

DUNMOW U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1168310

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2016-07-20

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: Provide benefit to retired and semi-retired persons by way of regular monthly meetings with speakers, and group activities according to members' interests.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£72,705	£67,968	-	-
2024-03-31	£49,693	£44,035	-	-
2023-03-31	£40,414	£36,392	-	-
2022-03-31	£35,667	£30,104	-	-
2021-03-31	£13,495	£12,134	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Heather Quiney	Chair	2025-04-23
Anna Fletcher		2021-03-24
Derek Michael Jones		2021-06-30
Ian Robert Marshall		2022-03-01
John William Miller		2025-06-25
Ronald William McGlade		2025-06-25
Terence Leslie Parker BSc hons		2017-09-20

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Chair's Annual Report for Dunmow U3a June 2025

Our big opening day for September was our Wellness Day arranged by Maureen and her small team. The day ran from 10-3pm allowing members to drop into the sessions that most interested them. The most popular seemed to be Tammy Blest (Essex police) talk on fraud prevention and Lois Sparks talk on MIND which was interactive.

During the year our monthly meetings have had generally better speakers of which two stand out as especially popular: Heather Brennan a local chiropractor showing us the importance of standing up correctly and Barry Linton a retired policeman on staying safe online that drew our biggest attendance to date of 180 members.

Robert James arranged for 40 of us to go on a walking holiday with Holiday Fellowship for a week in Sussex in early October. Such a success was this that a rerun has been arranged for this summer by Wendy Townsend. During the year Hilary has arranged 2 quizzes both in the Foakes Hall attracting 15 teams each time. For last Christmas she arranged a concert sung by Rhiannon, daughter of one of our members accompanied by mulled wine and mince pies. In April we held a New Members welcome afternoon and plan a social with barbecue for all our Group Leaders on June 9, shortly before our AGM.

Added New Groups; the MOTO (singles) group which is flourishing, restarting of a photography group, indoor bowling and a 3-mile walking group.

Outings kicked off for the year with a Kiss me Kate musical at the Barbican theatre, a canal boat in the Lea Valley, Holkham Hall in Norfolk, the National Space Centre and Christmas shopping in Cambridge to round off 2024. This year visits to the Milestone museum in Basingstoke, Chelsea Royal Hospital, and Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake with men dancing the ballet in Milton Keynes.

Membership continues to rise totaling 715 by the end of March (when we start the new year) and up 110 on 2024.

During the year we had to change our website provider which required some retraining of our users including most of the Group Leaders. Adrian Hoodless bore the brunt of this work including offering training in the new system for us all. I should end by thanking him and all my committee members for the work done behind the scenes. This includes our treasurer Ian and his assistant Derek who looks after the Outings finances; without these we couldn't operate.

Mike Best

Chair of Dunmow u3a



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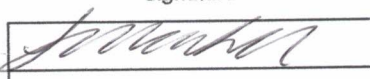
Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from **01-Apr-24** To **31-Mar-25**

Section A Receipts and payments

	Charitable Funds A/C No 1	Charitable Funds A/C No 2	Charitable Funds A/C No 3	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	7,380	-	-	7,380	9,103
Gift Aid	-	-	1,405	1,405	1,104
Grants & Donations	5	-	-	5	-
Group Activities	24,228	-	-	24,228	19,020
Ticket Sales	-	39,052	-	39,052	19,839
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	-
Raffle	223	-	-	223	374
Bank Interest	-	-	412	412	253
Miscellaneous Transactions	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	31,836	39,052	1,817	72,705	49,693
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	31,836	39,052	1,817	72,705	49,693
A3 Payments					
U3A National Fees	4,194	-	-	4,194	4,174
Group Activities	21,835	-	-	21,835	17,407
Ticket Purchases & Transport	-	37,610	-	37,610	18,453
Refreshments	288	131	-	419	1,203
Hall Hire	1,440	-	-	1,440	1,225
Speakers	851	-	-	851	655
Administration	1,120	-	-	1,120	856
Conferences & Training	199	-	-	199	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Welfare	-	-	-	-	14
Miscellaneous Transactions	301	-	-	301	48
Sub total	30,228	37,741	-	67,968	44,035
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	30,228	37,741	-	67,968	44,035
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,608	1,312	1,817	4,736	5,658
A5 Transfers between funds					
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,731	6,027	26,358	43,116	-
Cash funds this year end	12,339	7,339	28,174	47,852	5,658

