

# DERBY U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1165445

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2016-02-05

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

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## Activities

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## Classification

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

## Geography

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- Derby City
- Derbyshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£47,658	£46,048	-	-
2024-12-31	£32,957	£28,301	-	-
2023-12-31	£30,488	£24,467	-	-
2022-12-31	£21,598	£17,186	-	-
2021-12-31	£5,912	£5,482	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Richard Sherratt	Chair	2024-03-28
Alison Pearcy		2022-04-25
Andrew Timms		2022-02-21
Catherine Wykes		2026-03-26
Jacqueline Gill		2022-03-31
Liz Lockwood		2020-10-19
Rosemary Elaine Wright		2019-03-28
Sally Gibbs		2026-03-26
Susan Swain		2022-03-31

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# Accounts

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## Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2025

Charity name: Derby u3a  
Charity registration number: 1165445

### Objectives and Activities

The objective in our Constitution states that it is for "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."

When planning our activities for the year, the Executive Committee have considered the Charity Commission's guidance for public benefit.

Derby u3a is committed to increasing its membership and range of activities for the public benefit of those who are retired or semi-retired from full-time work. It achieves this by the voluntary support of its members who help run the organisation and all its group activities.

### Achievements and Performance

#### Membership and Publicity

Membership numbers at the end of this period have increased to 616 (586 full members and 30 associate members). For the end of the previous year 2024–25, membership numbers stood at 509. We have therefore increased our membership by 21%. Whilst word of mouth remains one of the most important ways of informing the public about Derby u3a, we also held a publicity event in November 2025 in Derby's main shopping centre, which attracted over 100 people.

Information leaflets and posters were updated with our new website address and a QR code, which were handed out at this event. Information leaflets and posters have also been distributed to local libraries.

#### Groups

We currently have 54 active groups, all organised by volunteers. These range from Archaeology and History to Writing for Pleasure. This year saw ten new groups established: Allestree Social, Astrology, Bookworms, Craft & Chat, Ecology, Mickleover Social, MOTO (Members on their own), Myths & Legends, Walking Football and the Wednesday Wanderers walking group.

#### Outings

Eight day outings by coach were arranged between February and November. These are offered to members at cost. They were to: Leicester, Stockport Hatworks Museum and Bramhall Hall, Blist Hill, Oakham and Barnsdale Nursery, Birmingham, Coughton Court, Bletchley Park, and Oxford.

## **Our Year**

The focus of our year was the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations of our founding in 1985. The highlights of our year were:

- In April we held a showcase event at The Wardwick, attended by the Lord Mayor of Derby, where 189 members enjoyed displays and the chance to experience our groups. This included the chance to explore the history, architecture, and art of Derby City Centre.
- Over 40 members enjoyed a picnic at Darley Fields on 24 July. The event started with a walk exploring the history of Chester Green, led by members of our Local History group. Following the picnic our Pickleball Group invited people to try the popular sport and a Scavenger Hunt was organised.
- Throughout the year members participated in a personal challenge to experience new activities, using the acronym 'Derby u3a'.
- Our Anniversary Celebrations featured in the national magazine 'u3a matters', local newspapers, on Facebook. Our Anniversary songs 'Happy Anniversary Derby u3a' and the Tuesday Trampers 'Forever Young Fools' are on You Tube.

In addition to our Anniversary Celebrations, the following activities also took place:

- We received a sports grant of £320 from Derby City Council to introduce new members to sporting activities, as part of their Get Active campaign. We offered free sports sessions in April for Seated Keep Fit, Walking Football, Table Tennis, Badminton and Pickleball. These sessions attracted 15 new members to the groups, 13% of the participants.
- During the year we updated our Finance Policy and Groups Policy so that all the necessary information was in one document.
- A publicity event in November at the free Community Hub venue in the Derbion shopping centre, attracted over 100 members of the public.
- The long-standing tradition of a Christmas Buffet was organised for the end of November, at which members brought their own food contributions and were entertained by our Singing Group and a reflection of our Anniversary Year.

Monthly Meetings with a speaker on a topic of general interest were held every month, with the exception of December.

## **New Member Meetings**

We held five New Member meetings throughout the year, each attracting between 10 and 25 people. These are an opportunity for new and prospective members to find out more about the u3a and our activities, and we had many new members sign up through this process.

## **Communications**

We send out a monthly newsletter by email and by post to those who pay a small fee towards this service.

We maintain both private group and public Facebook pages. These have a growing audience.

## **Equipment**

During this year we have purchased additional projectors for use at one of our main venues, the Central United Reformed Church, for our Singing Group and a smaller projector which is available to use where our groups meet in member's homes or at smaller venues.

## Volunteers

Derby u3a is run entirely by volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks and appreciation to all those who have helped this year:

- Group Organisers
- Helpers at Monthly Meetings who take money and register people at the door, provide refreshments, and welcome new members.
- Helpers at New Member meetings
- Helpers with technology issues
- Accessibility Officer
- Members of our publicity team and 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary team.
- Executive Committee members who carry out many of the main tasks of running Derby u3a, including treasurer, membership, groups coordination and room-booking, arranging outings and speakers, website, newsletter, and heading up teams.

## Condolences

Sadly, during the past year several of our members have passed away. We offer sincere condolences to all those who have lost loved ones amongst their family and friends.

## Summary

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### Financial Review – See also: attached Statement of Accounts

The accounts relate to the year ended 31 December 2025 and the comparative figures relate to the previous year ended 31 December 2024.

