

Arnold u3a

Registered Charity No. 1153672

Annual Report to the Charity Commission for Year ended 31st October 2023

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 6th 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 sixty one 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 togetherArnold has several walking groups and a Yoga group that meet regularly throughout the year. These groups are led by some fifty four members , some of whom lead more than one group. In addition to the members who manage groups there are other members who help with the running of the general monthly meetings by meeting and greeting and being “buddies” to new members and providing refreshments at those meetings.

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

Although Arnold u3a lost quite a few members through the Covid Pandemic we are beginning to recover, albeit slowly. We have had another successful year with most groups back to normal activities and new ones starting up.

We have had some lovely day excursions, garden visits and a couple of local interest outings. Holidays, both in this country and to a Spanish resort where members have a chance to practice their language skills. Theatre visits both in Nottingham and further afield.

All these take time planning and organising so we owe a debt of gratitude for all the hard work the leaders put into these events as many members gain so much pleasure from these outings and holidays.

A big Thank you to all group leaders who spend a lot of their own time planning and preparing for group activities. Without these leaders Arnold u3a would be a lot poorer. A special Thank you to David Brown who has stepped down from the position of controlling the I.T. equipment in the Church Hall on main meeting days making sure all equipment is working for our various speakers. Another special Thank you to Dieter Hecht who has led the short walking group for about ten years. He has stepped down as leader but is still hoping to support the walking group.

The Drama group managed to fool nearly all the audience while putting on their now annual Murder Mystery play written by one of our members. This is always lots of fun to perform and always well supported. They also put on entertainment for the Christmas party which always has a Pantomime included, written by another one of our members.

A big Thank you to all committee members who have been very patient and supportive during my three years as chair. It hasn't been an easy time with the Covid Pandemic. When I took over the role we were in full lock down , I had just lost my son to cancer and I was on automatic pilot as there was so much to do and think about. Leading the committee and members through all the trials and tribulations we faced wasn't easy but we have come through and are still a strong u3a. We do have retiring committee members, myself as Chair, John Gardner, membership secretary, Gwen Isherwood, Business secretary.

Hazel Ward our Vice Chair will stand for the role of Chair. Viv Purkiss has a nomination form completed for Vice Chair. Cathy Van Baalen will stand for membership secretary. Sue Matthews will stand for Group leader co-ordinator. Chris Gardner has agreed to stay on as treasurer for one more year only. We may have a deputy treasurer working alongside Chris.

Another Thank you goes to all those people behind the scenes. Peter now at the back of the church hall at main meetings. All the refreshment volunteers

who make sure we can all enjoy our tea and biscuits at the meetings. The new members team who do a Stirling job, Sandra on reception desk and all helpers who make sure that all our groups and meetings run smoothly.

REMEMBER ALL u3as ARE FOR THE MEMBERS BY THE MEMBERS.

I am looking forward to many more successful years of Arnold u3a

Sylvia Hale

Chairman

Treasurer's Report on the Accounts for the Year ended 31st October 2023

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 1st November 2022 to 31st October 2023. The accounts have been independently examined by Anne Sutton , a member of this u3a , because the income for the year is £42,733.

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.

Arnold u3a has 2 current bank accounts , one for the general management of the u3a and a second one for transactions of the groups within the u3a. We also have a deposit account for the collection of membership income paid by bank transfer. All three accounts are with the Co-operative Bank. There is a PayPal account that members can use to pay their membership fee.

The General Account

The total income in the General Account was £9,294, an increase of £459 compared with the income in the previous year. Membership income (£7,161) is £369 less than in the previous year. Whilst membership income has fallen the reduction is much less than that in the year to 31st October 2022 (£1,532). During the year we produced a new publicity leaflet in-house and it is hoped that more publicity about the u3a will help reverse the decline in membership . In the year to 31st October 2023 we had 498 members, 465 full

and 33 associate members. The membership fee was £15 for a full member and £11 for an associate member.

The fall in membership income is offset by an increase of £72 in Gift Aid (up to £1,145), bank interest (up to £154) and commission (up to £678). This commission is paid when a member books a holiday online with Riviera Travel and at the time of booking asks Riviera Travel to pay commission (10% on the cost of the holiday) to their u3a .

The main items of expenditure are on the main meetings and speakers fees (£1,895); membership subscriptions to the Third Age Trust (£1,964)and Third Age Matters magazines (£1,100)

Total expenditure in the year to 31st October was £7,546 , £1,748 less than the income . The cumulative value of the General Fund is therefore increased to £16,355.

Education and Social Activities Account

This account consolidates the receipts and payments of the many groups within the u3a. All groups are self- financing (they have to cover the cost of group activities from fees paid by their members). The cost of hiring rooms for group meetings was £8,256 in the year being reported on . The majority of this was paid to Ask Inspire for hire of rooms in Arnold and Woodthorpe libraries. The other costs incurred by the groups were on trips (£9,241) , theatre tickets (£6,847) and various one-off activities (£2,533). Included in the one-off activities is the annual Murder Mystery evening organised by the drama group, and the Christmas party.

