



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1/4/2024 Period start date To 31/3/2025 Period end date

Charity name: St Austell U3A

Charity registration number: 1174637

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	St Austell U3A continues to promote the values of the UK National U3A organisation. These values are captured in "Learn, Laugh, Live" where activities targeting education for the retired community are actively encouraged.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>St Austell carries this out by operating 40 Interest Groups. They are accessed by the local community primarily at our rented suite of meeting rooms in St Austell.</p> <p>A smaller number of groups meet at other commercial premises more suited to the needs of the group such as dancing, or the library for one of our book groups.</p> <p>There is a good mix of both physically active interest groups such as Tai Chi and Line Dancing; and groups which are easily accessible to those with mobility issues. Book Clubs are particularly popular, and the high numbers expressing interest means that four groups are now running.</p> <p>More intellectually demanding groups such as Bridge, Mah Jong and languages are successful; and for the able bodied there are both short walk and long walking groups.</p> <p>Painting, singing, and ukulele groups address the needs of artistically inclined members.</p> <p>New groups are always starting up those in the pipeline for later in the year include Cribbage, Knitting & Crochet, and Science.</p> <p>St Austell U3A recognises the issues faced by older people who live on their own and two Interest Groups have now been set up specifically to address this. "Members on their own."</p>

		<p>New groups often get created through the members' coffee morning networking activities that take place twice a month, and through presentations by specialists in their field which have included:</p> <p>The Work of Mercy Ships Listening to the Enemy (Bletchley Park outstation in St Erth) Go Beyond Charity The History of Cornwall</p> <p>Wine Group events included: Wine Quiz night Visit to local vineyard Visits to local wine merchants Summer Garden Party</p> <p>The Theatre Group have enjoyed a variety of outings including: Johnny Cowing at the Arts Centre Guys and Dolls at the Keay Theatre Murder Mystery on the Bodmin and Wenford Railway A Night with the Stars at the Keay Theatre Magic of the Musicals at the Keay Evita at the Arts Centre Backstage tour of Hall for Cornwall Christmas lunch at Lanhydrock Golf Club Hairspray at Hall for Cornwall Conclave at White River Cinema Queen Tribute act at the Arts Centre</p> <p>Social Events included: Killerton House and Gardens (NT) Train to Falmouth Geevor Tin Mine tour South Devon Railway and Buckfast Abbey Waverley Paddle Steamer Tiverton Canal, Horse-drawn Barge Trevaskis Farm and Paradise Park Nautical entertainment and Shanty Band Christmas Lights mystery tour 10 Pin Bowling Beetle Drive</p> <p>Our annual Christmas Party is always well attended with a selection of groups showcasing their talents for all to enjoy.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	St Austell U3A attracts older members of our community who are no longer in full-time employment or raising a family. We are an inclusive organisation that welcomes people from all ethnic groups and walks of life, our groups include social activities to bring people together to help alleviate the effects of loneliness thus promoting mental health and physical wellbeing.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising		

activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Refer to summary annual accounts and audit statement.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No policy on holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Annual subscriptions and fees for usage of premises.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		St Austell U3A is a subsidiary of the national U3A.
Type of governing document (trust deed , royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association , CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Election at the Annual General Meeting or co-opted during the year as vacancies arise.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	St Austell U3A
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1174637
Charity's principal address	11 Hollow Burrow View St Austell PL25 3GH

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	Chris Scott	Treasurer	April '24 – July '24	AGM
2	Heather Lovegrove	Treasurer	August '24 – March '25	AGM
3	Carol Folley	Minutes Secretary		AGM
4	Joan Hooper	Asst Mem'ship Sec		AGM
5	Jenny Skipp	Membership Sec		AGM
6	Lucinda Davison	Chair	April '24 – July '24	AGM
7	Chris Crane	Chair; Web site and media	August '24 – March '25	AGM
8	Richard Ash	Secretary		AGM
9	Chris Timmins	Groups Co-ordinator		AGM
10	Elaine Linaker	Vice Chair/web site	October '24 – March '25	AGM
11	Kim Robertson	Safeguarding	October '24 – March '25	AGM
12	Mark Stephenson	Speaker Co-ordinator	October '24 – March '25	AGM
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

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Full name(s)

Heather Evelyn Lovegrove

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Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Treasurer

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Date

4/10/2025

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St Austell U3A - Summary Annual Accounts 2024-2025

Main Account Opening Balance	£22,319.16
Income	
Memberships	£8,740.00
Donation Riviera Travel	£251.82
Donation Xmas CDs	£45.00
Donation Earl (Overpaid Subs)	£20.00
Donation Christadelphians	£100.00
PPCs	£4,541.00
Inter account transfer	£3.35
Total Income	£13,701.17
Expenditure	
Arts Centre Rent	£7,713.00
Zoom	£187.08
Web site	£230.40
Speaker Expenses	£180.00
Web calendar plug in	£40.38
U3A membership fee	£1,416.00
U3A Licence	£372.00
TAM magazine	£826.88
Office Supplies	£76.15
Postage	£22.25
Lanyards & Wallets	£99.43
Technology (IQ-N2 VISU)	£103.52
Storage Boxes	£65.00
Office Printer	£237.97
Padlocks	£28.98
Office keys	£24.00
Small Tables	£68.38
Office Blind	£18.00
Fleeces	£451.20
Catering & Xmas Party	£117.93
Extension Lead	£15.00
Gifts for Long Serving Members	£65.25
	£12,358.80
Closing Balance	£23,661.53

Social Group Account	
Opening Balance	£3,711.39
Income	£9,844.45
Expenditure	£9,651.40
Closing Balance	£3,904.44

Theatre Group Account	
Opening Balance	£407.53
Income	£8,236.50
Expenditure	£7,108.52
Closing Balance	£1,535.51

Wine Group Account	
Opening Balance	£1,737.79
Income	£5,566.00
Expenditure	£5,734.69
Closing Balance	£1,569.10

Totals	
Opening Balance	£28,175.87
Income	£37,348.12
Expenditure	£34,853.41
Closing Balance	£30,670.58

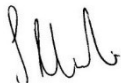
St. Austell U3A
Independent Verification of Annual Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

I have examined the financial records of St. Austell U3A and confirm that the Financial Statements have been prepared accurately and that the Statement of Funds at the 31 March 2025 is as follows:

Total funds **£30,670.58**

Comprising:

Account name	Account number	Balance
Main account	33697363	£23,661.53
Social Group	63651363	£3,904.44
Theatre Group	03844102	£1,535.51
Wine Group	23132568	£1,569.10

Signed: 

Date: 12 April 2025

Honorary Auditor

Penlee, Chapel Hill, Sticker, P26 7HG