Since 2021 the accounts have been prepared on the receipts and payments basis.

Notes detailing transactions included in the accounts that relate to either the previous year or the following year are provided to ensure a complete view of Derby u3a finances for 2025 is provided.

## Current Account

### Income

The budget basis for 2025 was to operate a deficit budget, meaning we would draw down on surplus funds to help fund various 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations that ran throughout the year. However, we had another successful year attracting new members that increased our predicted income from membership fees by £1,776.00.

The increase in membership in turn increased interest group, activity group and monthly meeting participation generating further income than expected. New groups were also formed, generating income and expenses.

Income for Social events such as theatre visits, lunches, outings and the holiday to The Hague in 2026 has increased the amount of income and expenses passing through the account. These events are entirely self-funding.

### **Grants**

In April, thanks to a grant of £320 from the Derby City Sports Forum, which was applied for on behalf of Derby u3a by members Bob Thorne and Catherine Wykes, we were able to offer members the opportunity to try out for free our Pickleball, Table Tennis, Badminton, Walking Football and Keep Fit groups as the grant covered the cost of venue hire.

### **Donations and the Special Fund**

We were fortunate to receive donations totalling £962 from Riviera Travel (from 4 members booking holidays with them), This has been added to the special fund to purchase equipment for the use of Derby u3a groups and for publicity purposes.

During the year three projectors have been purchased. One for use at Central United Reform Church thus allowing two group meetings at the same time. Another for the singing group meeting at All Saints Parish Centre in Mickleover and the third for groups meeting in members' homes. Other purchases include a laminator, Derby u3a badges, u3a coasters and pens for publicity purposes, shuttlecocks, table tennis balls, pickleballs and football gloves for activity groups, paints for interest groups,

At the close of 2025 the Special Fund stands at £3,507.44

### **Expenditure**

Our main expenditure is on venue hire, speaker fees for monthly meetings, and administration costs. To mark our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary various celebratory events have been held throughout the year.

As we had a healthy surplus in our accounts the Committee decided that the first session of the month for Interest Groups would be free of charge to members in November. For Sports Groups it was slightly different: Badminton, Pickleball and Table Tennis, their first session in November was free to participants. Walking football, the first session in November members received a refund of £2 per person.

### **Business Savings Account**

The Business Savings Account is used to hold the reserve fund, outings reserve, £3,000 of the special fund and general funds until required.

### **Reserves Policy**

The special fund, intended for capital expenditure and publicity and social funds for social activities that are entirely self-funding, are excluded from the reserve figure calculation.

Our policy is to hold enough in reserve to allow the organisation to cover regular outstanding expenses for a period of six months in the event of failure. The reserve for 2025 was set at

£8,000. For 2026 this has been increased to £8,500 to reflect our growing membership and increased costs as more groups are formed.

### Examination of Accounts

We would like to record our thanks to Peter Illsley for examining our accounts.

## Structure, governance and management

Derby u3a, founded in 1985, is an independently funded unincorporated members' association belonging to the wider national association overseen by the Third Age Trust (TAT). TAT provides a recommended structure, advice and guidance and various licences and insurances. Derby u3a was registered as a charity in 2016 and operates under a Constitution last amended in October 2024.

The governing body of Derby u3a is the Executive Committee, which is responsible for the strategy and policies of the u3a, and dealing with the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of Derby u3a. The Executive Committee met 10 times during the year.

There must be at least 5 and not more than 15 u3a members appointed to the Executive Committee. 15 refers to 12 elected and 3 co-opted members.

The officers are: Chair, not more than two Vice-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. An individual may only serve in one Officer role at a time.

### Appointment of members of the Executive Committee

At the Annual General Meeting the non-Officer members of the Executive Committee shall all retire and members shall elect from amongst the membership individuals to serve as Committee members. The term of office is one year, from the Annual General Meeting at which he/she is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting. A retiring Executive Committee member may be re-appointed provided he/she remains a member of the u3a. A person may not serve more than nine consecutive terms as a member of the Executive Committee.

### Appointment of Officers

At the Annual General Meeting of The u3a, the serving Officers shall retire from office and the members shall elect from amongst the membership individuals to serve as the Officers. A retiring Officer may be re-appointed provided he/she remains a member of the u3a and subject to the limits on periods of service set out below:

### Chair, Vice Chair(s) and Secretary – terms of office and limit on period of service.

The term of office is one year, from the Annual General Meeting at which he/she is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting. An individual may serve not more than three consecutive terms in any of these offices. For the avoidance of doubt, an individual can serve in more than one Officer role during their nine-year consecutive Executive Committee service limit.

### Treasurer – terms of office and limit on period of service

The term of office is one year, from the Annual General Meeting at which he/she is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting. An individual may serve not more than six consecutive terms in this office. For the avoidance of doubt, a Treasurer serving less than the maximum consecutive terms can serve in other roles during their nine year consecutive Executive Committee service limit.

### Networks

#### Derbyshire Network

Derby u3a is part of the Derbyshire Network of u3as and attends their meetings, mainly by Zoom. We have reciprocal arrangements with Alfretton & District, Burton on Trent, Ilkeston, Long Eaton & District, Melbourne Area, and Ripley & District whereby members of Derby u3a can attend three of their groups without having to join as members, and vice versa.

#### Third Age Trust

Derby u3a is a member of the Third Age Trust and has voting rights within that organisation. Members of Derby u3a may receive the Third Age Trust's magazine, "u3amatters" if they wish.