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

		Charitable Funds A/C No 1	Charitable Funds A/C No 2	Charitable Funds A/C No 3
Categories	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Charitable Funds A/C No 1	12,339	-	-
	Charitable Funds A/C No 2		7,339	-
	Charitable Funds A/C No 3		-	28,174
	Total cash funds	12,339	7,339	28,174
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		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	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)
	Group Activities	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,500	April-July'25
	U3A National Fees	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,000	April-July'25
	Ticket Purchases & Transport	Charitable No 2	ca. 3,000	April-July'25
			-	
		-		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		I. Marshall	3 July '25	



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DUNMOW U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Peter Hodge

Date: 6 JULY 2025

Name: Peter Hodge

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Bank Manager

Address: 4 Millers Croft
Great Dunmow, Essex
CM6 2AW

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters have come to my attention during my Independent Examination of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2025 that require disclosure to the Charity Commission.

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-23	To	Period end date 31-Mar-24
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Charitable Funds A/C No 1 to the nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 2 to the nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 3 to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	9,103	-	-	9,103	7,566
Gift Aid	-	-	1,104	1,104	1,174
Grants & Donations	-	-	-	-	202
Group Activities	19,020	-	-	19,020	16,056
Ticket Sales	42	19,797	-	19,839	14,728
Refreshments	-	-	-	-	268
Raffle	374	-	-	374	388
Bank Interest	-	-	253	253	-
Miscellaneous Transactions	-	-	-	-	32
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	28,539	19,797	1,357	49,693	40,414
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	28,539	19,797	1,357	49,693	40,414
A3 Payments					
U3A National Fees	4,174	-	-	4,174	4,333
Group Activities	17,407	-	-	17,407	15,543
Ticket Purchases & Transport	-	18,453	-	18,453	12,206
Refreshments	103	1,100	-	1,203	1,239
Hall Hire	1,225	-	-	1,225	1,022
Speakers	655	-	-	655	814
Communications	234	-	-	234	254
Publicity	123	-	-	123	125
Stationary	499	-	-	499	357
Welfare	14	-	-	14	-
Miscellaneous Transactions	48	-	-	48	499
Sub total	24,482	19,553	-	44,035	36,392
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	24,482	19,553	-	44,035	36,392
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,057	244	1,357	5,658	4,022
A5 Transfers between funds	- 22,000	- 3,000	25,000	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	28,652	8,784	-	37,436	-
Cash funds this year end	10,709	6,028	26,357	43,094	4,022

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

Categories	Details	Charitable Funds A/C No 1	Charitable Funds A/C No 2	Charitable Funds A/C No 3
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Charitable Funds A/C No 1	10,711	-	-
	Charitable Funds A/C No 2		6,027	-
	Charitable Funds A/C No 3		-	26,358
	Total cash funds	10,711	6,027	26,358

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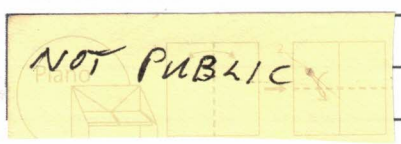
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
		to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
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			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Group Activities	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,500	April-July'24
	U3A National Fees	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,000	April-July'25
	Ticket Purchases & Transport	Charitable No 2	ca. 3,000	April-July'26
			-	
			-	

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

Signature:  Print Name: I. Marshall Date of approval: 29 APR '24



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

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Signed:

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Date:

9 MAY 2024

Name:

Peter Hodge

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

Retired Bank Manager

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Section B

Disclosure

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Chair Report AGM 2024

Our Games Afternoon in September turned out to be not only a very enjoyable time for those that came but has given rise to the starting up of several new groups including Cribbage, Sequence as well as renewed interest in lunch groups. Subsequently Wool and Waffle has started up making use of the Day Centre's coffee mornings. Again the Christmas Party with an enlarged Rock Choir and buffet which we moved from St Mary's church into Foakes Hall was music director Adam's last concert with the Rock Choir before moving on to pastures new so all the singers gave him their best singing of which we were the beneficiary! In April we held our Quiz which was attended by about 80 people and afterwards there have been requests that we should have another if possible, later this year.

