

Annual General Meeting, April 9th, 2025

Owing to personal circumstances the Chairman is not available to produce the Annual report for 2024. The summary report has been produced on his behalf.

Membership Growth: Membership increased from 689 to 718, a growth of 4%

Convenor conference:

- The conference was held in May at Slough & Langley College.
- Attended by 75 convenors and committee members.
- A talk and workshop on "Learning Revisited" was facilitated by Dr Peter Honey.
- College catering and hospitality students gained valuable experience through preparing and serving a three-course lunch to those attending.

Interest Groups and events:

- A number of new groups were created including: Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Having Fun with Puzzles, Thinking Inside the Box and Beginners Ukulele.
- Some groups closed including: Music from a Desert Island and Gardening.
- Throughout the year, an interesting variety of speakers at our monthly meeting gave a series of informative and entertaining talks on such topics as 1940, The Defining Year of WW2, and Secrets, Scandals and Salacious Gossip of the Royal Court 1660-1830.
- More than 20 Explore London trips were held providing opportunities to learn about the history, architecture and industrial heritage of the city.
- At the Christmas event, members exercised their singing and dancing skills at a Tea Dance, which also featured a quiz and was attended by almost 100 members. Feedback indicated that it was well received.
- A number of educational coach trips were run during the year, either directly by Windsor u3a or via third parties: for example to learn about the history, architecture and flora of National Trust properties; to learn about the life and works of Leonardo Da Vinci and the history and architecture of a number of French chateaux.

Publicising Windsor u3a.

- A number of steps have been taken to publicise our organisation and make prospective members aware of the opportunities to meet new people and learn new skills. ○ 12 members volunteered to help publicise Windsor u3a at Eton Action Fair. ○ We now feature in the Windsor Directory.

Local Coffee Mornings Our "Come and Meet Each Other" (CAMEO) Groups – continue to be highly successful. Open to all, providing an opportunity to foster connections and friendships among our members.

Committee Retirement: Peter Todd and Derek Gadd are both retiring from the committee at the AGM in April 2025. The committee would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment during their tenures.

Appreciation: The committee wish to thank convenors and volunteers for their dedication and efforts. Without them there would be no u3a.

Produced on behalf of Peter Todd, Chairman, Windsor and District u3a

Treasurer's Report – Year ended 31st December 2024

The total surplus for the year (receipts less payments) was £1,741. This spans all our activities: our operations; groups operating through the bank account; social activities and groups operating in cash.

Operations

In our budget for the year, we planned to make a small loss of £268.

Whilst the surplus from our operational activity was only £157, we added a total of £446 to our operational reserves because our educational trips were extremely popular and generated an additional surplus of £289 which also passed to our reserves.

Once again, we saw an overall increase in membership, rising to 718 at the end of December compared to 689 for 2023 (+4%)

Groups operating through the bank account

Groups' funds should tend to zero but for 2024, we saw a surplus of £1,058.

This is because we base our accounts statement on money flowing in and out of our bank account and during the year, we received money for groups' activities but have not yet received (or paid) the corresponding group invoices; over £1,000 is yet to be paid out.

Social activity

Social activity funds should also net to around zero, but this year we show a surplus of £475. This is because the mystery tour proved incredibly popular! The Committee has decided to ring fence this amount in our overall reserves to provide flexibility in organising future social events.

Cash groups

Finally, cash groups show a small surplus of £51 for the year; these are ring fenced funds accrued in 2024 for use in 2025.

Looking forward to 2025

In 2025, we aim to make a sizeable loss to reduce our operational reserves.

Windsor u3a Receipts and Payments - to 31st December 2024

	Year End 31/12/2024	Year End 31/12/2023
	£	£
Operational Receipts		
HMRC Gift Aid	1,468	1,292
Membership (718 paid up at 31/12/2024)	9,650	9,268
Miscellaneous	849	442
Total	11,967	11,002
Operational Payments		
Administration	394	124
Beacon levy	618	591
Convener conference	2,785	2,147
Equipment	245	98
Gardeners Hall Events	1,276	1,644
Membership fee to 3rd Age Trust	2,480	2,360
Miscellaneous outgoings	421	248
National conference expenses	-	-
New Members Meetings	312	120
Newsletter, printing and postage	1,261	984
Paypal and credit card fees	148	155
Speaker fees	900	920
Third Age Matters	969	1,001
Total	11,810	10,393
Operating surplus/deficit	157	609
Other activity		
Groups Income	11,071	3,776
Groups payments	10,014	3,813
Groups surplus /deficit	1,058	-37
Cash groups income	7,951	6,221
Cash groups payments	7,900	6,096
Cash groups surplus/deficit	51	125
Social events/outings income	1,375	10,974
Social events/outings	900	13,656
Social events/outings surplus/deficit	475	-2,682
Total Surplus/Deficit	1,741	-1,984
Opening balance	14,723	16,706
Closing balance	16,464	14,723
Represented by		
Bank balance	15,618	13,928
Paypal balance	-	-
Zettle balance	-	-
Groups cash	846	795
Total	16,464	14,723
Year End balance includes		
Operational Reserves	14,332	13,411
Group Funds - Explorer 2	57	248
Group Funds - Flower Arranging	15	-
Group Funds - Insight Lecture	220	-
Group Funds - Old Bailey Lecture	120	-
Group Funds - Quiz	81	181
Group Funds - Short Mat Bowls	576	-
Group Funds - Standen House	17	-
Group Funds - Table Tennis	201	87
Cash Funds - Local History	670	675
Cash Funds - Scrabble	106	40
Cash Funds - Singing for Fun	102	44
Cash Funds - Tea & Jazz	-115	11
Cash Funds - UKE3a	42	25
Cash Funds - 60s & 70s	41	-
Total	16,464	14,723

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of the Windsor U3A

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024 which are set out attached.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. You, as the Trustees, consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 but that an independent examination is needed under that 2011 Act.

It is my responsibility:

- 1) To examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- 2) To follow the procedures laid down in the general directions of the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) of the 2011 Act and
- 3) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept 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 you as the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all 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 matter 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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts in accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 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



Eunice Stone, 10 Fairlight Avenue, Windsor SL4 3AL

DATED 27th January 2025