

Hawkurst U3A – Charity No. 1160653

Trustee's Report for Year ended 31.3.25

Aims of Hawkhurst U3A

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, in Hawkhurst and its surrounding locality.

Finance

The Hawkhurst U3A finances remain healthy. We have been able to help some groups with the purchase of equipment, which continues to be available for any group to use if needed. Go Cardless continues to be a huge help to the membership secretary, groups, and trip organisers and especially our treasurers, as well as members themselves. 321 members are currently signed up, and only 64 paying by cash or cheque. Go Cardless is also used, wherever possible, for payment in advance for lunches and outings. Accounts records are kept on the U3A Beacon system.

Membership

Annual subscriptions this year have remained unchanged at £20. At the start of the year in April 2024, our membership stood at 358 members and has now grown to 385. We have a natural loss of people moving away, becoming ill, resigning etc so this growth is pleasing, and we continue to gather new members almost monthly.

Communications

Our **Newsletter** is now bi-monthly and continues to be important to keep our members abreast of what has happened recently. Our monthly diary provides our members with a quick look up for Group and other meeting dates. We use Beacon to circulate both but still have a few members who need to receive a paper copy. Group Leaders can also use Beacon to email group members, some also using it to record Group financial activities.

Social Activities

During this year we have visited: - Weald and Downland Museum, Chatham Dockyard, The National Gallery, Hammerwood Park, Rye walking tour and a theatre trip to see Pirates of Penzance. There have been monthly pub lunches to which all members are invited., together with monthly coffee mornings and a Christmas lunch.

Publicity

Local events such as the Hawkhurst Summer Fete are usually supported where our publicity leaflets and example monthly diaries were available. The local free paper has included our monthly meetings and speakers in their What's On section when they had space. We found this generated a steady stream of potential new members.

Interest Groups

To date we have 51 Interest Groups some of which have been running since our u3a started. All Group costs are covered by the Group members. This includes room hire, refreshments, additional equipment etc. This has continued to work successfully in this last year.

Our monthly meetings continue at the Baptist church hall.

Trustees for the year ended 31.3.25:-

Jane Cooper
Margaret Langridge
Vikki Thompson
Lyn Beverley
Ann Wood

Bridget Thomas
Rod Cheeseman
Annie Watsham
Judie Wycherley

Marie Thomas
Anne Metcalf
Patrick Thomson
Bridget Veitch

Approved 18.9.25

HAWKHURST U3A
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Category	2024/25		2023/24	
	In	Out	In	Out
Membership subscriptions and donations	£7,989.50		£6,996.00	
Gift Aid	£1,102.69		£938.68	
Less costs:				
Third Age Trust		£2,439.31		£2,280.40
Capital items		£734.67		£457.99
Publicity		£0.00		£25.00
Printing, Stationery and Postage		£719.73		£163.50
Hospitality		£1,287.83		£130.32
Consumables		£170.00		£193.73
Professional/IT fees and Miscellaneous		£751.49		£621.16
GoCardless fees		£531.63		£351.33
Net membership subscriptions c/d		£2,457.53		£3,711.25
	£9,092.19	£9,092.19	£7,934.68	£7,934.68
Net membership subscriptions b/d	£2,457.53		£3,711.25	
Meeting Monthly Hall Hire		£770.00		£730.00
Meeting Monthly Lecturer		£779.40		£843.80
Surplus before activities c/d		£908.13		£2,137.45
	£2,457.53	£2,457.53	£3,711.25	£3,711.25
Activities:				
Pub Lunch	£9,175.00	£9,764.50	£7,156.00	£7,281.00
Social outings	£5,730.50	£6,015.50	£6,181.00	£6,287.00
Other Group activities	£7,045.90	£3,149.48	£2,602.45	£0.00
Group Hall hire		£3,158.90		£2,539.50
Deficit from activities c/d		£136.98		£168.05
	£22,088.38	£22,088.38	£16,107.50	£16,107.50
Surplus before Activities b/d	£908.13		£2,137.45	
Deficit from activities c/d		£136.98		£168.05
Total of receipts over payments		£771.15		£1,969.40
Sub totals	£908.13	£908.13	£2,137.45	£2,137.45
Capital account balance b/f	£10,448.89		£8,479.49	
Cash surplus for the year	£771.15		£1,969.40	
Capital account balance c/f	£11,220.04		£10,448.89	

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Balance Sheet at 31 March 2025

Current assets - bank:			
Current account	£9,459.62		£8,507.47
Social account	£1,760.42		£1,941.42
	<u>£11,220.04</u>		<u>£10,448.89</u>
Capital account	£11,220.04		£10,448.89
	<u>£11,220.04</u>		<u>£10,448.89</u>



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
Hawkhurst U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

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Set out on pages

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(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 March 2025 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: CLIVE PARSON

Date: 10 JUNE 2025

Name: Clive Parson

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

RETIRED FCA

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