The real strength of Du3a is of course in the Groups; we have 42 at present ranging from Art to Wool & Waffle, a testament to the hard working coordinators without who we would cease to function. We know they enjoy the activity themselves but my profound thanks to them all as well as my committee colleagues. A good job well done.

Outings Report

The Dunmow outings team has had a busy year arranging 8 outings during the year. Our first outing took us to the seaside at Southwold and was combined with a country walk for our more energetic members. We made two Theatre visits. One was to see the Lion King in London, and then later to see the hilarious play, Drop the Dead Donkey in Cambridge.

October saw us taking the Waverley paddle steamer for a twilight cruise from Southend to Tower Pier. This was perhaps the highlight of the year with a flood lit Tower Bridge being raised just for the Waverley to sail under. A special thanks to Peter Watson for arranging and running this very special trip.

Our Christmas trip took us to Ely Cathedral Christmas Food and Gift Fair. My thanks to the flower arranging group for requesting this. We visited two art exhibitions. One was at Gainsborough's House with plenty of his paintings on view. The other at the Tate Britain was Sargent and Fashion - his wonderful portraits and unique take on fashion.

For something more up to date, we visited the Lightroom in London, for an immersive experience reliving the USA's Apollo space missions with a Tom Hanks voice over.

This year we sold just short of 300 places to members. My thanks to the outings team and all who helped to make this year's outings a success, especially those who came on the trips.

Pat Jones Outings Coordinator

Dunmow Events

Our Games afternoon was a new idea for relaunching the U3a year after a summer break that really did seem to appeal to those who came including 6 new members. Smiling faces on folk as they came into the hall surveying the neatly laid out 28 games eagerly deciding which they wanted to try out. Three new groups came from the afternoon as well as introducing Quirkle and Sequence which many had not seen before.

Our Christmas concert was performed to a packed Foakes Hall; the Rock Choir treating us to an opening selection of classic songs, then a taste of Christmas, more classic songs before ending with a rousing finale of Christmas favorites. The choir was made up of singers not only from Dunmow but also Braintree, Chelmsford and even Sudbury, it being Music Director's last concert with them. We were then treated to a delicious buffet organized by Margo and her friend Christine with plenty of savories and sweet cakes to tempt us all. The choir don't make a charge to perform but a retiring collection massed over £300 for Cash for Kids Mission Christmas!

The Spring quiz was again a big success and we had 10 tables with almost 80 quizzers. As we could not accommodate all who wishes to book tables, we will look for a larger venue for the autumn. The Randomates (Mah Jong) team retained their title from last year so we may need to handicap them for next time! Thanks to Heather Quiney for setting the questions and scoring as well as Stephen Abbott for acting as a cool quizmaster.

25 new members met some of the committee over tea and cakes on an afternoon in May when questions, suggestions and stories were shared as well as new friendships started or so we hope.

Hilary Jinno Events Manager

Membership Report

For the year 2023/24 we had a total of 605 members, the highest membership number since Dunmow u3a was founded. The total included 103 new members which is also a record.

The membership fee remained at £13 for 2023/24. We aim to keep this as low as possible though we do have a range of fixed costs such as the subscription we pay to the Third Age Trust and the cost of the Beacon system which is used to record member data, Group information and all of the financial data.

Additionally, we have the cost of hall hire and speakers for the monthly meetings at which we continue to offer free refreshments.

Renewals and new member applications for 2024/25 are already breaking records and at the time of writing this report (early May 2023) we have 625 members.

