

RETFORD U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1171852

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2017-03-01

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

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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 IN RETFORD AND IT'S SURROUNDING LOCALITY.

Activities: To advance the education of middle-aged and older people who are not in full time gainful employment. The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£40,641	£37,728	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,053	£33,351	-	-
2023-03-31	£27,152	£18,311	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,385	£4,808	-	-
2021-03-31	£4,535	£6,750	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Philippa Margaret Ramsay	Chair	2022-04-28
Patrica Lockett		2024-04-25
Patricia Elizabeth Everitt		2021-03-25
Rosemary Goodwin		2025-04-24
Ruth Edwards		2025-04-24

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2024		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

19 OAKDALE ROAD
RETFORD
NOTTS
Postcode <input type="text" value="DN22 7GX"/>

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	PIPPA RAMSAY	CHAIR		
2	BRYAN GLADSTONE	VICE CHAIR		
3	PATRICIA EVERITT	TREASURER		
4	ROSEMARY GOODWIN	DEPUTY TREASURER	FROM 1/10/2024	Retford u3a officers
5	PAMELA MANN	SECRETARY		
6	PAT LOCKETT	MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY		
7	CAROL KNOWLES	GROUP COORDINATOR		
8	CAROLINE MARSH	GROUP COORDINATOR		
9	LORRAINE SULMAN	SPEAKER FINDER		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution adopted 24 th April 2025
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	An unincorporated members association and a member of the Third Age Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of Retford u3a is open to all people who are no longer in full time employment in Retford and the surrounding area.

The U3A has a structured organizational framework that includes:
National Body: The Third Age Trust oversees all U3As in the UK, providing educational and administrative support.
Governance: The Trust is governed by a Board of Trustees and an elected U3A Council, which acts as a conduit between the membership and the Board.
Independent Groups: Retford U3A operates as an independent charity, self-financing and managing its own activities, which can cover a wide range of topics such as arts, languages, and physical activity.
Mutual Aid: U3A members promote lifelong learning and support each other, with no qualifications sought or offered.
This structure ensures that U3A members can engage in learning and social activities that suit their interests and needs.

The Third Age Trust, of which Retford u3a is a member, provides advice, guidance, policies and procedures for the conduct of Retford u3a.

Membership of Retford u3a is by annual subscription and a proportion of that is paid to The Third Age Trust for that guidance and also insurance etc.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration or other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Encouraging older people to engage in educational and cultural activities.
Providing opportunities for ongoing education through self-help learning.
Creating a social network for those with similar interests.
Promoting lifelong learning and the value of belonging to a u3a.
Supporting the growth of the u3a movement and raising its profile

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Retford u3a has a regular Coffee Morning where prospective members can come meet members of the committee and talk about joining and group activities available to them. Creating new groups is actively promoted.

In addition a Monthly Meeting is held which is open to existing and potential new members, with Group Leaders and the committee members available to offer information and guidance

A monthly newsletter "Idle Times" is distributed to members along with a monthly article in the Retford Life magazine publicising our activities, joining and contact details which is distributed to all household across Retford and local villages

The activities and interest groups are split into various types and open to all members with the range allowing for different levels of physical or mental ability, and are run and organised by members.

A friendly environment and mutual respect is actively encouraged.
New group ideas are trialled or launched if there is sufficient interest.

The Trustees have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and believe that this is satisfied as the Association is non-profit making as any surplus is used in future years to support its charitable objectives and purposes.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You may choose to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

All groups are operated under a self funding policy

Retford u3a volunteers play a crucial role in the organization, contributing to its mission of lifelong learning and community engagement. They are involved in various activities, including:

Organizing and running interest groups and events, which are essential for the U3A's functioning.

Contribution made by Retford u3a are:

Leading discussions and facilitating learning experiences, ensuring that members can learn together.

Providing support to new members and helping to create a welcoming environment for all.

Engaging in community activities, which fosters connections and personal growth among members.

