

ISLINGTON U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1157067

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2014-05-15

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

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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.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Islington

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£27,980	£33,434	-	-
2024-09-30	£27,060	£30,372	-	-
2023-09-30	£25,741	£29,537	-	-
2022-09-30	£24,093	£20,129	-	-
2021-09-30	£11,715	£8,578	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alison Finlay		2023-09-25
Antonia Mary Benedek		2024-11-28
Barbara Ann Nokes		2022-11-21
CHRIS BULFORD		2017-11-23
Catherine Harper		2023-11-23
DEREK MURRAY HARWOOD		2016-11-24
Elizabeth Joy Bailey		2020-09-28
Lisa Haywood		2025-11-27
Robert Noah		2024-11-28
Robert Tench		2024-11-28

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Accounts



Islington u3a Trustees' Annual Report – 2024/2025

This report is presented by the Trustees, the Executive Committee (EC) members of Islington u3a (iu3a). It includes a summary of the accounts in respect of the financial year ended 30 September 2025.

Status of Islington u3a

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In 2023 sub-committees or teams were established to help with a number of activities like maintaining the website, writing our newsletter, and helping to run the Monthly Meetings and other activities. This strategy allows sharing the workload with ordinary members and not just relying on the Executive Committee (EC) the sub-committee members and the Group Coordinators.

The EC is grateful to the Group Coordinators and to the sub-committees for contributing their time, energy and expertise to organising and maintaining Islington u3a's activities. Without them it would not be the vibrant, active and successful organisation that it is today.

Kerry Brennan and Len Stepping, **the Volunteer Coordinators** hold a list of potential volunteers who can be called upon to help out with one-off events. The tasks are varied and range from organisational responsibilities to small but regular tasks to help on one-off occasions. This year we have included the first names of as many as possible of those who have helped in this way. We have left out their surnames in order to comply with General Data Protection Regulations, but they know who they are!

We hope that you have enjoyed your year with Islington u3a and will continue with us and enjoy all the activities we provide.

Executive Committee

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by two Islington u3a members who are not also members of the EC. Islington u3a members are invited to submit nominations and, if there are more nominations than places available, a ballot is held. No such ballot was required in respect of the appointments made at the AGM in November 2024

In addition, the EC may themselves appoint not more than two co-opted members (who must be members of Islington u3a) to hold office until the next AGM.

The following served as members of the EC since the last AGM:

Officers:

- **Chair:** Antonia Benedek
- **Secretary:** Alison Finlay
- **Treasurer:** Robert Tench

Other committee members:

- **Membership Secretary:** Joy Bailey
- **Groups Support Lead:** Lisa Haywood co-opted April 2025
- **Communications Committee:** Katy Harper
- Chris Bulford
- Derek Harwood
- Bob Noah
- Barbara Nokes
- Georgia Lepper stood down April 2025

Islington u3a and the Third Age Trust (TAT)

Islington u3a is a part of a wider u3a movement. Two of our committee members play an active part in the u3a movement both at national and regional level. Derek Harwood is the national treasurer of the Third Age Trust, (TAT), which oversees the movement as a whole. Chris Bulford is a member of the new national u3a Council which represents individual u3a's. Both sit on the London Region Network Executive Committee.

Public Benefit

The public benefit role of Islington u3a as stated in our Constitution is the advancement of education and self-learning, and in giving effect to this role, the EC have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Objectives

Our constitution, which we updated this year with the approval of the Third Age Trust, will be presented to the 2025 AGM for approval. Objectives have not changed. They are: "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".

Islington u3a fulfils these objects and provides public benefit by enabling members to share their knowledge and experiences and thereby continue to learn, in particular through study and discussion groups (Groups) and other meetings of members. It also provides opportunities for personal development and social contact at a stage of life when personal horizons and social networks

may often shrink, leading to social isolation and a deterioration in health and well-being.

Membership

Membership of Islington u3a reached 825 by the end of September 2025. There is always a fall off at renewal time (1 October), but new members continue to join or rejoin week on week. We expect the membership to exceed 825 by September 2026.

We aim to hold lively and enjoyable New Member Teas once a quarter, inviting members who have joined recently, to welcome them, help familiarise them with our varied programme and explain how they can find out more.

This year we adopted a policy of giving free membership from July to September to new joiners.