As in previous years our preferred payment method for membership subscriptions is via bank transfer and some 52% of our members used this method. This results in less work for the Membership Secretary and Treasurer. We appreciate, however, that some members do not have this facility or are wary of using this process so we continue to accept cheques and cash.

In the past I have reported that losses had been experienced in the postal system both for subscriptions sent by post and the return of membership cards. This year I am happy to report that these losses have been much lower. The Membership Secretary aims to process membership renewals and new member applications sent via post within 24 hours of receipt so you should receive membership cards within 5 working days of posting a cheque. You can contact the Membership Secretary via the Dunmow u3a website if you feel that there is a problem.

With our high membership numbers, and increasing number of Interest Groups, it is clear that members of Dunmow U3A are very pleased to be associated with an active and caring community that offers the chance to make new friends, socialise at our various events and participate in our Groups.

Terry Parker Membership Secretary

Groups Coordinator's report

We have started some new groups this year: cribbage, pickleball, sequence, an extra luncheon group & wool and waffle as well as leadership of some groups changing. This is always a healthy sign since it is unfair for one person to feel they have the responsibility for ever. It is especially good when the outgoing leader feels able to stay as a member of the group.

Sadly, we had to say farewell to Zumba Gold which after 5 1/2 years had too few members to continue and has closed. Thanks to Rosemary for working hard to keep this running (Mike).

Many thanks to all Group leaders for their hard work and continued support.
Rosemary Jensen Groups Coordinator

Welfare Report

During my first year as Welfare Coordinator we have tried to show more awareness of what people need with our U3a. We have offered transport to our monthly meetings but to date only found one lady wishing to take this up.

For those who find it difficult to hear speakers we now reserve the front two rows for you. Please don't feel embarrassed to make use of these and do bring your friend or partner to sit with you as we are not trying to separate you out but make for a better listening experience. We now send cards of Get Well Soon to those who become seriously ill or facing surgery and condolence cards to a member who loses a partner. If you happen to know someone in this position please let me, Maureen Best know and I will organise an appropriate card. Similarly if help is needed to attend an Outing let me or Pat in the Outings team know.

Maureen Best Welfare Coordinator

New Committee Member

Debbie Miller

Mike Best

Chair

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Chair Report AGM 2023

Our 40th Anniversary events and Afternoon of Entertainment were the highlight of another successful year. Led by Amanda Brown and Heather Quiney who organised and inspired some amazing activity and entertainment. Heather writes more about this below. Our Christmas Party with an enlarged Rock Choir and buffet was wonderful and even had a few members dancing in the aisles literally – great to see! In May we held our Quiz which was attended by about 80 people and afterwards there have been requests that we should have another if possible, later this year. It is always encouraging when members come up and say or email how much they have enjoyed these events because it takes much energy to put such things together.

The real strength of Du3a is of course in the Groups; we have 39 at present ranging from art to Zumba, a testament to the hard-working group leaders without whom we would cease to function. We know they enjoy the activity themselves but my profound thanks to them all as well as my committee colleagues. A good job well done.

40th Anniversary Celebrations (Heather Quiney Publicity and Newsletter)

Back in September 2022, u3a was 40 years old and Dunmow u3a celebrated with a variety of events. We started with an 5-day Exhibition in Dunmow Library of paintings and drawings from our two Art groups. Then many of our interest groups marked the anniversary by tailoring one of their meetings in September to tie in with the u3a colours, the number 40 or hark back to the 1980s, eg the Cycling group planned a ride of over 40km and the Walking group attracted 40 walkers for a choice of 3 Anniversary Walks.

The month was concluded with an Afternoon of Entertainment, attended by almost 200 members, wearing blue, yellow and white. We also welcomed Dunmow's Town Crier, the Mayor of Dunmow and the Regional Trustee for the East of England u3a. Anita Davey arranged an amazing sketch around the life in our u3a with walk on parts for the cyclists, line dancers, walkers and even the committee. The 3-hour programme of entertainment included demonstrations from our Line Dancing and Zumba Gold groups, with talks and presentations from several of our other interest groups. There were also static displays around the theme of the number 40 and the Science group displayed

technology from the early 1980s, complete with Sinclair C5! A couple of our members baked a wonderful celebration cake to toast the occasion.