Overall, Retford u3a volunteers are instrumental in making the organization vibrant and inclusive, contributing to the well-being and learning of its members.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Retford u3a has offered around 44 different groups to its members including book, language, history, creative writing, outdoor activities, card games and various musical groups.

In addition some of the groups have offered excursions to places of interest related to their groups activities.

All groups are led by volunteers

Membership has grown from 501 to 554, from April 2024 to March 2025.

Quarterly Big Night Out at Retford Golf Club is offered to all members consisting of a meal and Quiz.

Monthly afternoon subsidised cinema tickets are available from The Savoy Cinema in Worksop for members and this is advertised at The General Meeting and the monthly News Letter.

A Monthly General Meeting with guest speaker covering a wide variety of subjects is open to all, tea and coffee is available along with group leaders and committee members to provide information and advice to members.

A monthly newsletter to all members with updates on group activities, information about future events, and an update from the Chair covering local interests.

A guidance pack has been distributed to all group leaders

Our website provides information about all our activities and how to join. All Leaders invite prospective new members to come along and try the group before committing to it.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Retford u3a maintains a reserve to allow the charity to continuing operating for up to 12 months should any event occur that affects funding, such as a pandemic, or other un foreseen events.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

N/a

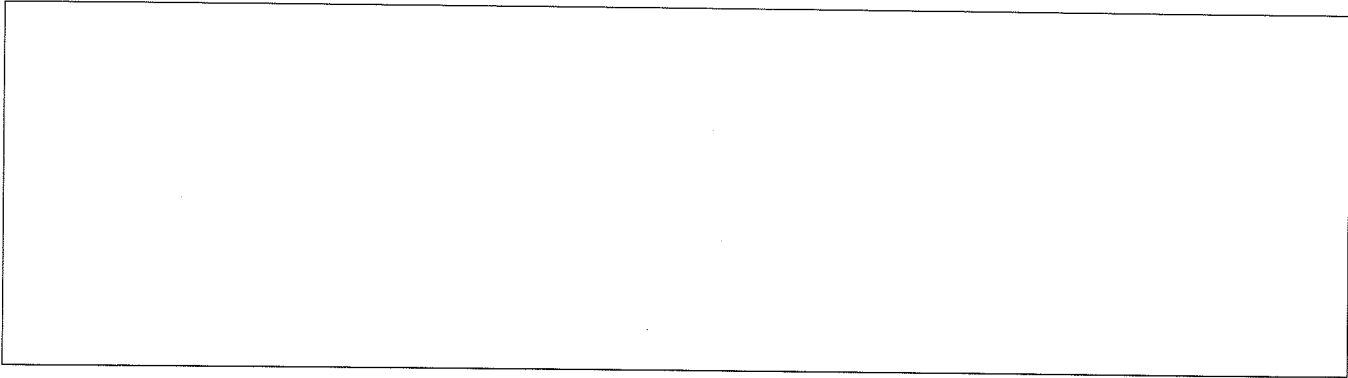
Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information



Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	P. M. Ramsay	R Goodwin
Full name(s)	Pippa Ramsay	Rosemary Goodwin
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	7/1/26	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Retford u3a

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2024		31.03.2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	11,310	-	-	11,310	9,140
Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Refreshments @ The Well	410	-	-	410	320
Interest Groups - receipts from group members	-	20,629	-	20,629	21,563
Miscellaneous Income & Refunds	200	7,592	-	7,792	7,880
Grant Income	500	-	-	500	150
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	12,420	28,221	-	40,641	39,053
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	12,420	28,221	-	40,641	39,053
A3 Payments					
Repairs	10	-	-	10	-
Room Rentals	1,585	-	-	-	-
Refreshments @ The Well	610	-	-	-	-
Stationery	66	-	-	-	-
Printer Ink	225	-	-	-	-
Postage	7	-	-	-	-
Cards - Sympathy/Birthday	-	-	-	-	-
Expenses	137	-	-	-	-
Capitation/Affiliation Fees	2,141	-	-	-	-
Direct Mail	849	-	-	-	-
Merchandise Purchases	610	-	-	-	-
Speakers	584	-	-	-	-
Website	44	-	-	-	-
Beacon	555	-	-	555	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	434	-
Sundries	434	-	-	29,871	33,351
Interest Groups - Payments	-	29,871	-	29,871	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	7,857	29,871	-	37,728	33,351
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Laptops	340	-	-	340	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	340	-	-	340	727
Total payments	8,197	29,871	-	38,068	34,078