We operate a Gift Membership scheme, through which we have gained several new members. We have also introduced a policy of allowing members to bring a guest to one Monthly Meeting as a taster of our activities.

Our 82 Activity Groups

The Activity Groups are at the dynamic core of Islington u3a. They can be fun, serious, informative and, above all, they bring together people who share interests, enabling members to develop their skills or simply enjoy doing things together. The groups reflect the knowledge, skills, and expertise of our members. Many are based on equal participation, while others, such as language groups, are led by members with specialist knowledge.

Since April 2025, our Groups Support Lead, Lisa Haywood, has done a magnificent and demanding job overseeing the 82 groups we now run. These range from outdoor activities (walks and outings to places of interest) and games (both indoor and outdoor), to the arts (seeing and making), and a wide selection of groups for discussing contemporary issues, books, and ideas.

New groups this year include: Islington Family History; Ageing Now (discussion group); World Music and Dance; Music – Keep on Rocking.

A Group Coordinator Survey carried out this year demonstrated that a significant percentage of our groups are full, many not even holding waiting lists. In response, our Groups Support Lead continues to encourage anyone with a new idea or a keen interest to consider **starting a group of their own**. Whether your passion is art or architecture, climate change or chess, dance or digital photography, Lisa is always happy to help turn inspiration into reality. She also supports the development of additional groups in especially popular areas, ensuring that as many members as possible can take part.

A new feature at Monthly Meetings has been the introduction of “add-on slots” where members can get together as a wider group to discuss topics of interest. So far, the *Ageing in the 21st Century Group* has led well-received discussions on downsizing and hearing aids.

The Executive Committee, alongside the Groups Support Lead, have been working on a programme to both support and show appreciation for all the hard work and commitment of our Group Coordinators who generously give their time, expertise and enthusiasm. In the summer we held a very successful social event attended by over 45 people followed by some Beacon training. Looking ahead, we plan more social gatherings and targeted **training sessions** to further support Coordinators in response to their expressed needs and interests.

Parties

Christmas party

Last year, as an innovation, Joy Bailey organised a Christmas party, in December 2024 at the Whittington Park Community Centre. 120 people bought tickets and enjoyed line dancing, mince pies, snacks and wine. It was a lot of work for Joy and she wrote a report to help anyone who wishes to repeat the event in the future - maybe in 2026.

Paula and Robert helped with their cars to deliver the food and drink. Katy and Alison decorated the hall, Bob and Alison served on the bar all evening. Meeting and greeting, serving food and clearing up was done by members of the Executive Committee helped by Margaret, Cheryl, Rachel, Georgia, Kerry, Jenny, Rose, Eva, Sally and Isabel.

Summer party

The traditional Summer Party on 16 June was once again organised by Mary White and Margaret Orrell.

It was a gloriously warm evening for this popular outdoor event. About 100 people attended and the evening was a chance to meet members old and new. The Olden Garden again proved to be an appropriate venue. Members enjoyed the ambience of this beautiful community garden, big enough to accommodate us all but also easily accessible and a real oasis in an urban environment.

The charge was £20 per person. Mary and Margaret recommend that the price should not be increased again for a while (after a big price hike from 2024) but they strongly recommend that with inflation causing rising prices, the cost of the event should be subsidised more generously through Islington u3a's funds.

The volunteers who helped at the summer party were Chris, Janet, Rachel Sue, John, Paula, Stuart, Pamela, Cheryl, Sally, Anna, Jane, Jenny, Jill, Joy, Chris, Derek, Bob, Len, Kerry, Jill and Evelyn.

Margaret has organised 6 parties and Mary has organised 4. They feel that someone else from the membership should step up and help take on organising the next Summer Party.

New Venue for Monthly Meetings

The biggest event this year was having to move our Monthly Meetings from the Resource for London (RfL) building in Holloway Rd. RfL announced that it was closing in June 2025 and would no longer function as a venue for the charitable and voluntary sector. Margaret Orrell helped by Antonia Benedek started the

search in November 2024 for a new venue, visiting many halls and meeting places in Islington until, as result of a timely suggestion from Paula Kahn, they visited St Mary's Church in Upper Street. St Mary's allows its main church, when it is not in use for religious services, to be hired as a meeting place by community organisations. Because of this shared use we can only get access to the church hall at 10.00 am to set up the tables, the audio, and catering equipment that we need for our meeting. So, coffee and biscuits for members start at 10.30 am and the speaker starts at 11.00 am.