We used all these activities to promote Dunmow u3a with articles, not only in the local newspaper and neighbouring parish magazines, but also regional and national u3a publications. And to round it all off, we produced a picture booklet to commemorate all that we did to celebrate the milestone.

Groups Coordinator's report (Rosemary Jensen Groups Coordinator)

There have been a few changes this year:

Heather Quiney has replaced Adrian Hoodless as leader of Family History, David Cole has stepped in to lead Geology from Linda Powell on a temporary basis, Julie Coates has replaced Peter Hodge for Mah Jong. Jean Hull is the leader of the new Line Dancing 2 group that started at Easter. The Meet and Greet Lunch Group led by Jackie Carr has closed as has Gentle Exercise. Anita Davey has ran this for several years and special thanks to her for keeping this running through difficult circumstances. Many thanks to all Group leaders for their persistence and continued support.

Dunmow Events (Hilary Jinno Events Manager)

24th June 22 – Quiz in Day Centre A successful evening for all who attended; 9 teams in all and tried the no meal approach for the first time which seemed to work fine leaving people to bring their own food and drink allowing us to reduce the ticket price to cover the hall hire and prizes only. We followed this model in the next quiz.

September 17th – Dunmow carnival – we had a stall on the site with information about Dunmow u3a and the human fruit machine game. Thanks to Mike and Maureen, Shirley and others who gave their time.

December 7th Christmas Party with the Rock Choir in St Mary's church.

We had a good turnout of members who enjoyed the music provided by the Rock Choir followed by refreshments and conversation. Everybody seemed to have a really good time and we are planning to repeat it this year if possible.

Many thanks to the many committee and members who gave their time to set up and run the event, including the refreshment team led by Mary Jensen and too many others to list here, but you know who you are!

Quiz night 12 May 2023 This was very popular and I had to turn teams away as we had a limit of 10 tables/80 people for the venue. On the night we had 71 quizzers (a few expected did not turn up) plus 5 organisers. Winners were a team entered by Julie Coates. It seemed as if members enjoyed the night and I've had positive feedback. We should consider booking a larger hall next time

to increase the number of tables and avoid turning people away (with the challenges that may provide)

New Members welcome meeting 17th May 2023

We had 15 new members for tea and cake in the Dourdan Pavilion and nine committee members who made them very welcome and provided them with information about our u3a. Despite the challenges caused by lack of an urn, Anna and Maureen coped admirably with the provision of hot drinks for everybody. Good feedback from all who attended and said it was very useful.

Outings Report (Pat Jones Outings Coordinator)

First of all, a big thank you to all those u3a members who buy our tickets and support the outings.

The past year has been a busy year for the Dunmow u3a outings team. We started the year with an interesting trip to the Brooklands Motor Museum and followed it up with a wonderful sunny day at Broadstairs. This was particularly popular resulting in several upgrades of coach size to accommodate demand.

The autumn saw us visiting Sutton Hoo and Cambridge to see the farce "Noises Off". We visited Thursford for their "Christmas Spectacular" and then Canterbury for their Christmas Market.

At the request of the Geology and Science groups we visited the British Museum and the De Havilland Museum.

We made two other visits to the theatre at Milton Keynes to see both the Sleeping Beauty and the Mousetrap.

In total we will have done 10 outings from June 2022 up to May 2023. This involved the sale of over 300 places to members.

My thanks to the Geology and Science groups for allowing us to widen access to their outing, to the wider membership.

My thanks also to the outings team who have worked hard to make our outings programme such a success. Our thanks also to Don's Coaches and our "regular" driver Dave for getting us "there and back again".

Membership Report (Terry Parker membership secretary)

For the year 2022/23 we had a total of 577 members, the highest membership number since Dunmow u3a was founded. The total included 85 new members which compares with 89 new members in the previous year.