The total income paid in by the groups was £33,439. Here I would like to thank Pam Gant who collects all group receipts paid in by group leaders and banks them every month.

The surplus of receipts over payments was £1,435 bringing funds held by the groups to £7,937 at 31st October 2023 . It should be noted that this represents the working balances of all groups who collect income in advance of making payments, it is not a “profit” on group activities.

Conclusion

Despite the fall in membership income, increases in income from Gift Aid, commission and bank interest has meant that the funds held in the general

account have increased by £1,748 in the year to 31st October 2023 bringing the value of that fund to £16,355.

Balances held by groups have increased by £1,435 to £7,937 at 31st October 2023.

Chris Gardner

Treasurer Arnold u3a

January 2024

ARNOLD U3A**Registered Charity No 1153672****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 31ST OCTOBER 2023**

	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2022/23</u>		
		General Account	Education and Social Activities	Total
<u>INCOME</u>		£	£	£
Subscriptions and Visitor Donations	19,426	7,161	14,348	21,509
Sales	8,888		9,670	9,670
Gift Aid	1,073	1,145		1,145
Grant	0			0
Commission	252	678		678
Interest	15	154		154
Holidays and Outings	7,855		9,421	9,421
Miscellaneous Income	0	156		156
Development Fund	0			0
TOTAL INCOME	37,508	9,294	33,439	42,733
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>				
Room Hire	8,541	1,440	8,256	9,696
Equipment Hire	2,593		3,268	3,268
Tutor Fees	2,290		1,840	1,840
Printing ,Stationery ,Postages	414	348		348
Purchases	177	34		34
Membership Subscription Third Age Trust	1,828	1,964		1,964
Direct Mail	813	1,100		1,100
Copyright Licence	60	64		64
Speakers and Social Events	1,555	455	2,533	2,988
Committee and Catering Costs	441	931		931
Membership Expenses	64	120		120
Website	351	397		397
Beacon	502	471		471
Notts Network Membership	15	15		15
Card Printer and Scanner	132			0
Tickets for resale	6,045		6,847	6,847
Transport	0			0
Holidays and Outings	9,156		9,241	9,241
Sundry Expenses	30	20		20
Mini Projector	75			0
National u3a Day	201	187		187
Contributions from Contingency Fund	90		19	19
Contribution from Development Fund	210			0
				0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	35,582	7,546	32,004	39,550
NET EXPENDITURE/ INCOME	1,926	1,748	1,435	3,183

ARNOLD U3A BALANCE SHEET AT 31st OCTOBER 2023

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CURRENT ASSETS

<u>Current Assets</u>	<u>General Account</u>	<u>Education and Social Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	17,588	7,937	25,525
Payments in advance			0
			0
Paid in Advance	204		204
Total Current Assets	17,792	7,937	25,729
<u>Current Liabilities</u>			
Creditors	148		148
Receipts in Advance	1,289		1,289
Total Current Liabilities	1,437	0	1,437
Net Current Assets	16,355	7,937	24,292
TOTAL ASSETS	16,355	7,937	24,292

FUNDS

Cumulative Surplus 31st October 2022	14,607	6,502	21,109
Surplus YE 31/10/23	1,748	1,435	3,183
Funds held 31st October 2022	16,355	7,937	24,292

Note

Analysis of Funds

General	16,355		16,355
Education and Social Activities			
Groups		5,890	5,890
Development		1,932	1,932
Contingency		115	115
Funds Held at 31st October 2022	16,355	7,937	24,292

I have examined the records and find them to be correct

AKW 28-2-24



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 USA

On accounts for the year
ended

31ST OCTOBER 2023

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 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:

ACUTY

Date:

28-2-2024

Name:

ANNE CATHERINE SUTTON

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

Address:

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NOTTINGHAM

NG5 9AF

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.

Section A		Independent Examiner's Report	
<p>Report to the trustees/ members of</p> <p>1. Name of the charity: 1123456789</p>		<p>On accounts for the year ended</p> <p>2. Financial year: 10/11</p>	
<p>Set out on pages</p> <p>3. Page numbers: 1-10</p>		<p>Responsibilities and basis of report</p> <p>4. 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").</p> <p>5. 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(2)(b) of the Act.</p> <p>6. I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than those disclosed below) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the accounts do not accord with the accounting records the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or <p>7. 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.</p> <p>* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.</p>	
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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<p>1152672</p>		<p>HANE CATHERINE SUTTON</p>		<p></p>	
<p>Date:</p>		<p>Address:</p>		<p></p>	
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