

STOURBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE (STOURBRIDGE U3A)

England & Wales · Charity number 1166067

Details

Other names	STOURBRIDGE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE, STOURBRIDGE U3A
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2016-03-15
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.

Activities: Stourbridge U3A hold monthly meetings which offer talks of general interest and opportunities for conversation and for the public to meet us. We have over forty interest groups offering a range of subjects: languages, literature, history, local study, genealogy, music, art, crafts, bridge, quizzes, walking and food. We also organise outings to sites of educational interest.

Classification

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

Geography

- Dudley
- Staffordshire
- Worcestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£38,960	£35,514	-	-
2024-02-29	£28,506	£25,752	-	-
2023-02-28	£25,041	£25,114	-	-
2022-02-28	£6,597	£9,408	-	-
2021-02-28	£9,513	£6,526	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
BARBARA FRENCH	Chair	2022-10-10
Anne Williams		2023-04-06
Evelyn Mary Schneider		2019-04-04
Ivor Caplan		2021-04-01
James Gennard		2024-04-04
Joy Rachel Moss		2021-11-25
MICHAEL WELLS		2024-04-04
Maggie Thompson		2022-04-28
Sheila Beetison		2024-04-04
Trevor Hahn		2023-04-06

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Trevor Hähn

Business Secretary

On behalf of Stourbridge u3a Trustees

December 2025

STOURBRIDGE U3A

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended 28 February 2025

	Notes	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership Subscriptions		9123.00	8000.00
Group Income	1	15009.91	9841.28
Events & Outings	2	13594.50	9313.50
Visitors		90.00	94.00
Donations and Other Income	3	828.64	1042.32
Interest from Bank		313.87	214.47
		<u>38959.92</u>	<u>28505.57</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Group Expenses	4	14521.92	10678.47
Events & Outings	5	12839.03	8520.18
Third Age Trust		4178.81	3485.98
Members' Newsletters		19.29	51.54
Monthly Meetings		2240.81	1943.98
AGM / Membership Expenses	6	710.45	96.00
Committee Expenses	7	752.91	690.01
Paypal Commission		85.69	117.45
Bank Charges		165.58	168.80
		<u>35514.49</u>	<u>25752.41</u>
SURPLUS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE		<u>3445.43</u>	<u>2753.16</u>
<u>BALANCE SHEET</u>			
<u>as at 28 February 2025</u>			
		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
<u>Assets</u>			
Bank Accounts:	Business Account	1527.39	2325.26
	Deposit Account	15981.27	12767.40
Paypal Account		48.93	67.62
Cash	8	299.16	248.44
		<u>17856.75</u>	<u>15408.72</u>
Creditors:	Group fees received late	0.00	-30.00
	Events advance bookings	1086.00	1648.00
	Events expenses paid in advance	-672.00	0.00
	Group accommodation expenses due	614.00	192.00
	AGM and members renewals in advance	-212.90	-347.50
	Committee expenses paid in advance	-350.00	0.00
		<u>465.10</u>	<u>1462.50</u>
Net Assets		<u>17391.65</u>	<u>13946.22</u>
Represented By:			
Reserves:	Balance Brought Forward	13946.22	11193.06
	Surplus / (Deficit) for year	3445.43	2753.16
		<u>17391.65</u>	<u>13946.22</u>
Adjustments to the accounts:			
		<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		£	£
1 Group income			
	Per Beacon accounting system	15039.91	9219.28
	Advance canal trip receipts at 28 Feb 2023	0.00	592.00

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees

I have completed my examination of the Accounts for Stourbridge U3A for the Financial Period 1 March 2024 to 28 February 2025. 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:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 132 of the Charities Act 2011; or
- the accounts did 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 this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Gripton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with two parallel horizontal lines.

W John Gripton IPFA

18 March 2025

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Treasurer's Report AGM 2024

1. The accounts have been prepared on a cash received and paid basis but they have been amended for major items which would otherwise fall into a period to which they did not relate. These items are listed on the balance sheet under creditors and the income and expenditure is adjusted accordingly.
2. The accounts show a surplus of income over expenditure of £2,753 compared with an excess of expenditure over income last year of £73.
3. The reserves of the charity total £13,946 and mainly comprise money held in a deposit account at HSBC Bank totalling £12,767. The remainder of the reserves are held in the HSBC current account, the Paypal account and in cash.
4. The charge for membership during the year was £15 per member. We have continued the same level of charge for the 2024-25 year. We have been very gratified to see increasing numbers of new members. People considering joining may come to groups on three occasions before committing to becoming a member.
5. The main purpose of u3a is met through our system of group activities. These cover many and varied activities which the group members organise for themselves. We currently charge a fee of £1 for attendance at each group, with the exception of those sporting groups that require expensive accommodation and/or equipment. The group fees for these groups are £2 or £3.
We would encourage all members to take part in as many groups as possible so that they may "Learn, Laugh, Live".
The group expenditure for the year of ££10,678 exceeds the group income for the year of £9,841. During the course of 2023-24, most of the church halls etc where groups meet raised their prices. We expect this deficit of group fees to continue and increase in the current year. The Committee is actively monitoring this situation and will consider increasing the group fees, if necessary. Group expenditure in 2023-24 included the purchase of a laptop and software totalling £449.
6. Events and Outings continued to be run very successfully during the year and we thank the sub-committee for all their hard work organising a full and varied programme of events.
7. Donations and Other Income relates mainly to commission received from Riviera Travel when members book their holidays through them.
8. The accounts have been examined and reported upon by our Independent Examiner, Mr John Gripton. We are very grateful to him in this his first year in the post and thank him for his prompt attention to the work.
9. I propose the adoption of this report and the accounts. If anyone has any questions or would like more details about our finances, please ask me directly.