### Reference and administrative details

Charity name	Derby u3a
Other name the Charity uses	n/a
Registered Charity Number	1165445
Charity's principal address (Chair)	55 Kyle Road, Hilton, Derby, DE65 5JY

The following were appointed to the Executive Committee at the AGM on March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025, and all served for the full year from March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025 to March 26<sup>th</sup> 2026, unless otherwise shown.

Chair: Richard Sherratt

Vice-Chair: Jackie Gill

Secretary: Alison Percy



Treasurer: Elaine Wright

Committee members: Liz Lockwood, Andy Timms, Sue Swain, Debbie Wright, Barry Appleby (to January 2026)

### Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full name	Richard Sherratt	Rosemary Elaine Wright
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date: 1 March 2026

**Charity registration number: 1165445**

**Charity name: Derby u3a**

**Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2025**

## **Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Derby University of the Third Age Group**

I am reporting on the accounts of the Derby University of the Third Age Group for the year to 31 December 2025.

### **Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the Charities Act 2011 does not require there to be an audit of these accounts and they have chosen instead to submit them for independent examination. The examiner's responsibilities are to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act;
- report on any particular matters that should be brought to attention of the trustees or the Charity Commission.

### **Basis of the Independent Examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, in particular the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters, if necessary.

### **Independent Examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in the course of the examination which give 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.

The Treasurer, Elaine Wright, has continued to maintain comprehensive and accurate records supporting the entries in the annual accounts. She has also kept me informed of developments relating to the finances of the Group considered by the Committee.

I have no concerns regarding these accounts and have not come across any 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.



Examiner: Peter Illsley

Date: 10 February 2026

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2025

		31/12/2025	31/12/2024
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	1	11,611.00	9,008.50
Gift Aid		541.53	528.86
Postage for Newsletter	2	140.00	110.00
Interest Groups - Room Fees	3	9,385.60	8,694.00
Activity Groups		6,645.05	4,103.00
Sports Grant		320.00	-
Monthly Meeting entry fees		722.00	1,130.00
Special fund		1,081.01	767.15
Social groups		184.00	-
Inter u3a activities		458.00	-
40th Celebrations		630.00	-
Lunch Group		60.00	240.00
Theatre Group	4	1,553.50	2,668.50
Outings		8,458.20	5,545.25
Holidays	5	5,600.00	-
Debit Card Rebate & Bank interest		268.09	161.68
<b>Total</b>		<b>47,657.98</b>	<b>32,956.94</b>

**Notes to Receipts**

1. Includes subs for following year		4,541.00	3,602.50
2. includes postage for following year		50.00	20.00
3. includes due previous year		16.00	-
4. Includes receipts for following year		702.00	1,502.00
5. includes receipts for following year		5,600.00	-

**Payments**

Refund overpaid membership fees		112.00	75.00
Admin costs running Derby u3a	1	1,023.06	833.24
External meetings (Derbvshire network)		5.00	35.00
Meeting Room Hire (new members group organisers committee)	2	411.00	434.00
Meeting Expenses (new members group organisers committee)		223.02	27.16
Interest Groups - Venue Hire	3	11,412.30	9,072.00
Interest Groups - Other Expenses		149.46	316.05
Interest groups - refund overpaid room fees		-	30.00
Activity Groups - Expenses		6,914.81	3,973.55
Sports Grant		320.00	-
Monthly meetings - Venue Hire		600.00	600.00
Monthly meetings- Speaker fee		494.60	520.00
Monthly meetings - Expenses		77.39	89.50
Pomotion Expenses (Venues & Publicity materials)		83.65	239.60
U3A Affiliation Fee		2,032.00	1,708.00
U3A Third Age Matters		1,246.48	1,071.60
Site Works		50.00	-
Special Fund		1,007.61	636.90
Social Groups - Venue Hire	4	198.25	16.80
Inter u3a activities		444.27	-
40th Celebrations	5	4,281.68	240.00
Lunch Group		40.00	240.00
Theatre Group	6	1,592.00	2,655.50
Outings		8,596.90	5,487.25
Holidays	7	4,732.81	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>46,048.29</b>	<b>28,301.15</b>

**Notes to Payments**

1. Includes due previous year		-	6.49
2. Includes due previous year		-	23.00
3. Includes due previous year		703.50	368.00
4. Includes payment for following year		-	16.80
5. Includes payment for following year		562.50	240.00
6. Includes payment for following year		405.00	1,361.00
7. Includes payment for followig year		4,732.81	-

<b>Total Receipts for year</b>	47,657.98	32,956.94
<b>Total Payments for year</b>	46,048.29	28,301.15
<b>Surplus or (deficit) for year</b>	1,609.69	4,655.79
Balances brought forward	28,175.04	23,519.25
<b>Balances in hand at Year End</b>	<b>29,784.73</b>	<b>28,175.04</b>

**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period**

	Year 2025	Year 2024
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand Activity Groups	127.15	123.85
Cash in Hand Treasurer	7.05	39.04
Cash in Hand Outings	5.30	-
Virgin Money:Current Account	9,720.66	11,334.68
Virgin Money:Savings Account	19,924.57	16,677.47
<i>includes special fund</i>	3,507.44	3,434.04
<i>includes membership subs for following year</i>	4,541.00	3,602.50
<i>includes postage for following year</i>	50.00	20.00
<i>includes receipts for following year (Theatre)</i>	139.50	178.00
<i>includes receipts for following year (Holiday)</i>	867.19	-
<i>includes outings reserve</i>	687.91	831.91
	<b>29,784.73</b>	<b>28,175.04</b>
<b>Receipts due:</b>		
Interest Group Room fees	-	22.00
Activity Income	60.95	-
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Interest Group Room fees	-	703.50
Lunch Group	20.00	-

Compiled by:

R E Wright

Date 10/2/2026

Elaine Wright

Examined by:

P. Illsley

Date 10 February 2026

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# Accounts

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### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Membership and Publicity**

Membership numbers at the end of this period have increased to 509. For the end of the previous year 2023–24, membership numbers stood at 452. We have therefore increased our membership by 13%. Whilst word of mouth remains one of the most important ways of informing the public about Derby u3a, we also had a one day publicity event in November 2024 in Derby’s main shopping centre.