The membership fee remained at £13 for 2022/23. We aim to keep this as low as possible but we have a range of fixed costs such as the subscription we pay to the Third Age Trust and the cost of the Beacon system which is used to record member data, Group information and all of the financial data.

Additionally, we have the cost of the monthly meetings at which we continue to offer free refreshments.

Early indications from renewals for 2023/24 are encouraging and at the time of writing this report (mid-May 2023) we have 530 members. We continue to attract new members.

As in previous years we encourage members to pay their subscription using the bank transfer process though we appreciate that some members do not have this facility or are wary of using this process so we continue to accept cheques and cash.

With our high membership numbers, it is clear that members of Dunmow U3A are very pleased to be associated with an active and caring community that offers the chance to make new friends, socialise at our various events and participate in our Groups.

New Committee Members

Welfare Coordinator Maureen Best nominated

Other Committee Member TBD

Mike Best

Chair



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
DUNMOW U3A

No (if any)
1168310

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01-Apr-22	To	Period end date 31-Mar-23
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Charitable Funds A/C No 1 to the nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 2 to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	7,566	-	-	7,566	7,839
Gift Aid	1,174	-	-	1,174	1,079
Grants and Donations	202	-	-	202	-
Group Activities	16,056	-	-	16,056	11,328
Ticket Sales	-	14,728	-	14,728	14,881
Refreshments	-	268	-	268	-
Raffle	388	-	-	388	341
Miscellaneous Transactions	32	-	-	32	199
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	25,418	14,996	-	40,414	35,667
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	25,418	14,996	-	40,414	35,667
A3 Payments					
U3A National Fees	4,333	-	-	4,333	3,279
Group Activities	15,543	-	-	15,543	10,104
Ticket Purchases and Transport	-	12,206	-	12,206	13,008
Refreshments	340	899	-	1,239	-
Hall Hire	1,022	-	-	1,022	1,208
Speakers	814	-	-	814	731
Communications	254	-	-	254	622
Publicity	125	-	-	125	-
Stationary	357	-	-	357	500
Welfare	-	-	-	-	30
Miscellaneous Transactions	499	-	-	499	622
Sub total	23,287	13,105	-	36,392	30,104
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	715
Sub total	-	-	-	-	715
Total payments	23,287	13,105	-	36,392	30,819
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,131	1,891	-	4,022	4,848
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	26,521	6,893	-	33,414	28,566
Cash funds this year end	28,652	8,784	-	37,436	33,414

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	Charitable Fund No 1	28,653	-	-
	Charitable Fund No 2	8,784	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	37,437	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Equipment	Charitable No 1	-	503
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Group Activities	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,500	April - July
	u3a National Fees	Charitable No 1	ca. 4,000	April - July
	Outings	Charitable No 2	ca. 3,000	April - July
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J. MARSHALL	28 Apr '23



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

DUNMOW U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1168310

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**Respective
responsibilities of
trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 2. MAY 2023

Name: Peter Hodge

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any): Retired Bank Manager

Address: 

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters have come to my attention during my Independent Examination of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2023 that require disclosure to the Charity Commission.

DUNMOW U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1168310

Accounts

Chair Report AGM 2022

Our 2021 AGM was on Zoom and then in July we met again! Over 100 members came back to Foakes hall to listen to Peter Regelous talking about 'Life on the Road'. Groups and outings have since restarted and we have welcomed many new members. Our Christmas event with Rock Choir and buffet was a resounding success. I have been heartened by all the positive comments I have received but after 3 years it is now time for someone else to take on the role of Chair. Dunmow u3a is an amazing organisation and I plan to continue to support it as well as taking part in walking, wine tasting, family history and flower arranging in between grandparent duties! This is time to say thank you to all those members who have, in any way, contributed to Du3a as we would not survive without our volunteers whether it be committee members or other valuable support. There are too many to name you all! However, I would like to give a very big thank you to Marilyn and Roger Hammond who have tirelessly produced our monthly newsletter since Du3a began. They deserve a rest!