Anne Williams
Treasurer

STOURBRIDGE U3A

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For The Year Ended 29 February 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Membership Subscriptions	8000.00	8067.00
Group Income	9841.28	8134.29
Events & Outings	9313.50	8772.50
Visitors	94.00	155.00
Donations and Other Income	1042.32	689.68
Interest from Bank	214.47	30.31
	<hr/> 28505.57	<hr/> 25848.78
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Group Expenses	10678.47	10054.84
Events & Outings	8520.18	8584.98
Third Age Trust	3485.98	3089.60
Members' Newsletters	51.54	19.18
Monthly Meetings	1943.98	2114.13
AGM / Membership Expenses	96.00	1266.70
Open Day / Anti Fraud	0.00	49.24
Committee Expenses	690.01	465.20
Paypal Commission	117.45	111.77
Bank Charges	168.80	166.40
	<hr/> 25752.41	<hr/> 25922.04
Excess of Income over Expenditure	<hr/> 2753.16	<hr/> -73.26

BALANCE SHEET

as at 29 February 2024


		<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Bank Accounts:	Business Account	2325.26	2418.58
	Deposit Account	12767.40	10052.93
Paypal Account		67.62	39.83
Cash		248.44	370.48
		<hr/> 15408.72	<hr/> 12881.82
Creditors:	Group fees received late	-30.00	0.00
	Events advance bookings	1648.00	1046.00
	Group income: canals advance bookings	0.00	592.00
	Group expenses due	192.00	0.00
	AGM and members renewals in advance	-347.50	0.00
	U3A Grant	0.00	50.76
		<hr/> 1462.50	<hr/> 1688.76
Net Assets		<hr/> 13946.22	<hr/> 11193.06
Represented By:			
Reserves:	Balance Brought Forward	11193.06	11266.32
	Surplus / (Deficit) for year	2753.16	-73.26
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	£	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership Subscriptions	8,067	3,813	8,098
Group Income	8,057	2,428	683
Events & Outings	8,091	231	713
Visitors	155	22	14
Donations	641	102	
Bank Interest	30		
Other Income		1	5
	<u>25,041</u>	<u>6,597</u>	<u>9,513</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Third Age Trust	3,090	2,695	2,890
Members' Newsletters	19	33	198
Monthly Meetings	2,114	1,167	608
Events & Outings	7,903	219	714
AGM / Membership Expenses	1,267	297	421
Committee Expenses	465	723	180
Paypal Commission	112	59	51
Group Expenses	9,978	4,215	1,464
Bank Charges	166		
	<u>25,114</u>	<u>9,408</u>	<u>6,526</u>
Excess of Expenditure over Income (previous years Excess of Income over Expenditure)	<u>(73)</u>	<u>(2,811)</u>	<u>2,987</u>

BALANCE SHEET

as at 28 February 2023

	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Events Deposits Paid In Advance	0.00	60.00	0.00
Bank Accounts:			
Business Account	2,418.58	1,875.36	4,056.22
Deposit Account	10,052.93	10,022.62	10,021.59
Paypal Account	39.83	0.00	0.00
Cash	370.48	419.84	99.51
	<u>12,881.82</u>	<u>12,377.82</u>	<u>14,177.32</u>
Creditors:			
Unpresented Cheques	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance Ticket Sales	1,046.00	1,011.50	0.00
Advance Canal Trip Sales	592.00	0.00	0.00
U3A Grant	50.76	100.00	100.00
	<u>1,688.76</u>	<u>1,111.50</u>	<u>100.00</u>
Net Assets	<u>11,193.06</u>	<u>11,266.32</u>	<u>14,077.32</u>
Represented By:			
Reserves:			
Balance Brought Forward	11,266.32	14,077.32	11,090.75
Surplus / (Deficit) for year	(73.26)	(2,811.00)	2,986.57
	<u>11,193.06</u>	<u>11,266.32</u>	<u>14,077.32</u>

I have examined the financial records of Stourbridge U3A for the period ending 28 February 2023. In my opinion, these accounts accurately reflect the transactions during the period and the financial position at the above date.

M C Ball



17th March 2023