Information leaflets and posters were updated with our new website address and a QR code, which were handed out at this event. Information leaflets and posters have also been distributed to local libraries. It had been arranged to have a manned display stand at local libraries during the summer, but this was cut short after it became clear that there was very low footfall in these venues.

#### **Groups**

We currently have 42 active groups, all organised by volunteers. These range from Archaeology and History to Wildlife. This year saw five new groups established: Philosophy and Ethics, Painting for Beginners, two additional Pickleball groups, and Creative Lettering. The Cinema Group was reorganised with a different format.

#### **Outings**

Eight day outings by coach were arranged between February and November. These are offered to members at cost. They were to: Sheffield Millenium Gallery, Southwell Minster and The Workhouse, Clumber Park, Port Sunlight, Bridgewater RHS Garden, Worcester, Salford Quays and the Lowry Gallery, and Peterborough.

In addition, the Gardens Group arranged a tour of Tissington Hall and Gardens in June which was open to all members.

## **Events and initiatives**

Following on from the Ideas Day we held in November 2023, and the subsequent report circulated to all members in January 2024, a number of new initiatives were introduced. These were:

- Setting up a team to focus on publicity initiatives, and also a team to focus on researching new venues and activities. Members of the Committee were on the teams and were joined by some of our members.
- A Suggestion Box and a "Happy to Chat" table at monthly meetings, along with a more visible "New Members" table. The "Happy to Chat" table, however, did not prove popular, and was removed later in the year to make more space for growing numbers attending the monthly meetings.
- Three free training sessions on making computer-based presentations to skills throughout the spring and summer. Training on presentation skills is also on the website and is available when there is sufficient demand.
- A survey of all members (with online and postal versions) as to the demand for venues in the suburbs for both social and interest group activities. There was a good response and this led to organisation of two pilot social group meetings in Mickleover and Allestree, which would take place in January 2025.

In addition to those proposed at the Ideas Day, the following events and initiatives also took place:

- A free talk on fraud prevention was given in September by the Regional Fraud Protect Officer of East Midlands Special Operations Unit to a collaboration of members of Derby u3a and the Central United Reformed Church congregation.
- A team was set up to organise the Derby u3a's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations during 2025.
- A publicity event in November at a free venue in the Derbion shopping mall.
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Along with many other u3as nationally, we completed a changeover of the website platform in July 2024. This has a more modern look and has been well-received.

We maintain both private group and public Facebook pages. These have a growing audience.

### **Equipment**

Most of our technical equipment at our main venues of the Central United Reformed Church and the Friends Meeting House has been upgraded during this year.

### **Revision of Constitution**

A Special AGM was held on October 31<sup>st</sup> to make revisions to the Constitution. The major changes proposed were:

- Changes to the number on the committee ie 12 elected and 3 co-opted
- Change to committee service from 6 consecutive years to 9 consecutive years
- Henceforward, General Meetings will be referred to as "Monthly Meetings"

The changes were approved and passed and the Charity Commission was notified.

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### Social Account

To streamline accounting the Social Account was closed at the end of the year and the outings fund reserve held in it transferred to the savings account. When the Social Account was set up in 2015 the intention was for payments for social activities to be paid directly into it. In practise this was confusing for members, and most payments went into the Main Account. This money was then transferred into the Social Account for paying for outings and theatre tickets. Now we have a savings account, and money can be easily transferred back and forth between this account and the main account there was no need for the social account.

### Business Savings Account

The Business Savings Account is used to hold the reserve fund, outings reserve, £3,000 of the special fund and general funds until required.

### Main Account

#### Income and Expenditure

Our main income derives from membership fees paid annually, Gift Aid and room fees collected to offset the cost of venue hire. We have had another successful year attracting over 100 new members that more than offset the loss of 50 on renewal. This increased our predicted income from membership fees by £1,200.

The increase in membership in turn increased interest group, activity group and monthly meeting participation generating further income than expected. New groups were also formed, generating income and expenses.

Our main expenditure is on venue hire, speaker fees for monthly meetings, and administration costs. During the year the committee has approved the expenditure of up to £5,000 to fund celebratory events to mark our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025.

At the end of the year venue hire costs of £703.50 were still to be invoiced. These were paid in January 2025.

### Donations and the Special Fund

We were fortunate to receive donations totalling £755 from Riviera Travel (from members booking holidays with them), This has been added to the special fund to purchase equipment for the use of Derby u3a groups and for publicity purposes.

During the year a laptop for use at Friends Meeting House has been purchased. Other purchases include shuttlecocks, table tennis balls and pickleballs for activity groups, magazines and DVDs for interest groups, needle threaders. Room hire at the CURC for members to attend sessions to learn how to make presentations to groups using a computer has also been funded. At the close of 2024 the Special Fund stands at £3,438.