Groups Coordinator's report

The Incident Report Form was updated last June. It has been used on 2 occasions (Garden and Nature Walks) for minor accidents.

The Gentle Exercise group became the Gentle Walking group last Summer due to COVID. It has reverted to Gentle Exercise and there are 2 consecutive groups running. Table tennis started last July and now has 2 large groups. 4 new Luncheon groups emerged during the year. A French speaking group now meets at the Saracens Head. Pilates ran for a short time but a group Leader could not be found. The Chess group failed to start as only 4 members were interested. The Spanish group has now been disbanded, as has Croquet, History, Photography and London Walks due to the Group Leaders not being available.

Potential new groups as a result of the new members' meeting: - Beginners Spanish, German conversation and a 'Tea' group.

The list of groups is updated monthly for inclusion in the monthly Newsletter.

A very successful Relaunch Day was held in September. Thanks to Mike Best for organizing it.

Many thanks to Lucy Myers for all her hard work as Group Support. She stepped down from this post in September.

Appreciation goes to all the Group Leaders for all their hard work through yet another difficult year.

(All Dunmow U3a groups are now meeting face to face).

Rosemary Jensen Groups Coordinator

Outings Report

Last June saw us back on the road. The government lifted the final Covid restrictions, the majority of u3a members had had their second jab and were ready to support our first outing to Blenheim Palace. 36 signing up and enjoyed a marvellous day out.

September saw us enjoying a matinee of Anything Goes with Felicity Kendal, Robert Lindsay and Sutton Forster. It was a memorable performance with both audience and cast delighted to be back at live theatre event.

The rest of 2021 was taken up with a day at the Wimpole estate, an opportunity to indulge in a spot of Christmas shopping at Ely and, back by popular demand, an evening at Kew's Christmas light show.

Despite the Omicron epidemic, the outing to Mathew Bourne's Nutcracker was especially well supported. Group tickets were difficult to get hold of for February events, so we ran two outings in March. One to see Titanic - the Exhibition, and the other to Chicago, the Musical. Our latest trip has been to Penshurst Place and Gardens on a beautiful sunny day.

We have two trips in May. One is to the Living Craft Fair at Hatfield Place. The other is a trip to the Kensington Museums. Both of these outings are open to all members but have been requested by Groups from U3A. They will be run on the day by their group leaders.

In total we will have done 9 outings from June 2021 up to May 2022. This involved the sale of over 300 places to members.

I would like to express my thanks to all the outings team, past and present and to the group leaders. They have worked extremely hard to make our outings programme such a success.

Pat Jones Outings Coordinator

U3a Events

Emerging from another Covid Lockdown, people were hesitant to come back to Group activity and so we thought "Why not hold a Group Refresh Day" where we could set up stalls for each Group and remind members what we have to offer. A few non-members also came along with a friend and a small number joined but the real success was with our members. We filled the Foakes hall with stands, the Refreshment team served us free drinks and cake courtesy of kind volunteers. Each Group recorded new members as well as starting up an added luncheon group, a short walk sub-group, a second golf group and the French speaking group restarted. Dunmow U3a was buzzing again!

Several of our members belong to choirs of varying levels of seriousness and the Rock Choir appeals to many. So for our Christmas Party because we were unable to book the Foakes hall, we used St Mary's church instead. Rock Choirs from around the area came together under Adam Henriksen's baton, sang a programme of Christmas songs for us. During an extended interval, we had a buffet spread of party foods and hot drinks. We had a great turnout and the Rock Choir did us proud, so much so that we are going to repeat the event in December this year, so put it in your diary now, Wednesday Dec 7 at 2pm.

There have been many quizzes organized this year so U3a waited until there was a lull which found us in the Rowena Davey Day Centre on June 24, last Friday in fact at the day of this meeting so as I write this, we are still organizing it but I'm sure it will be well supported!

This will have been the last Event arranged by myself as I hand the role over to Hiliary Jinno. She has some different ideas to try out on you and I'm sure you will support her as you have me and I will too as I step into my new role whatever that might be.