We decided to have our first meeting at St Mary's on Thursday May 22, preceded by a dry run on 8 May, to test the audio equipment and to work out how we were going to provide refreshments since there was no in-house catering at the church. After a visit by the Chair to Crouch End u3a, the Executive Committee decided to follow Crouch End's example and provide our own coffee and biscuits. And not only that. We have also decided to encourage members to bring their own mugs to ease the work of the Refreshment Team and to reduce u3a's carbon footprint.

The members of the **Monthly Meeting** sub-committee are Anne Weyman, Paula Kahn, Margaret Orrell and Alison Finlay. Anne Weyman, the first chair of Islington u3a, finds our excellent speakers but after many years, she would welcome some fresh suggestions from the membership. We are grateful to all our speakers for giving freely of their time, knowledge and expertise.

For those members unable to attend our monthly meetings, each talk is recorded by Bob Noah (subject to the speaker's permission) and the videos are accessible in YouTube via a link that can be found in WOW or our website.

Sally Fox organises our team of **Meeters and Greeters** who greet members as they arrive for our monthly meetings. Chris Bulford makes sure that they are all positioned so that they welcome members as they arrive. This year the volunteer **Meeters and Greeters** were Diane, Stuart, Jenny H, Dinah, Margaret, Jane, Andrew, Jenny R, Rachel, Cheryl, Carol and Patricia. Maeve Dorrian runs the **Refreshment Team** which serves tea or coffee and biscuits at the Monthly Meetings. Members of the team are Alison, Paula, Chris, Anna and Cheryl.

Communications, New Website and Social Media

The Web Team have been working hard over the past year on developing our new website which will be launched at the end of November. The team is made up of creatives Barbara Nokes, Jenny Ridley and Katy Harper who have been fortunate to work with web builder Adrian Barker, who is also a member of the national u3a Siteworks development team.

Our brief has been to build a website that is visually dynamic, welcoming, and that keeps the text brief, to the point, and in keeping with the lifestyles of our now around 800 members. Also, a website that is easy for the coordinators of our eighty two interest groups to keep bang up to date. Meanwhile the current website continues to be updated by Wil Ransom and Derek Harwood.

WOW (What's on When) continues to be emailed to our members twice a month giving the latest news. WOW is designed by Jenny Ridley and edited by Wil Ransome with input from our Membership Secretary Joy Bailey.

The Communications Team has a wider remit. In the past year we've worked with local papers to inspire editorial featuring the Longer Walk Group's 500th walk. And we've placed several ads designed to attract new members, some based on 3-months of free membership in the lead-up to our renewal date.

Our Islington u3a social media presence continues to develop. Last year we migrated to the Meta Business app which has unified our Facebook and Instagram accounts and is now working well. Social Media Coordinator Jo-Ann Kennedy posts twice a week on both platforms. Islington u3a currently has over 325 followers on Facebook and 128 on Instagram. Boosted posts and connections with local community groups mean we frequently reach 8,000 views.

Treasurer's Report

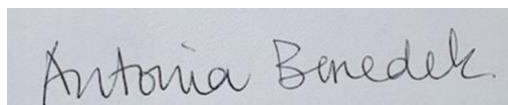
When developing the 2024/25 budget we planned a deficit of nearly £(12,000) in the light of reserves that exceeded our planned minimum of £11,500 by nearly £16,000. In fact, the loss for the last year was much less at £(5,454), leaving reserves at £21,919. We are planning to further reduce the reserves during the coming year. The main savings versus the budget arose from the move to St Mary's church, less than expected costs for the new website development and an unused Contingency Fund. We are greatly helped by the availability of excellent speakers who have offered their services free of charge, for which we are most grateful.

We have held subscription fees at £25.00 again which will contribute to reducing the reserves further during the coming year.