### Reserves Policy

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Our policy is to hold enough in reserve to allow the organisation to cover regular outstanding expenses for a period of six months in the event of failure. The reserve for 2024 was set at £7,500 based on a rounded predicted expenditure of £14,000. For 2025 this has been increased to £8,000 to reflect our growing membership and increased costs as more groups are formed.

## **Banking**

From October Virgin Money became part of Nationwide. So far there has been no impact on services and products. If it becomes necessary to change banks at a future date hopefully the process will be easier for the committee as the closure of the social account means our current account and linked savings account are now covered by one mandate rather than three.

## **Examination of Accounts**

We would like to record our thanks to Peter Illsley for examining our accounts and for his help and advice throughout the year.

## **Structure, governance and management**

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The officers are: Chair, not more than two Vice-Chairs, Treasurer and Secretary. An individual may only serve in one Officer role at a time.

## **Appointment of members of the Executive Committee**

At the Annual General Meeting the non-Officer members of the Executive Committee shall all retire and members shall elect from amongst the membership individuals to serve as Committee members. The term of office is one year, from the Annual General Meeting at which he/she is appointed until the next Annual General Meeting. A retiring Executive Committee member may be re-appointed provided he/she remains a member of the u3a. A person may not serve more than nine consecutive terms as a member of the Executive Committee.

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**Reference and administrative details**

Charity name	Derby u3a
Other name the Charity uses	n/a
Registered Charity Number	1165445
Charity’s principal address (Chair)	15, Saltburn Close, Derby DE21 4GG

The following were appointed to the Executive Committee at the AGM on March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024, and all served for the full year from March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 to March 27<sup>th</sup> 2025.

Chair: Jackie Gill

Vice-Chair: Richard Sherratt

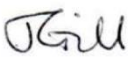
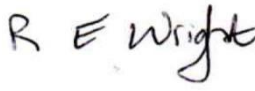
Secretary: Alison Percy

Treasurer: Elaine Wright

Committee members: Liz Lockwood, Andy Timms, Sue Swain, Debbie Wright

## Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signatures		
Full name	Jacqueline Gill	Elaine Wright
Position (eg Secretary, Chair etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date: 3 March 2025

**Charity registration number: 1165445**

**Charity name: Derby u3a**

**Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

## Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Derby U3A

I am reporting on the accounts of the Derby University of the Third Age Group for the year to 31 December 2024.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the Charities Act 2011 does not require there to be an audit of these accounts and they have chosen instead to submit them for independent examination. The examiner's responsibilities are to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act;
- report on any particular matters that should be brought to attention of the trustees or the Charity Commission.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, in particular the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters, if necessary.

### Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in the course of the examination which give 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.

The comprehensive and accurate records maintained by the Treasurer, Elaine Wright, are exemplary and show a clear path to the entries in the annual accounts. She has also kept me informed of developments relating to the finances of the Group considered by the Committee.

I have no concerns regarding these accounts and have not come across any 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.



Examiner: Peter Illsley

Date: 13 February 2025

Address: 15 Lea Drive  
Mickleover  
Derby, DE3 9HJ

## Receipts and Payments Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2024

		31/12/2024	31/12/2023
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	1	9,008.50	9,347.50
Gift Aid		528.86	512.73
Postage for Newsletter	2	110.00	110.00
Interest Groups - Room Fees		8,694.00	6,796.00
Activity Groups		4,103.00	2,552.10
Monthly Meeting entry fees		1,130.00	1,042.00
Promotion Grant		-	-
Special fund		767.15	2,600.72
40th Celebrations		-	-
Lunch Group		240.00	-
Theatre Group	3	2,668.50	1,899.00
Outings		5,545.25	5,590.00
Debit Card Rebate & Bank interest		161.68	28.18
Outings cash			9.60
<b>Total</b>		<b>32,956.94</b>	<b>30,487.83</b>

**Notes to Receipts**

1. Includes subs for following year		3,622.50	3,453.00
2. includes postage for following year		20.00	30.00
3 Includes receipts for following year		1,502.00	455.00

**Payments**

Refund overpaid membership fees		75.00	84.00
Admin costs running Derby u3a(printing,postage,tel)	1	833.24	612.86
External meetings (Derbyshire network)		35.00	-
Meeting Room Hire (new members,group organisers,committee)	2	434.00	465.00
Meeting Expenses (new members,group organisers,committee)		27.16	318.65
Interest Groups - Venue Hire	3	9,072.00	8,457.25
Interest Groups - Other Expenses		316.05	308.88
Interest groups - refund overpaid room fees		30.00	2.00
Activity Groups - Expenses		3,973.55	2,297.40
Monthly meetings - Venue Hire		600.00	600.00
Monthly meetings- Speaker fee		520.00	710.00
Monthly meetings - Expenses		89.50	118.43
Pomotion Expenses (Venues & Publicity materials)		239.60	7.65
U3A Affiliation Fee		1,708.00	1,544.00
U3A Third Age Matters		1,071.60	950.67
Special Fund		636.90	814.03
Social Groups - Venue Hire	4	16.80	-
40th Celebrations	5	240.00	-
Lunch Group		240.00	-
Theatre Group	6	2,655.50	1,732.50
Outings		5,487.25	5,443.70
<b>Total</b>		<b>28,301.15</b>	<b>24,467.02</b>

**Notes to Payments**

1. Includes due previous year		6.49	
2. Includes due previous year		23.00	
3. Includes due previous year		368.00	556.00
4. Includes payment for following year		16.80	
5.Includes payment for following year		240.00	290.00
6.Includes payment for following year		1,361.00	

