

TEESDALE U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1176746

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-01-19

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

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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 Teesdale and surrounding locality.

Activities: For persons not in full time employment, over 18 years old. To promote the values of lifelong learning. Form interest groups covering a wide range of topics and activities. Learning is for its own sake, with enjoyment being the prime motive, not qualifications or awards. It is a mutual aid organisation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Durham
- North Yorkshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£32,339	£28,260	-	-
2024-02-29	£34,200	£31,033	-	-
2023-02-28	£25,210	£19,699	-	-
2022-02-28	£12,948	£10,356	-	-
2021-02-28	£6,018	£4,989	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
JULIE ARCHER	Chair	2023-07-18
ANNE ROSALIND CLOUSTON		2018-04-26
Elizabeth Margaret Colley		2022-04-28
Hazel Mhairi McCallum		2022-04-28
Ian Royston		2022-04-28
Jane Kenwright		2026-05-19
Kathryn Mary Bailey		2024-02-13
MICHAEL DAVID SWEETING		2025-03-18
Ruth Lapworth		2026-01-13
SIMON TIMOTHY MEACHAM		2018-04-26
SUSAN OVERTON		2018-04-26
Sheila Kilgarriff		2025-05-13

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CHAIRS' REPORT TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, THURSDAY, 24 APRIL 2025

This year the position of Chair has been shared between three members and this report is on behalf of all three of us. The year 2024-2025 has been another excellent one in every way. Our membership (472 this year against last year's previous record of 420) has been both a challenge (fitting group members into the available accommodation at times!) and an inspiration. Our monthly meetings have often filled the main Witham Hall, with over 150 present on a number of occasions to hear the excellent talks arranged by our Speakers Group, with thanks to Pauline Fawcett, Elizabeth Formstone, Stella Kirton, Sue Overton and Ian Reid.

Arising from the 'Inbetweeners' meetings suggested by Annie Clouston a couple of years ago, we have been running monthly 'Coffee and Chat' sessions held in between our main meetings. This year we have taken a number of those out into the towns and villages to improve communications with the membership beyond central Barney. This has allowed members living in Middleton, Staindrop and Cotherstone among others to meet socially within their own local areas; we intend to spread these further as we find suitable venues.

Perhaps our most significant area of development this year has been in our Saturday workshops. Although these have been running for a few years now, we have increased the number of these and expanded the range of topics covered. The next three months will see a Poetry Workshop, a chance to explore Tynemouth and a dip into Ancient Greece and Rome. The beauty of these sessions is that their one-off nature suits those members who cannot commit to a regular monthly attendance, while there is the potential for them to be developed if enough interest is shown. Well done Sue Overton, Hilary Dunnighan and Peter Colley for producing such a varied and popular programme. Credit too to Jane Mathieson and Dorothy Jameson for running day trips and some longer holidays. None of these things happen without a lot of effort on the part of the organisers.

We have also run a series of regular social events this year, starting with a Summer picnic in 2024, continuing with our first Wine and Cheese evening in November and most recently a musical evening in February 2025. Plans are already well advanced for more to come and, although these have been very much a team effort, particular thanks are due to committee members Julie Archer, Liz Colley, Annie Clouston and Sue Overton for spearheading these.

Alongside all these new ventures, many of our traditional monthly groups continue to attract increasing numbers. Some, such as the Gardening group, are on the point of needing to ration attendance which is at least the right sort of problem to be faced with! The 40 interest groups continue to offer a great mix of academic study, practical activities, forums for discussion, opportunities to walk in and beyond our beautiful Teesdale countryside, and a host of fun activities. Again, thanks to Sue Overton and her team for their support to our army of convenors without whom this u3a could not operate.