Robert Tench our treasurer has added the following observation about Islington u3a: "This is my first year as treasurer and I would like to comment that as a qualified accountant, I am very impressed with the level of financial responsibility shown within the Executive Committee and the care used in dispensing members' funds"

Signatures of Chair and Treasurer

Chair
Antonia Benedek



Date: 20th October, 2025

Treasurer
Robert Tench



20th October 2025



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity Name
Islington u3a

On accounts for the year ended

30 September 2025

Charity no (if any)

1157067

Set out on pages

Summary of accounts headed "Islington u3a 2024/25 Full Year Accounts"
(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 30/09/2025.

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 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.

Signed:

Date:

19 October 2025

Name:

James A Jenkins

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

MRICS (ret)

Address:

14 Hillside Gardens
Barnet
EN5 2NJ

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.

None

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- Georgia Lepper



- Margaret Orrell
- Barbara Nokes
- Helen Perkins (resigned 18 May 2024)
- Katy Harper

In addition, sub-committees or teams were established to help with a number of activities. This strategy allows sharing of the workload and involves more of the membership. The Monthly Meeting sub-committee, the Communication Committee, and various Events Teams have been particularly effective. Also our 80+ Interest Groups have been supported by a Groups Team.

Paula Kahn (current Chair) and Mary White (current Treasurer) retire at this AGM.

Antonia Benedek is nominated to stand as Chair and Robert Tench as Treasurer from November 2024.

Bob Noah is nominated to join our Executive Committee.

Retiring Committee Members

Paula Kahn has served us well in her three years as Chair. She took up the role just post-Covid and worked with the executive team and members to draw the membership back into the new world of meeting in person. Both experienced and new members have widened the range of activities, including overseeing a very successful Summer Party.

Mary White has given us years of dedicated service in the role of Treasurer amongst her other activities in iu3a. Her contribution has been vital to the growing success and sustainability of our u3a over the last five years.

Margaret Orrell will also stand down from the EC having served in a key role as organiser of our highly successful monthly meetings, and worked with others on a range of events such as the Summer Party.

We want to thank all of them for their exemplary contribution to the success of iu3a.

We are always in need of volunteers to help run an organisation of this size (780+ members and continually growing) and would encourage members to consider helping in any way they can. The tasks are very varied, and range from organisational responsibilities to small but regular tasks to help on one-off occasions. In short, any form of help you can offer would be appreciated. Islington u3a is run entirely by its members – it all depends on us.

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role the EC has had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Objects

There has been no change to our Constitution in the year. The Objects are: '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'.

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Activities, Achievements and Objectives

Membership of iu3a continues to rise week on week. We have also introduced Gift Membership, through which we have gained several new members.

This year has been a delight and the Summer Party in Olden Gardens deserves particular mention. The enthusiasm and community feeling at this event revealed how far we have come from Covid and how we are all now focused on the future. Margaret Orrell, Mary White and their team did an amazing job.

We have had to move our Monthly meetings to a larger hall as the number of members attending is rising month by month. We now record each talk (subject to the speaker's permission) and the videos are available to members on our website. Margaret Orrell has led our Monthly Meeting Subcommittee and Chris Bulford and Sally Fox organise our excellent team of Meeters and Greeters. We are grateful to all our speakers for giving freely of their time, knowledge and expertise.

We have introduced a policy of allowing members to bring a guest to one Monthly meeting as a taster of our activities.

Georgia Lepper, our Groups Support officer, does a magnificent and demanding job overseeing the Groups – 82 at the time of writing – which cover a range of interests including outdoor activities (walks of varying lengths and outings to places of interest); games, indoor and outdoor; the arts (both seeing and making); and a great selection of discussions of contemporary issues, books and ideas.



Once up and running, groups offer opportunities for meeting others who share interests, enabling all to develop their skills or just enjoy doing things together.

Examples of recent additions on offer are: Sketching in the City, a group which meets at different locations in and around Islington to draw the urban scene, led by Judith Pederson who is a practising artist; Qi Gong, a physical discipline promoting health and well-being, suitable for those with mobility problems as well as the fully fit, led by Jan Durbridge, a qualified practitioner; and more recently, a new discussion group, The Coming Wave, exploring the impact of Artificial Intelligence on our lives, led by Georgia Lepper and Vivek Nanda (IT expert).

The Groups using online material as the Subject Adviser have gone from strength to strength, with Bitesize groups being formed throughout the year. Each Group still meets in person for the first and last sessions, and the discussion sessions are held on Zoom.