<i>Net of receipts/(payments)</i>	4,223	- 1,650	-	2,573	4,975
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	17,490	14,894	-	32,384	32,384
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	21,713	13,244	-	34,957	37,359

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	Cash at bank	21,624	13,244	-
		89	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	21,713	13,244	-

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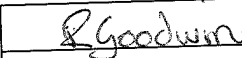

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Deposit account	1,228	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	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	Computers & Printers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Projectors & Pointers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Screens	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Craft equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Display Boards & Banners	Unrestricted	-	-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Rosemary Goodwin	09/01/2026
	Pippa Ramsay	09/01/2026



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

RETTFORD U3a

On accounts for the year ended

MARCH 2025

Charity no (if any)

1171852

Set out on pages

1

(Remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2025

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Independent examiner's statement

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

[Signature]

Date:

6 Jan 2026

Name:

ADRIAN SUMNER

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

N/A

Address:

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NOTTS DN22 7NL

RETFORD U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1171852

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.2023	To	Period end date 31.03.2024
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	9,140	-	-	9,140	9,510
Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Refreshments @ The Well	320	-	-	320	489
Interest Groups - receipts from group members	-	21,563	-	21,563	13,245
Miscellaneous Income & Refunds	50	7,830	-	7,880	3,908
Grant Income	150	-	-	150	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,660	29,393	-	39,053	27,152
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,660	29,393	-	39,053	27,152
A3 Payments					
Repairs	13	-	-	13	-
Room Rentals	1,350	-	-	-	-
Refreshments @ The Well	470	-	-	-	-
Stationery	65	-	-	-	-
Printer Ink	161	-	-	-	-
Postage	10	-	-	-	-
Cards - Sympathy/Birthday Expenses	109	-	-	-	-
Capitation/Affiliation Fees	1,986	-	-	-	-
Direct Mail	843	-	-	-	-
Merchandise Purchases	86	-	-	-	-
Speakers	340	-	-	-	-
Website	42	-	-	-	-
Beacon	522	-	-	522	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	170	-	-	170	-
Interest Groups - Payments	-	27,184	-	27,184	18,311
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,167	27,184	-	33,351	18,311
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
Laptops	727	-	-	727	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	727	-	-	727	-
Total payments	6,894	27,184	-	34,078	18,311
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,766	2,209	-	4,975	8,841
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	14,724	12,685	-	27,409	18,568
Cash funds at year end	17,490	14,894	-	32,384	15,012

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	Cash at bank	17,401	14,894	-
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	Total cash funds	17,490	14,894	-
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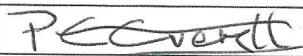
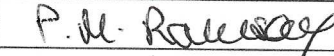
Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Deposit account	1,205	-	-
		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
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		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computers & Printers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Projectors & Pointers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Screens	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Craft equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Display Boards & Banners	Unrestricted	-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Patricia Everitt	23.01.25
	Pippa Ramsay	23.01.25



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

RETFORD U3A

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31st MARCH 2024

**Charity no
(if any)**

Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March 2024.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. 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:

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- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:

Date:

11/01/2025

Name:

Adrian Sumner

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

Address:

8 Babworth Crescent

Retford Notts

DN22 7NL



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date			Period end date				
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	04	2023		31	03	2024

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Retford u3a

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1171852

Charity's principal address

19 Oakdale Road
Retford
Notts
Postcode DN22 7GX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Pippa Ramsay	Chair		
2	Bryan Gladstone	Vice Chair		
3	Pamela Mann	Secretary		
4	Patricia Everitt	Treasurer		
5	Pat Lockett	Membership Secretary		
6	Caroline Marsh	Group Co-ordinator		
7	Carol Knowles	Group Co-ordinator		
8	Lorraine Sulman	Speaker Finder		
9	Sue Paul	Social Secretary		
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	Constitution, adopted 25 th April 2024
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	An unincorporated members association and a member of the Third Age Trust
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
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The Third Age Trust, of which Retford u3a is a member, provides advice, guidance, policies and procedures for the conduct of Retford u3a.

