60 for rehearsal costs).It is to be hoped that publicity from these celebrations will encourage more people to join a u3a .

The £252 commission was paid by Riviera Travel who have committed to paying a u3a a 10% commission based on the cost of a holiday purchased by a u3a member.

Included in the expenditure is a sum of £75 which is the cost of the acquisition of a projector which will be available for groups to use when showing films to get a bigger picture than can be seen on a television. This projector has been added to the Asset Register.

Despite the fall in membership income the surplus on the General Fund account has increased by £2,292 .

### **Education and Social Activities Account**

This account consolidates the receipts and payments of the many groups within the u3a . The balances held by the groups amount to £6,502 , a reduction of £366 from the balances held at 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021. This balance is held in the Education and Social Activities bank account. Most of the costs incurred by groups are paid by the treasurer by bank transfer .For example , we have one account per month for all groups using Arnold library and one for those using Woodthorpe library .Group leaders collect the money to cover their share of these accounts . These fees are banked each month into the Education and Social Activities bank account. This is where I thank Pam Gant for taking on the responsibility of banking group income amounting to £28,674 in the year being reported upon.

### **Conclusion**

Despite the fall in membership, Arnold u3a has sufficient funds to face the inevitable increase in costs of running the u3a in the forthcoming year .

Chris Gardner

Treasurer Arnold u3a

January 2023

**ARNOLD U3A****Registered Charity No 1153672****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2022**

	<b><u>2020 21</u></b>	<b><u>2021 22</u></b>		
		General	Education	
		Account	and Social	
		£	Activities	Total
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>				
Subscriptions and Visitor Donations	3,991	7,490	11,936	19,426
Sales	1,177	5	8,883	8,888
Gift Aid	0	1,073		1,073
Grant	100			0
Commission		252		252
Interest		15		15
Holidays and Outings	373		7,855	7,855
Miscellaneous Income	13			0
Development Fund	2,077			0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7,731</b>	<b>8,835</b>	<b>28,674</b>	<b>37,509</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURE</u></b>				
Room Hire	1,950	1,329	7,212	8,541
Equipment Hire			2,593	2,593
Tutor Fees	1,210		2,290	2,290
Printing ,Stationery,Postages	891	414		414
Purchases	439		177	177
Membership Subscription Third Age Tru:	1,785	1,828		1,828
Direct Mail	1,152	813		813
Copyright Licence	60	60		60
Speakers and Social Events	440	318	1,237	1,555
Committee and Catering Costs	197	441		441
Membership Expenses	31	64		64
Website	567	351		351
Beacon	541	502		502
Notts Network Membership	0	15		15
Card Printer and Scanner	58	132		132
Tickets for resale	1,226		6,045	6,045
Transport	144			0
Holidays and Outings	50		9,156	9,156
Sundry Expenses	112		30	30
Mini Projector	0	75		75
National u3a Day	249	201		201
Contributions from Contingency Fund	0		90	90
Contribution Development Fund	2,077			0
Contribution from Development Fund			210	210
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>13,180</b>	<b>6,543</b>	<b>29,040</b>	<b>35,583</b>
<b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>-5,449</b>	<b>2,292</b>	<b>-366</b>	<b>1,926</b>

# ARNOLD U3A BALANCE SHEET AT 31st OCTOBER 2022

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## CURRENT ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	General Account £	Education and Social Activities £	Total £
Cash at bank and in hand	15,584	6,502	22,086
Payments in advance	366		366
Debtors	1,073		1,073
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>17,023</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>23,525</b>
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors	1,273		1,273
Receipts in Advance	1,143		1,143
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>2,416</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,416</b>
Net Current Assets	<b>14,607</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>21,109</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>14,607</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>21,109</b>

## FUNDS

Cumulative Surplus 31st October 2021	12,315	6,868	19,183
Deficit / Surplus 2022	2,292	-366	1,926
<b>Funds held 31st October 2022</b>	<b>14,607</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>21,109</b>

## Note

### Analysis of Funds

General	14,607		14,607
Education and Social Activities			
Groups		4,435	4,435
Development		1,933	1,933
Contingency		134	134
<b>Funds Held at 31st October 2022</b>	<b>14,607</b>	<b>6,502</b>	<b>21,109</b>

I have examined the records  
and find them to be correct

Albert

26.1.23



# CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Independent examiner's report on the accounts

### Section A

### Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Arnold u3a

On accounts for the year  
ended

31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Charity no  
(if any)

1153672

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/10/2022 DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and  
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

*Abby H.*

Date:

25.4.23

Name:

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qualification(s) or body  
(if any):

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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.