The popular Pub Lunch meetings rove right across the borough, and continue to attract a wide range of members – thank you, Andy Watson.

Judith Altshul, our Outings Coordinator, continues to organise a programme of visits to wonderful places throughout the year. This year our Outings have consisted of visits to a variety of places, including – as a sample – Ely, Keats House, Hampstead, Eltham Palace.

In March the Outing was to Eltham Palace, the childhood home of Henry VIII. 13 members travelled to south London to stroll in the palace gardens. A volunteer guide then gave us a short history of the building before escorting us to the Great Hall.

Then, in April, the Outing was to Keats House in Hampstead. 20 members had a guided tour around the house, which dates from 1815. John Keats lived there in 1818-19 for 17 months, having come to the house after nursing his younger brother who died of TB.

In June, in perfect weather, 14 iu3a members enjoyed the tour of Ely Cathedral provided by a voluntary guide. He focused on the history of the Cathedral's foundation, on the site of an abbey founded by St Ethelreda in 672, its relationship with the Fens, and on its magnificent architecture including the famous Octagon tower.

New Website and Social Media

Work on developing our new website is progressing. Katy Harper is now leading the project. A survey went out to all members in September to identify how our current site is visited and used, and to help us highlight our 'Unique Selling Points' to attract new members. We would like to thank everyone who completed the survey. Planning and compiling the content is a huge task, but is now well under way and we hope to have a new site live next year.



Our Communications Team have also been active this year. Our fortnightly bulletin, WOW ('What's on When') has gone from strength to strength.

The Communications Team have also increased our publicity efforts. We have a strong social media presence which informs current members and attracts new members. With Facebook posts twice a week, we have a strong following. Our Facebook page, created and maintained by Jo-Ann Kennedy, is well established and is linked with our Instagram account. Our most popular Facebook post was viewed by 3,402 users. We have 266 followers and this number builds month by month.

As we attract a younger membership, social media will play a bigger part in our communications.

Treasurer's Report

We have come to the end of this financial year with a balance of £26,763. This year we have had sufficient funds to enable us to keep our membership fee at £25 and we are still sufficiently financially stable to sustain this level for the forthcoming year. More members have joined so that has increased our income.

Last year we anticipated the launch of the new website so budgeted for that. However, it is taking longer than expected, so the budget has been carried over. Our greatest expenditure has been on monthly meeting hire costs and catering, but we are grateful to the wonderful speakers who have given their services for free. We have spent slightly more on room hire costs this year due to small increases but also because there has been more group activity, which is a positive. This year we held another successful Summer Party which was subsidized by £3.50 per person. We had a record number of members attending and we hope this will continue.

To conclude, my tenure as Treasurer is now over and I wish our new treasurer the very best.

Chair

Signature:



Name: Paula Kahn

Date: 29 October 24

Treasurer

Signature:



Name: Mary White

Date: 29 October 24

Islington u3a Final 2023/24 Accounts					
September 30 2024					
July 2025 Update for COIP	Full Year				
RECEIPTS					
Subs	19,103				
Tam	96				
Donations and grants	-				
Events (theatre only)	3,996				
Events (all others)	2,406				
Interest	1,635				
Sundries	154				
Total	27,390				
EXPENDITURE					
Subscription fees	2,980				
TAM	617				
Beacon fee	746				
Pay Pal fees	343				
Events (theatre only)	3,105				
Events (others)	2,924				
Outings	134				
INTEREST GROUPS					
Co-ordinators	1,529				
Room Hire for groups	2,015				
Group expenses sundries	66				
Group equipment purchases	300				
Monthly meeting-rooms	4,300				
Monthly meeting-equip	1,432				
Monthly meeting-catering	4,643				
Monthly meeting sundries	296				
VAT	2,066				
IU3A Development					
Publicity external	100				
Membership dev.	358				
Website dev,	1,131				
OTHERS					
Others/Stationery	73				
Admin and sundries	292				
Subscriptions/licenses	852				
Postage					
Contingency					
Refunds	70				
Total	30,372				
Net incoming resources	(2,982)				
Add surplus from prior year	30,355				
Closing Balance at 30.09.24	27,373				
Reconciliation to bank accounts					
Add back Deferred Receipts	14,663				
Deduct Prepayments 23/24	(279)				
Total	41,757				
	Barclays 1	Barclays 2	COIF	Paypal	Total
Opening Balance at 30.09.23	6,542	160	24,839	10,218	41,759
Add incoming receipts for year	3,571	6,585	1,635	15,598	27,390
Deduct expenditure for year	(26,166)	(3,447)	-	(760)	(30,372)
Transfers - PayPal	15,100	-	-	(15,100)	-
Transfers - Barclays	2,273	(2,273)	-	-	-
Deferred Receipts 22/23 reversed	(1,492)	(125)	-	(10,001)	(11,618)
Deferred Receipts 23/24	1,565	125	-	12,973	14,663
Prepaid 22/23 reversed	-	-	-	214	214
Prepaid 23/24	-	-	-	(279)	(279)
Closing Balance at 30.09.24	1,393	1,026	26,474	12,864	41,757