Does any other UK u3a produce a monthly newsletter to rival our Forum, whether you read it online or join the queue for the sell-out printed edition at our monthly meeting? Great thanks are due to Annie Clouston who has stood down as editor after a decade in the job, but Ian Royston and Kate Bailey with their assistants will be following in her footsteps and continuing to keep us fully informed. Thanks again also to those convenors and their deputies whose reports each month bring to life the goings-on of the various groups, not to mention all the photographers who have produced so many beautifully appropriate seasonal cover pictures.

Our Committee has met monthly to guide Teesdale u3a through the hazardous business of operating a charity in the modern world. Our Treasurer, Hazel McCallum, has continued to oversee our finances prudently, but with an understanding that a successful u3a requires sensible investment on a regular basis. Our Business Secretary, Liz Colley, has kept us in touch with the wider u3a world out there, as well as helping oversee the revision of our policy documents, not the most exciting task perhaps but vital given the many legal challenges that face charity trustees today. Thanks too to Kate Bailey for work in this area. We are sad to be losing the services of our Web Master Martyn Radcliffe and thank him for his hard work over the last year. We are however very fortunate that Mike Sweeting, Martyn's predecessor as Web Master, has agreed to return to the post, so all things IT-based remain in very good hands, especially given the support for our Beacon system provided by the ever-reliable Peter Colley. Celia Chapple deserves great credit for keeping the Committee on track with her meticulous minute taking.

To conclude, we are proud to have been involved again this year in an organisation that we feel provides a genuine service and opportunities to the people of Teesdale. Never has it been truer than it is with our u3a that its strength emanates from and is entirely dependent on all its members, so, well done to ALL this year and here's to a great 2025 – 26.

Julie Archer, Tim Meacham, Ian Royston. April 2025

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Statement of Accounts: all accounts		
Financial Year 1st March 2024 to 28th February 2025		
Printed 15th April 2025 12:15		
Income & Expenditure		
SUMMARY		
	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>
Total Income recorded in Beacon	£32,339.99	
Total Expenditure recorded in Beacon		£28,260.58
Bank B/F	£20,390.53	
Groups Cash B/F	£1,134.01	
TOTAL	£25,603.95	
Current Account Barclays Bank	£6,715.29	
Unpresented cheques	-£175.50	
Membership Account Barclays Bank	£18,052.40	
Groups Cash	£1,011.76	
TOTAL	£25,603.95	

Examiner's Report

Teesdale u3a Treasurer

Hazel McCallum

Signature

Hazel McCallum

Date

21/4/2025

Teesdale u3a Chair

Julie Archer

Signature

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Date

21/4/25

Accounts Examiner

Stuart Abbott

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22/4/25

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Advertising	12.00		
Calendar	365.50		360.05
Donations	44.00		
Equipment			466.98
Forum Printing/Sales	1034.70		1758.23
Gift Aid	1810.37		
Groups cash	6265.80		6388.05
Group Meeting Receipts	1453.01		
Group Meeting Room Hire			1053.80
Group Speaker Fees			285.00
Group Trip Contributions	10306.10		1163.10
Group Trip Expenses			9769.79
Meetings & Visits			18.00
Membership	7560.00		
Monthly Meeting Receipts	1224.51		
Monthly Meeting Room Hire			1524.00
Monthly Mtg Speakers Fees			505.00
Other	76.00		
Postage & Stationery			13.70
Publicity			139.72
Social	1850.00		1931.81
U3A National			2873.81
Walking Books	338.00		
Web Site			9.54
	Totals	32339.99	28260.58

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Chair's report to the Annual General Meeting, Thursday, 25 April, 2024

I am pleased to be able to say that this year has been a bumper year for our u3a, full of vitality, interest, and sociability. In a number of respects we have exceeded our scope in a rising trajectory ever since our founding in March 2007.

As you may know, our u3a's overarching organisation is a national body – The Third Age Trust. The first local u3as were set up in 1981, the movement grew exponentially and by the early 1990s, a U3A was opening in the UK every fortnight. There are now 1,035 u3as with approximately 400,000 members.