**Surplus or (deficit) for year**

Balances brought forward		4,655.79	6,020.81
Balances in hand at Year End		23,519.25	17,498.44
		<b>28,175.04</b>	<b>23,519.25</b>

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Year 2024	Year 2023
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand Activity Groups	123.85	33.15
Cash in Hand Treasurer	39.04	34.55
Cash in Hand Outings	0.00	15.90
Virgin Money:Current Account	11,334.68	12,477.60
Virgin Money:Savings Account	16,677.47	10,021.76
Virgin Money Social Account (closed)	0.00	936.29
<i>includes special fund</i>	3,438.03	3,303.78
<i>includes membership subs for following year</i>	3,602.50	3,453.00
<i>includes postage for following year</i>	20.00	30.00
<i>includes receipts for following year (Theatre)</i>	178.00	165.00
<i>includes outings reserve</i>	831.91	758.01
	<b>28,175.04</b>	<b>23,519.25</b>
<b>Receipts due:</b>		
Interest Group room fees	22.00	-
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Interest Groups, committee & new members Venue Hire	703.50	416.00

Compiled by:

R E Wright

Elaine Wright

Date 13/2/25

Examined by:

P. Illsley

Peter Illsley

Date 13 February 2025

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England & Wales - Charity number 1165445

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# Accounts

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## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

**Charity name: Derby u3a**

**Charity registration number: 1165445**

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objective in our Constitution states that it is for “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.”

When planning our activities for the year, the Executive Committee have considered the Charity Commission’s guidance for public benefit.

Derby u3a is committed to increasing its membership and range of activities for the public benefit of those who are retired or semi-retired from full-time work. It achieves this by the voluntary support of its members who help run the organisation and all its group activities.

### **Achievements and Performance**

#### **Membership and Publicity**

Membership numbers at the end of this period have increased to 452. At the end of the previous year 2022–23, membership numbers stood at 396. We have therefore increased our membership by 14%. Whilst word of mouth remains one of the most important ways of informing people about Derby u3a, we have had stalls at three local events this year to increase public awareness (Chaddesden Big One, Oakfest and Parkinson’s Disease Health Event).

We designed and printed new information leaflets and posters, which were handed out at these events. Information leaflets and posters have also been distributed to local libraries and many have been taken by NHS professionals who visited our stalls. We also produced new pull-up banners which have the new logo on them.

#### **Groups**

We currently have 42 active groups, all organised by volunteers, to help maintain the well-being of our members. These groups cover a range of interests and activities:

- educational (e.g. Archaeology, Psychology, Geology)
- creative (e.g. Painting and Sketching, Creative Crafts)
- music and arts( e.g. Ukulele, Music Appreciation, Art Appreciation)
- physical and sports (e.g. Bowls, Table Tennis, Pickleball)
- social (e.g. Cinema, Theatre)

Most of our groups are now back to face to face after the Covid pandemic, but a few have remained on Zoom. This year saw six new groups established: Swimming, Walks by Public Transport, Pickleball, Motorcycling, Classic Rock, and Real Ale. The Lunch Group, which had been dormant during Covid, was also revived. We attempted to start a general Zoom group for those who are unable to get to face to face meetings, but there was not enough interest to continue with this.

In October, we introduced Derby u3a badges for members who were meeting in public (e.g. theatre, cinema, swimming) to easily identify one another.

### **Outings**

Seven day outings by coach were arranged between March and November. These are offered to members at cost. They were to: Derngate, Northampton; Chester; RHS Harlow Carr; Renishaw Hall; Yorkshire Sculpture Park and the National Mining Museum; Wolverhampton Art Gallery and Boscobel House; Manchester Museum – Golden Mummies Exhibition.

### **Events**

We partnered with “Everyone Active” to provide a free swimming event in February, and another with “We are Padel” in May to introduce members to the sport.

We also partnered with the Muscle Research Group from Derby and Nottingham Universities for a presentation on their research and an opportunity to take part in future research.

A free talk on “Internet Security” was given to members in September.

An “Ideas Day” was held in November to give members the opportunity to suggest ways in which Derby u3a could be improved. A programme to institute many of the ideas put forward will run throughout 2024.

A Christmas Buffet was organised for the end of November, at which members brought their own food contributions and were entertained by the Ukulele and Singing Groups.

General Meetings with a speaker on a topic of general interest were held every month, with that in December being by Zoom.

### **New Member Meetings**

We held six New Member meetings throughout the year. These are an opportunity for new and prospective members to find out more about the u3a and our activities.

### **Accessibility Officer**

A new voluntary post of Accessibility Officer was introduced to help members access our group activities.

### **Communications**

We send out a monthly newsletter by email and by post to those who pay a small fee towards this service. We also maintain an up-to-date website and Facebook pages – both private group and public.

## **Policies and procedures**

The following policies and procedures were revised during this year:

- Financial policy
- Interest Groups policy
- Safeguarding policy
- Data Protocol policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Paying for organised outings procedure

The following new policies were initiated this year:

- Accessibility policy (formerly Disabled Members policy)
- Disciplinary procedure (for Trustees)
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion policy
- Health and Safety policy

## **Volunteers**

Derby u3a is run entirely by volunteers. We would like to take this opportunity to offer our thanks and appreciation to all those who have helped this year:

- Group Organisers
- Helpers at General Meetings who take money and register people at the door, provide refreshments and welcome new members.
- Helpers at New Member meetings
- Helpers with Facebook and IT issues
- Accessibility Officer
- Helpers at publicity events
- Executive Committee members who carry out many of the main tasks of running Derby u3a, including membership, groups coordination and room-booking, treasurer, website and newsletter.