Membership of Retford u3a is by annual subscription and a proportion of that is paid to The Third Age Trust for that guidance and also insurance etc.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration of other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of Retford u3a is the advancement of education, and in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the course of the year monthly 'speaker' meetings are held and attended by perhaps 85 to 90 members each time. At the end of this accounting period there were 555 members, which we are pleased to report is very close to our pre-pandemic numbers

The talks cover a wide range of topics, and there is also time for the members to socialise and meet a number of our Interest group leaders too.

By the end of the period our Interest Groups had risen in number from 36 to 44. Membership of the groups is open to all members of Retford u3a and subjects range from book groups to language, arts and crafts, physical activities, hobbies and social activities. New groups this year have included a making music group, a new history group, a 'brush up your French' group, how to use an air fryer and beginners Bridge.

Groups are run by members and raise their own funds from their membership for hall hire or materials or group trips and these funds are held in accounts separate from those of Retford u3a and kept as restricted funds for use of the individual groups only.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During u3a week, in September, we held an open afternoon at Retford Library to showcase to the public what the u3a has to offer. We advertised the event on market day, and it was well attended, with new members joining as a result. We are always keen to widen awareness of the u3a and encourage participation in our many activities.

In addition, 44 interest groups, following the ethos of shared, participative and self-help learning were active during the course of the year, resulting not only in an increase in knowledge, but also a supportive, inclusive and friendly atmosphere which enables everyone to participate.

A members newsletter, The Not so Idle Times, is created each month and distributed to members by email, with hard copy available at the monthly meetings. This provides the members with information about what is happening in Retford u3a, in the wider Third Age Trust and also highlights activities of the interest groups.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

During the course of this financial year, by keeping close check on expenditure and because of healthy membership renewals and recruitment we were able to maintain the level of reserve we have built up to protect us from the impact of external forces like the pandemic

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

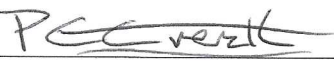

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Patricia Everitt	Pippa Ramsay
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date	23.01.25.	

RETFORD U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1171852

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2022		Day 31	Month 03	Year 2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Retford u3a

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1171852

Charity's principal address

19 Oakdale Road
Retford
Notts
Postcode DN22 7GX

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Bryan Gladstone	Chair		
2	Pamela Mann	Secretary		
3	Patricia Everitt	Treasurer		
4	Sue Paul	Membership Secretary		
5	Carol Knowles	Joint Group Co-ordinator		
6	Caroline Marsh	Joint Group Co-ordinator		
7	Pippa Ramsay	Speaker Finder		
8				
9				

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution, adopted 25 th March 2021
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	An unincorporated members association and a member of the Third Age Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Trustees are appointed or re-appointed annually at the Annual General Meeting held in April

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Membership of Retford u3a is open to people no longer in full time employment in Retford and the surrounding area.

The Third Age Trust, of which Retford u3a is a member, provides advice, guidance, policies and procedures for the conduct of Retford u3a.

Membership of Retford u3a is by annual subscription and a proportion of that is paid to The Third Age Trust for that guidance and also insurance etc.

All trustees give their time voluntarily and receive no remuneration of other benefits.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of Retford u3a is the advancement of education, and in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

During the course of the year monthly 'speaker' meetings are held and attended by perhaps 100 members each time. At the end of this accounting period there were 489 full members 19 Associate members and 16 Honorary members

The talks cover a wide range of topics, from local history to matters of particular interest to the demographic of the membership. There is also a time for members to socialise and a number of our Interest Groups are also represented at the meetings.