Teesdale last year peaked at its highest number ever at 420. Many thanks go to Tim Meacham our Membership Secretary for his conscientious work in growing and sustaining our membership. Members have been participating in a total of 40 groups from Android to Yoga (should we have a Zoology Group? Or Zumba?) which included seven new groups: Android phone, Art Appreciation, Automotive, Chess, Cryptic Crossword, Pickleball, and Yoga. Our grateful thanks go to Sue Overton and Ian Reid, who oversee and support group coordination and to all those whose steady work throughout the year goes into convening this superb cornucopia of activity. All of you deserve an appreciative pat on the back.

You will hear from our Treasurer, Hazel McCallum, that our finances are in excellent shape. Thanks to her hard work and stewardship the group convenors and the committee have been able to function in meeting the needs and developing the ambition of our u3a. Also working behind the scenes to ensure that we are connecting, networking and complying with the aims and aspirations of The Third Age Trust, is our Business Secretary, Liz Colley. Both of these jobs are demanding and rarely glamorous, but we in the Committee are enormously supported by their work, and proportionately grateful. I also must acknowledge the work of Mike Sweeting who has for many years been our Web Master, he has resigned this year, and we owe him a debt of gratitude for his conscientious and unfailing support. I, as a near-idiot with all things technical, could never have survived without the generous gifts of his time, patience and expertise.

Looking back over the year's editions of the Forum, our inhouse magazine, I think we can continue to be proud that it reflects the energy, variety and talent of our members. I am told that its unique quality is envied by many another u3a. The format has become even more vibrant and lively and I and my fellow editors, Celia Chapple, Ian Royston and Kate Bailey, continue to welcome contributions from all members. Pulling together the Forum every month is a labour of love, but nevertheless hard work, and so another big thank you goes to the Co-Editors – a terrific team.

Lastly, I want to express my gratitude to my fellow Chairs, Tim, Sue and Ian for their work and to the other members of the Committee who have steered Teesdale u3a from its inception, through choppy waters (the Pandemic) only to come out on the other shore stronger, and blossoming. We hope to assure all our members a continuation of what I think we do so well – welcome, sustain and nourish the spirit.

Annie Clouston April 2024

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Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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Income & Expenditure, 1st March - 29th February

	Start year	2023	
SUMMARY	In		Out
Total Income	£34200.74		
Total Expenditure			£31033.78
Bank B/F	£17715.29		
Groups Cash B/F	£642.29		
TOTAL	£21524.54		
Current Account	£2704.03		
Membership Bank Account	£16071.00		
Unbanked membership subscriptions	£1615.50		
Groups Cash	£1134.01		
TOTAL	£21524.54		

Examiner's Report

It is my opinion that the above records and accounts are in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

Teesdale u3a Treasurer

Hazel McCallum

Signature

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Date

12/04/2024

Teesdale u3a Chair

Annie Clouston

Signature

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Date

12 April 2024

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	In		Out	
Donations	£44.50			
Equipment			£1043.35	
Expenses (travel Etc)			£77.62	
Forum Printing	£974.20		£1647.00	
Group Cash Transactions	£5304.54		£4812.82	
Group Meeting Receipts	£1389.37			
Group Meeting Room Hire	£91.80		£967.80	
Group Speaker Fees			£885.50	
Group Support	£278.00		£390.49	
Group Trip Contributions	£12954.40		£177.20	
Group Trip Expenses			£12890.00	
Membership	£9380.00			
Monthly Meeting Receipts	£1053.50			
Monthly Meeting Room Hire			£1677.60	
Monthly Mtg Speakers Fees			£995.00	
Other	£2111.00		£2253.99	
Other Printing Expences			£3.60	
Postage & Stationery			£31.68	
Publicity			£41.66	
Regional	£49.43			
Social	£408.00			
U3A National			£2753.00	
Walks Books Surplus	£162.00		£385.47	
Totals including Group Cash Transactions	£34200.74		£31033.78	

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Chairwoman's Report to AGM 2023

This has been a brilliant year for Teesdale u3a. Our membership has topped 400 which was a shared ambition of our very hardworking committee. Particular thanks go to our membership secretary Tim Meacham who has been relentless in keeping existing members on board and recruiting new members.

