



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
DUNMOW U3A

No (if any)
1168310

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

Period start date
01-Apr-23

To

Period end date
31-Mar-24

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	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
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	Agreement Error

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		-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

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

Date of approval

NOT PUBLIC

I. Marshall

29 APR '24



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 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1168310

Set out on pages

1 and 2

**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:

NOT PUBLIC

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

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 2024 that require disclosure to the Charity Commission.

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 wished 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