We were particularly keen to encourage people to return to attending our monthly meetings, after the restrictions of the Pandemic period, and to resume full engagement with our Interest Groups.

By the end of the period the number of Interest Groups had risen to 36 with membership ranging from 120, in the case of the Gardening Group to perhaps just eight or nine in the case of our Poetry Group for example. Membership of all the Interest Groups is open to all members of Retford u3a and subjects range from book groups to a range of craft activities, walking and cycling, history, painting, poetry, photography, gardening and flower arranging. Interest groups raise funds from their membership to cover their costs of Hall Hire, refreshments and materials etc. and in some cases to take their groups out to places of interest, and these funds are held in accounts separate from those of Retford u3a and kept as restricted funds for use of the individual groups only.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

During the course of the year eleven monthly 'speaker' meetings were held, open to all members of Retford u3a.

In addition, 36 interest groups, following the ethos of shared, participative and self-help learning were active during the course of the year, resulting not only in an increase in knowledge, but also a supportive, inclusive and friendly atmosphere which enables everyone to participate.

A members newsletter, The Not so Idle Times, is created each month and distributed to members by email, with hard copy available at the monthly meetings. This provides the members with information about what is happening in Retford u3a, in the wider Third Age Trust and also highlights activities of the interest groups.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

During the course of this financial year, by keeping close check on expenditure and because of healthy membership renewals and recruitment we were able to redress much of the loss of revenue experienced during the restrictions of the pandemic period.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Patricia Everitt	Bryan Gladstone
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chair
Date		



Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.04.2022		31.03.2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership Subscriptions	9,510	-	-	9,510	-
Merchandise Sales	-	-	-	-	-
Refreshments @ The Well	489	-	-	489	-
Interest Groups - receipts from group members	-	13,245	-	13,245	-
Miscellaneous Income & Refunds	-	3,908	-	3,908	-
Grant Income	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,999	17,153	-	27,152	15,398
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	9,999	17,153	-	27,152	15,398
A3 Payments					
Repairs	-	-	-	-	-
Room Rentals	1,284	-	-	1,284	-
Refreshments @ The Well	436	-	-	436	-
Stationery	122	-	-	122	-
Printer Ink	132	-	-	132	-
Postage	8	-	-	8	-
Cards - Sympathy/Birthday Expenses	10	-	-	10	-
Capitation/Affiliation Fees	1,464	-	-	1,464	-
Direct Mail	-	-	-	-	-
Merchandise Purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Speakers	285	-	-	285	-
Website	33	-	-	33	-
Beacon	550	-	-	550	-
Petty Cash	-	-	-	-	-
Sundries	280	-	-	280	-
Interest Groups - Payments	-	13,707	-	13,707	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,604	13,707	-	18,311	11,816
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,604	13,707	-	18,311	11,816
Net of receipts/(payments)	5,395	3,446	-	8,841	3,582

A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	9,329	9,239	-	18,568	14,986
<i>Cash funds this year end</i>	14,724	12,685	-	27,409	18,568

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	Cash at bank	14,635	12,684	-
	Cash in hand	89	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	14,724	12,684	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	Agreement Error	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Deposit Account	1,184	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

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

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Computers & Printers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Projectors & Pointers	Unrestricted	-	-
	Screens	Unrestricted	-	-
	Audio Equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Craft equipment	Unrestricted	-	-
	Display Boards & Banners	Unrestricted	-	-
				-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Patricia Everitt	6.2.24
	Bryan Gladstone	6.2.24



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

**Report to the trustees/
members of**

Charity Name
RETFORD U3a

**On accounts for the year
ended**

31.03.2023	Charity no (if any)	1171852
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Set out on pages

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/03/2023.

**Responsibilities and
basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

**Independent
examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination. 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:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed: 

Date: 04.02.2024

Name: ADRIAN SUMNER

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

Address:

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