

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



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
DUNMOW U3A

No (if any)
1168310

Receipts and payments accounts

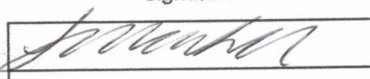
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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01-Apr-24		31-Mar-25

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

Categories	Details	Charitable Funds A/C No 1 to nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 2 to nearest £	Charitable Funds A/C No 3 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
	(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	None	-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	None			
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	None			
B5 Liabilities	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

**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.

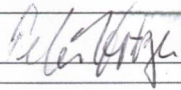
**Basis of independent
examiner's statement**

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: 6 JULY 2025

Name: Peter Hodge

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

Retired Bank Manager

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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.