## **Summary**

We have increased the learning and socialising opportunities for our members, as well as partnering with other organisations to help achieve their aims.

## **Financial Review – See also: attached Statement of Accounts**

### **Donations and the Special Fund**

We were fortunate to receive a donation of £2000 from the Foresters Friendly Society at the beginning of the year. This, together with one from Riviera Travel (from members booking holidays with them) has been added to the special fund to purchase equipment for the use of Derby u3a groups and for publicity purposes.

Other monies in the special fund have been used for the purchase of a mobile phone for use by the Chair for u3a calls and enquiries, a voice amplifier for use at general meetings, and Derby u3a pin badges for those who meet in public places such as cinema, theatre, sports venues etc, so that members are easily recognisable to each other, particularly new attendees.

At the close of 2023 the Special Fund stands at £3,307.78.

## **Social Account**

It is pleasing to see activity in the Social Account as outings and theatre visits continue to be enjoyed by our members.

## **Business Savings Account**

In November a Business Savings Account was opened to hold the reserve and £3,000 of the Special Fund until required.

## **Main Account**

### **Income and Expenditure**

Our main income derives from membership fees paid annually, Gift Aid and room fees collected to offset the cost of venue hire. When setting a budget, the following must be borne in mind:

- membership levels that directly affect membership income
- level of interest group, activity group and general meeting participation that brings in room fees to offset venue hire fees,
- levels of other income e.g. Gift Aid and donations

Expenditure is on venue hire, speaker fees for general meetings, and administration costs. When setting a budget, the following must be borne in mind:

- Venue hires charges increasing due to inflation and rising fuel costs, and the formation of new groups
- Possible increase in speaker fees for general meetings
- Possible increase in administration costs due to increased membership and inflation.

## **Budget**

A predicted income budget of £14,390 was set against a predicted expenditure of £13,298, allowing a margin of approximately £1,000 for contingencies.

As a result of promotion events, over the year, we gained more new members than we lost during the renewal process. Although a total of 50 members either resigned or failed to renew their membership, this has been offset by the rise in new members. We welcomed 97 new members in 2023. This increased our predicted membership income from £6,500 to £7892.50.

The increase in membership in turn increased interest group, activity group and general meeting participation generating further income than expected. New groups were also formed, generating income and expenses.

As we had a healthy surplus in our accounts the Committee decided that those attending interest group meetings at CURC (Central United Reformed Church), Friends Meeting House, Chester Green Community Centre, and All Saints Church, Mickleover could attend free of charge in November.

Activity Groups whose organisers pay for facilities at Springwood Leisure Centre and collect monies from members to cover costs already enjoy free sessions with surplus takings, so they were not included in the November offer.

Although it appears we made a surplus of £5,400 in 2023, it must be remembered this is artificially high because the accounts included unexpected donations, higher than anticipated membership fees, renewal membership fees for this year and there were still venue fees of £416 for 2023 to be paid.

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### **Banking**

October saw the closure of the Derby Branch of Virgin Money. This means cheques and cash are paid into the account using Post Office Services. Having considered the pros and cons of changing bank, particularly the complex administration involved in opening a new bank account, it has been decided to remain with the Virgin Money bank in the short term. If difficulties occur due to us not having a local branch, then we may have to change bank. We would like to thank members for making payments online wherever possible.

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### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Derby u3a
Other name the charity uses	n/a
Registered charity number	1165445
Charity's principal address	15 Saltburn Close, Derby DE21 4GG

The following were appointed to the Executive Committee at the AGM on March 30<sup>th</sup> 2023, and all served for the full year from March 30<sup>th</sup> 2023 to March 28<sup>th</sup> 2024:

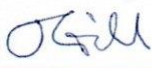
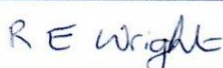
- Chair: Jackie Gill
- Vice-Chair: Liz Lockwood
- Secretary: Alison Pearcy
- Treasurer: Elaine Wright
- Committee members: Andy Timms and Sue Swain

Debbie Wright was co-opted as Minutes Secretary at an Executive Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

### Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Jacqueline Gill	Elaine Wright
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	26 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	

**Charity registration number: 1165445**

**Charity name: Derby u3a**

**Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

## Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Derby University of the Third Age Group

I am reporting on the accounts of the Derby University of the Third Age Group for the year to 31 December 2023.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the Charities Act 2011 does not require there to be an audit of these accounts and they have chosen instead to submit them for independent examination. The examiner's responsibilities are to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act;
- report on any particular matters that should be brought to attention of the trustees or the Charity Commission.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, in particular the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters, if necessary. However, the procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit.

### Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in the course of the examination which give 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.

The trustees decided in 2021 to prepare accounts on a receipts and payments basis, rather than the income and expenditure basis used previously. I am satisfied that the current form of the accounts is in line with the template for receipts and payments accounts prescribed by the Charity Commission. Notes detailing transactions included in these accounts that relate to other years and payments still due that relate to 2023 ensure that a complete view of the Group's finances is still provided.

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.

I am grateful to the Treasurer, Elaine Wright, for the clear and accurate records presented to me. I also thank her and the Committee for keeping me informed of developments relating to the finances of the Group.