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

**Independent examiner's report on the
accounts**

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name **ISLINGTON U3A**

**On accounts for the year
ended**

**Charity no
(if any)** **1157067**

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

**Responsibilities and basis
of report**

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**Independent examiner's
statement**

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination ~~by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]~~. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) 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.

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

Signed:

Date: **8/12/2024**

Name:

MICHAEL VICTOR FLEMING

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

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material 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.

ISLINGTON U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1157067

Accounts



Treasurer Annual Report -
2022/ 2023



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Final account year ending September 30th 2023

	General	Grants	Total		
RECEIPTS					
Subs	18,671.17		18,671.17		
Donations and grants		150.00	150.00		
Events (theatre only)	3,694.00		3,694.00		
Events (all others)	2140.5		2140.5		
Interest	1,028.62		1,028.62		
Sundries	56.56		56.56		
Total	25,590.85	150.00	25,740.85		
EXPENDITURE					
Third . :					
Subscription fees	2,900.00		2,900.00		
TAM	14.74		14.74		
Beacon fee	725.00		725.00		
Pay Pal fees	310.49		310.49		
EVENTS					
Events (theatre only)	3,644.50		3,644.50		
Events (all others)	3,050.30		3,050.30		
Outings					
INTEREST GROUPS					
Co-ordinators	1,877.97		1,877.97		
Room Hire for groups	1,567.00		1,567.00		
Group expenses sundries	56.56		56.56		
Group equipment purcha:	17.59		17.59		
Monthly meeting-rooms	3,420.00		3,420.00		
Monthly meeting-equip	1,760.29		1,760.29		
Monthly meeting-catering	4,646.55		4,646.55		
Monthly meeting sundrie	463.96		463.96		
VAT	1,919.19		1,919.19		
IU3A Development					
Publicity external	46.15		46.15		
Membership dev.	974.38		974.38		
Website dev,	142.57		142.57		
OTHERS					
Others/Stationery	756.64		756.64		
Admin and sundries	108.42		108.42		
Subscriptions/licenses	915.89		915.89		
Postage	57.60		57.60		
Contingency					
Refunds	161.06		161.06		
Total	29,536.85		29,536.85		
Net incoming resources	- 3,946.00	150.00	- 3,796.00		
Add surplus from prior ye	33,238.36	113.12	800.00	34,151.48	
Balance 30.09.23	29,292.36	113.12	950.00	30,355.48	
Bank Account 30,355.48					
Prepaid	- 214.49				
Total	30,140.99				
LIABILITIES					
Deferred rec	11,618.05				
Assets less li	30,140.99				
Total	41,759.04				
	Barclays 1	Barclays 2	COIF	Paypal	Total
Balance 30.9.22	5,623.60	537.84	30,310.01	11,033.90	47,505.35
Add incomin for year	4,215.67	6,014.50	1,028.62	14482.06	25,740.85
Deduct expei for year	- 22,988.11	- 5,891.95		- 656.79	- 29,536.85
Transfers	13,850.00	- 400.00		- 13,450.00	-
Transfers	6,850.00		- 6,500.00	- 350.00	-
Pepaid				- 214.49	- 214.49
Deferred receipts 22/23	- 2,501.47	- 225.00		- 10,627.40	- 13,353.87
Deferred receipts 23/24	1,492.05	125.00		10,001.00	11,618.05
Balance at 30.09.23	6,541.74	160.39	24,838.63	10,218.28	41,759.04

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Treasurer

November 2023