

AGM Chair's report.

I agreed to take on the role of chair of Bury u3a for one year until we found a suitable person that can take the job forward.

I have found the time has gone very quickly and I have enjoyed most of it. I think it takes at least a year to get the hang of it to be honest, so I feel I've been muddling through as I go along.

This year has been a year of opening up following Covid, with people starting to feel confident to get involved and meet others. For some people, this has not been easy, and I'm glad that hopefully our u3a has helped people along the way. I don't think we yet understand the full impact that isolation had on older people's mental and physical health. The focus naturally was on the Covid infection but we must not ignore the whole person.

The chair's job at an AGM is to thank people who have made your u3a what it was in the last year. The risk is that I miss out significant people, who have put in a lot of effort, so I apologise in advance if that happens.

I would like to thank Mike Williams, our previous chair who has given me advice and support over the last 12 months. We have had a small board of trustees that have worked very hard. Thanks to Karen and Annie Lewis who are both vice-chair; Sue Smith, who is our secretary and has kept me on the straight and narrow, and Jim Hobbins who does a fantastic job of Treasurer and is up-to-date with all his accounts. Thank you to Naomi Richardson who took over the job of group coordinator from Sandra Mason and Jo Maudsley who did the job for years. Thank you to Jo and Sandra for your past support to group leaders. I hope that with more people on the board we can share the workload.

I would like to thank Philippa Marks and Christine Kirkham. who do a terrific job as Membership Secretaries and have been very busy especially over the last three months with the renewal process.

Many people are not aware of the work that goes on in the background, and this is especially true for Dave Lord and Richard Adams who are the IT experts and make sure that the Web is kept up-to-date and reflect what we want to put on it. I've never seen anybody so responsive to any request that's made so I would like to personally thank you both.

Some people say they do not look at the website and others may criticise the content of it, but it is only as good as we want to make it, so if anyone wants to help update or modernise our web pages, we would be grateful for the assistance.

I would like to thank the Accessibility Group for their ongoing work in identifying issues that we need to address to make sure that everyone has access to as many activities as possible. This is never ending work and again we are looking for volunteers to take this forward.

We lost the use of Manna House after lockdown but we have been very lucky with being able to book the Athenaeum for many of our groups.

I would also like to thank the staff of The Met who support us with our monthly meetings.

Finally, I would like to offer a heartfelt thanks to all the group leaders who do a lot of work, keep u3a going and keep us all interested, learning and keeping fit - without you, our u3a would fold.

So moving forward, I'm pleased to announce that Karen Campbell Mathieson has agreed to step up as chair with Annie and Naomi as vice chair. We have new members on the board who are Ian Worthington, Rob Abrahamsen, Brian Brewster, Keith and Helen McCarren.

That's it, thanks everyone.

Lyn Hughes
Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Bury U3A

1165090

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01/04/23

To

Period end date
31/03/24



Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Gift Aid	1,759	-	-	1,759	-
Monthly meeting donations	-	-	-	-	-
Groups room hire	12,798	-	-	12,798	14,881
Subscriptions	10,850	-	-	10,850	12,747
Events	-	-	-	-	776
Event refund	-	-	-	-	-
Visits	1,226	-	-	1,226	1,029
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	26,633	-	-	26,633	29,433
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	26,633	-	-	26,633	29,433
A3 Payments					
Room hire – groups	15,827	-	-	15,827	15,868
Room hire – U3A business	-	-	-	-	-
Visits	1,120	-	-	1,120	940
Capitation fee	2,920	-	-	2,920	2,604
Magazine mailing	1,386	-	-	1,386	1,879
Christmas lunch	-	-	-	-	-
Printing, stationery & postage	184	-	-	184	96
IT costs	800	-	-	800	721
Advertising & Promotion	-	-	-	-	419
Speakers	1,270	-	-	1,270	527
Licences	59	-	-	59	-
Equipment	849	-	-	849	309
Sundries	-	-	-	-	99
Refund	176	-	-	176	66
Sub total	24,591	-	-	24,591	23,528
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,591	-	-	24,591	23,528
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,042	-	-	2,042	5,905
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	31,291	-	-	31,291	25,386
Cash funds this year end	33,333	-	-	33,333	31,291

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Barclays Bank account	33,333	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	33,333	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	None		-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	JAMES C. HOBBS	10/5/2024
	KE CAMPBELL-MATHISON	14/5/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Bury U3a

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1165090

Set out on pages

1 to 2

(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 31/03/2023.

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

~~[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:

7/5/2024

Name:

Derek Blank

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.