I would like to highlight some areas of activity.

- We currently have 34 active groups. Many thanks to all the hard work that the convenors put into their productive, popular and enjoyable meetings.
- The weekend workshop programme has been very successful. Thank you to my colleagues, Sue Overton and Hazel Yeadon for enabling and developing this new addition to our programme.
- Thank you to the Speaker-Finder team for their commitment to providing a quality of presentation that has stimulated wide interest and the return of numbers to our monthly meetings after the ravages of Covid.
- The Forum newsletter continues to be a valuable and engaging source of information both in hard copy and online. We have published 11 editions this year and I extend my gratitude to all those who contribute and my fellow co-editors, Celia, and Ian, for making this work.
- We function much better for the e-communication enabled by our Webmaster, Mike Sweeting. He has been a great support to me personally when my flimsy understanding of all things computerish has given me (and him) pain.
- The committee's understanding of our finances has been enormously enhanced by the accessible way our Treasurer, Hazel McCallum, has presented information. Thanks also go to our financial examiner, Peter Colley, for his work and advice.
- Our outgoing Secretary, Jane Mathieson, has shown a tireless commitment to keeping the Committee informed about national u3a developments as well as doing the hard slog of managing our records and maintaining our licenses and insurances that enable us to function safely.

I am standing down as Chairwoman after two years in the role that have been a great pleasure to me. I have particularly treasured the companionship, teamwork, and sheer trustworthiness of my colleagues on the Committee and I am full of admiration for the ingenuity and hard work of everyone who contributes to the success of our organisation. It is a very noble quest, lifelong learning, and may our pumps continue to be primed, in the knowledge that this makes a huge contribution to our quality of life and well-being.

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Income & Expenditure, 1st March - 28th February

Summary

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Total Expenditure		£19699.04
Bank Brought forward	£12577.32	
Groups cash B/F	£465.60	
TOTAL	£18554.06	

Current account	£7393.29	
Membership account	£10322.00	
Groups cash	£838.77	
TOTAL	£18554.06	

Membership Bank account 10,202.00 Note 1

Note 1 £120 memberships entered in both Current and Membership Beacon accounts but funds currently held in Current bank account.
£120 will be transferred from Current bank account to Membership bank account.
£120 will be removed from Current Beacon account
No change required to Membership Beacon account.

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Note 4 u3a recommended reserve £5000.00

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Donations		£20.50
Equipment		£50.00
Expenses (travel Etc)		£0.11
Forum Printing		£1097.00
Gift Aid		£2090.13
Group Cash Transactions		£3112.79
Group Meeting Receipts		£1033.45
Group Meeting Room Hire		
Group Speaker Fees		
Group Support		£408.00
Group Trip Contributions		£8985.50
Group Trip Expenses		£22.00
Membership		£7048.50
Monthly Meeting Receipts		£1137.00
Monthly Meeting Room Hire		
Monthly Mtg Speakers Fees		
Other		£200.20
Other Printing Expences		
Publicity		
Regional		
U3A National		
Walks Books Surplus		£5.00
Web Site		
	Sub-totals	£25210.18



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Donations		
Equipment		£242.23
Expenses (travel Etc)		£0.11
Forum Printing		£1311.57
Gift Aid		
Group Cash Transactions		£2739.62
Group Meeting Receipts		
Group Meeting Room Hire		£699.20
Group Speaker Fees		£1155.50
Group Support		£477.68
Group Trip Contributions		£47.00
Group Trip Expenses		£7834.59
Membership		
Monthly Meeting Receipts		
Monthly Meeting Room Hire		£1227.60
Monthly Mtg Speakers Fees		£768.90
Other		£133.00
Other Printing Expences		£14.00
Publicity		£48.20
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