Mike Best Events Manager

Membership Report For the year 2021/22 we had 89 new members join us, this compares to 54 new members in the previous year. In total we had 574 members which was slightly higher than the year before.

The membership fee remained at £13 for 2021/22. We aim to keep this as low as possible but we have a number of fixed costs such as the subscription we pay to the Third Age Trust and the cost of the system which is used to process and store member data, group information and all of the financial data (Beacon).

Early indications from renewals for 2022/23 are encouraging and we continue to attract new members.

We continue to experience some problems with cheque renewals being lost in the post though not as bad as the previous year. We encourage members to pay their subscription using the bank transfer process though we appreciate that some members do not have this facility and we will continue to accept cheques and cash.

The Membership Secretary aims to renew members and send membership cards the same, or at latest, the day following receipt of your payment. If you have not received new cards within 5 days of posting your cheque then something is probably wrong. You can contact the Membership Secretary via the Dunmow u3a website if you feel there is a problem.

With our high membership numbers, it is clear that members of Dunmow U3A are very pleased to be associated with an active and caring community that extends to helping others who may require extra support at this time.

Terry Parker Membership Secretary

***Trustee Resignations**

Carol Yarwood Treasurer

Jane Tadman Chair

*Sandra Walker did not take on a trustee role as stated in 2021 report.

New Committee Members

Ian Marshall Treasurer

Heather Quiney Newsletter Editor

Hilary Jinno Events

Committee Minutes - Phil Garrison has taken over this role from Maureen Best

Finally, it has been a pleasure to play a part in the running of Du3a and I wish our new Chair every success for the future.

Jane Tadman
Chair

Charity Name DUNMOW U3A	No (if any) 1168310
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Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01 April 2021	To	Period end date 31 March 2022
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Charitable Funds A/C no 1 to the nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C no 2 to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership subscriptions	7839		-	7,839	6,292
Grants			-	-	
Raffle	341		-	341	
Group Activities	11,328		-	11,328	521
Miscellaneous transactions	119	80		199	317
Ticket Sales		14,881	-	14,881	4,945
Gift Aid	1,079	-	-	1,079	1,420
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	20,706	14,961	-	35,667	13,495
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	20,706	14,961	-	35,667	13,495
A3 Payments					
Stationery	500		-	500	613
Hall Hire and refreshments	1,208		-	1,208	14
Speakers	731		-	731	445
Miscellaneous transactions	530	92	-	622	1,033
U3A National Fees	3,279		-	3,279	3,765
Ticket purchases & transport		13,008	-	13,008	5,702
Group Activities	10,104		-	10,104	536
Communications	622		-	622	26
Conference & training			-	-	
Welfare	30		-	30	
Sub total	17,004	13,100	-	30,104	12,134
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Equipment	715	-	-	715	34
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	715	-	-	715.00	34
Total payments	17,719	13,100	-	30,819	12,168
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,987	1,861	-	4,848	1,327
A5 Transfers between funds			-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	23,534	5,032	-	28,566	27,239
Cash funds this year end	26,521	6,893	-	33,414	28,566

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

Categories	Details	Charitable Fund No 1 to nearest £	Charitable Fund No 2 to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Charitable fund no 1	26,521	6,893	-
	Charitable fund no 2			-
	Total cash funds	26,521	6,893	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
	Petty Cash		-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
		0	-	
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Equipment	Charitable		
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	Group Activities	Charitable	3,850	autumn2022
	u3a national fees	Charitable	4,340	april 22
	outings	Charitable	1,426	may/june 22
		Charitable		
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
Treasurer				



Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

DUNMOW U3A

On accounts for the year ended

31 March 2022

Charity no (if any)

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Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed by Peter Hodge on 6.5.22

6.5.22

Signed:

Date:

Peter Hodge

Name:

Retired Bank Manager

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

4 Millers Croft

Address:

Great Dunmow, Essex

CM6 2AW

Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

No matters have come to my attention during my Independent Examination of the accounts for the year ending 31 March 2022 that require disclosure to the Charity Commission.