Examiner: Peter Illsley



Date: 13 February 2024

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## Receipts and Payments Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2023

		This Year 31/12/2023	Last Year 31/12/2022
<b>Main Funds</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	1	9,347.50	7,606.00
Gift Aid		512.73	440.08
Postage for Newsletter	2	110.00	120.00
Interest Groups - Room Fees	3	6,796.00	5,932.02
Activity Groups		2,552.10	1,484.75
Monthly Meeting entry fees		1,042.00	825.00
Promotion Grant		-	150.00
Special fund		2,600.72	160.86
Bank Interest		21.76	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>22,982.81</b>	<b>16,718.71</b>
<b>Notes to Receipts</b>			
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<b>Payments</b>			
Admin costs running Derby u3a(printing,postage,tel)		612.86	517.95
External meetings (Derbyshire network)		-	37.00
Meeting Room Hire (new members,group organisers,committee)		465.00	132.00
Meeting Expenses (new members,group organisers,committee)		318.65	11.84
Interest Groups - Venue Hire	4	8,457.25	5,796.25
Interest Groups - Other Expenses	5	308.88	242.68
Interest groups - refund overpaid room fees		2.00	24.00
Activity Groups - Expenses		2,297.40	1,347.85
Monthly meetings - Venue Hire		600.00	385.00
Monthly meetings- Speaker fee		710.00	602.61
Monthly meetings - Expenses		118.43	112.49
Refund overpaid membership fees		84.00	23.00
Promotion Grant		-	150.00
Pomotion Expenses (Venues & Publicity materials)	6	7.65	302.65
U3A Affiliation Fee		1,544.00	1,320.00
U3A Third Age Matters		950.67	745.56
Special Fund		814.03	560.46
<b>Total</b>		<b>17,290.82</b>	<b>12,311.34</b>
<b>Notes to Payments</b>			
4. Includes due previous year		556.00	-
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<b>Surplus or (deficit) for year</b>		<b>5,691.99</b>	<b>4,407.37</b>
Balances brought forward		16,875.07	12,467.70
<b>Balances in hand at Year End</b>		<b>22,567.06</b>	<b>16,875.07</b>

	This Year 31/12/2023	Last Year 31/12/2022
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**Social Funds****Receipts**

40th Anniversary Tea	-	1,121.80
Theatre Group	1,899.00	700.00
Outings	5,590.00	3,051.20
Debit Card Virgin Money Rebate	6.42	3.37
Cash	9.60	3.20
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,505.02</b>	<b>4,879.57</b>

**Notes to Receipts**

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**Notes to Payments**

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**Surplus or (deficit) for year**

328.82	5.15
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623.37	618.22
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<b>952.19</b>	<b>623.37</b>
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**Summary**

Total Income - Main and Social	30,487.83	21,598.28
Total Expenses - Main and Social	24,467.02	17,185.76
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Date 13/2/2024

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## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	Year 2023	Year 2022
<b>Main Funds</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Float (General meetings)	-	10.00
Cash in Hand Activity Groups	33.15	52.95
Cash in Hand Treasurer	34.55	0.24
Virgin Money:Current Account	12,477.60	16,811.88
Virgin Money:Savings	10,021.76	-
<i>includes special fund</i>	3,303.78	1,521.09
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<b>Receipts due</b>	-	-
<b>Liabilities</b> (Interest Groups, committee & new members Venue Hire)	416.00	556.00
<b>Social Funds</b>		
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash in Hand Outings	15.90	6.30
Virgin Money	936.29	617.07
<i>includes receipts for following year (Theatre)</i>	165.00	-
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<b>Receipts due</b>	-	-
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**Statement of Accounts  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

## Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of the Derby University of the Third Age Group

I am reporting on the accounts of the Derby University of the Third Age Group for the year to 31 December 2023.

### Responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that the Charities Act 2011 does not require there to be an audit of these accounts and they have chosen instead to submit them for independent examination. The examiner's responsibilities are to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 of the Act;
- report on any particular matters that should be brought to attention of the trustees or the Charity Commission.

### Basis of the Independent Examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions and guidance issued by the Charity Commission, in particular the requirements of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanation from the trustees concerning any such matters, if necessary. However, the procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit.

### Independent Examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in the course of the examination which give 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.

The trustees decided in 2021 to prepare accounts on a receipts and payments basis, rather than the income and expenditure basis used previously. I am satisfied that the current form of the accounts is in line with the template for receipts and payments accounts prescribed by the Charity Commission. Notes detailing transactions included in these accounts that relate to other years and payments still due that relate to 2023 ensure that a complete view of the Group's finances is still provided.

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.

I am grateful to the Treasurer, Elaine Wright, for the clear and accurate records presented to me. I also thank her and the Committee for keeping me informed of developments relating to the finances of the Group.

Examiner: Peter Illsley



Date: 13 February 2024

Address: 15 Lea Drive  
Mickleover  
Derby, DE3 9HJ

## Receipts and Payments Accounts Year Ending 31st December 2023

		This Year 31/12/2023	Last Year 31/12/2022
<b>Main Funds</b>			
<b>Receipts</b>			
Membership Subscriptions	1	9,347.50	7,606.00
Gift Aid		512.73	440.08
Postage for Newsletter	2	110.00	120.00
Interest Groups - Room Fees	3	6,796.00	5,932.02
Activity Groups		2,552.10	1,484.75
Monthly Meeting entry fees		1,042.00	825.00
Promotion Grant		-	150.00
Special fund		2,600.72	160.86
Bank Interest		21.76	-
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