

HAWKWELL VILLAGE U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 1178118

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-04-26

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 THE AREA OF BENEFIT.

Activities: Hawkwell Village u3a provides opportunities for older people and those retired from full time work to participate in regular learning and social group activities, this enables them to further their education and expand their skills base whilst giving them access to sociable groups and the opportunity to cultivate new friendships.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HAWKWELL VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£26,019	£27,043	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,674	£17,144	-	-
2023-03-31	£18,115	£16,919	-	-
2022-03-31	£14,330	£14,643	-	-
2021-03-31	£5,589	£4,554	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brenda Robinson		2022-04-28
Brian Pickard		2021-04-22
Coral Kathro		2018-04-25
David Ashpole		2022-04-28
Eric Lodge		2025-04-24
Janet Linda Arrowsmith		2024-04-25
Jennifer Laird		2022-04-28
Kate Broad		2019-04-24
Lorraine Matthews		2025-04-24
Martyn Robinson		2025-04-24
Michael John Hall		2024-04-25

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/04/2024 To 31/03/2025

Charity name: Hawkwell Village u3a

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The advancement of education, and in particular the education of older people and those who are retired from full-time work, in varied ways including activities conducive to learning and personal development.
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	Over the past year our u3a has continued to provide, the people of Hawkwell Village and further afield, with many opportunities to come together, learn new things, and stay physically & mentally active during their later years.
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 encouraged and enabled people, who are no longer in full time paid employment, to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experiences. The Trustees have promoted the values of lifelong learning and the positive attributes of belonging to a U3A. The Trustees have done all they can to ensure that people wanting to join our u3a could do so.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>Our Interest Groups are led by committed Group Leaders. We currently have 35 active groups which are promoted to both new and existing members. Our members are kept up to date, about groups, through a monthly Newsletter, emails and announcements made at our monthly meetings. The Group Leaders are also able to keep in touch with their group members through our secure u3a database, and most of them contact their members regularly before group sessions.</p> <p>Our monthly meetings featured a variety of speakers who covered a diverse selection of interesting topics. The meetings run smoothly thanks to our volunteers for setting up the hall and helping in the kitchen.</p>

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	<p>The membership numbers at our AGM in April, stood at 311 Members.</p> <p>The monthly meetings are usually streamed on Facebook, so that more of the membership can attend remotely.</p> <p>All of our groups are open to all members. The Trustees consider it is vitally important that we expand our Interest Group offer so that more of our members have a chance to come together to learn new things and remain physically and mentally active. We have made significant progress in this respect and now have 35 active Interest Groups.</p> <p>Financial help is available to new groups this is met from our reserves if needed.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The main account income is from membership fees. We have reduced these fees over the years as we want to reduce the excess we are holding. The social account excess is generated from running events that each make a small excess. This has been noted and we intend to run some events with a planned loss to reduce the excess held. This last year (over all accounts) we reduced the total excess held by £312</p> <p>At year end the balances in each of the accounts once prepayments are accounted for were</p> <table> <tr> <td>Main Account</td> <td>£5182.72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Social Account</td> <td>£1964.98</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Development Account</td> <td>£1015.53</td> </tr> </table>	Main Account	£5182.72	Social Account	£1964.98	Development Account	£1015.53
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>The reason for keeping a reserve in the main account is to ensure any liabilities can be settled if we stopped operating as some payments are paid in arrears. The reason for keeping a reserve in the social account is to be able to pay a supplier if an event we put on was to run at a loss.</p> <p>The reason for currently keeping a balance in the development account is to pay for unexpected large cost items (such as a projector this year).</p>						
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>We aim to keep a minimum reserve of £2500 in the main membership account and £1000 in the social account.</p>						

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

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution adopted 25 April 2024
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated Association
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	At each Annual General Meeting all trustees retire and subject to length of terms set out in our constitution they may stand again and positions are filled by vote at the AGM. The elected trustees may, at any time, co-opt up to 2 trustees until the next AGM and may reappoint such co-opted trustees for up to two additional successive 12 month periods.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Charity is affiliated to the Third Age Trust. The Trustees have the power to co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities and to exchange information and advice with them and in particular with other u3as, clusters of u3as and The Third Age Trust
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Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Hawkwell Village u3a
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1178118
Charity's principal address	2, Jubilee Gardens, Rochford, Essex SS41XJ

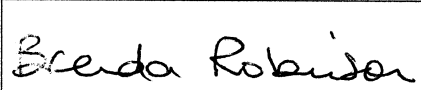
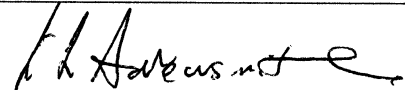
Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Brenda Robinson	Chair		
2	Janet Arrowsmith	Vice-Chair		
3	Dave Ashpole	Vice-Chair		
4	Jennifer Laird	Assistant Treasurer		
5	Brian Pickard	Treasurer		
6	Pam Forsyth	Business Secretary		
7	Andrea Johnson	Membership Secretary		
8	Mike Hall	Social Secretary		
9	Coral Kathro	Groups Co-ordinator		
10	Jackie Ford	Speaker Secretary		
11	Kate Broad	Technical Officer		
12	Dawn Catton	Welfare Officer		
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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)		
Full name(s)	Brenda Robinson	Janet Arrowsmith
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Vice Chair
Date	28/08/2025	28/08/2025

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Statement of Accounts: all accounts

Income & Expenditure, 1st April - 31st March

Category	Start year	2024	
	In	Out	
60's on a Sunday 2024	£ 449.00	£ 450.69	
A.G.M. (April Meeting)		£ 159.67	
Anniversary 31st Jan 2025	£ 3,642.00	£ 3,603.70	
Anniversary Summer event	£ 485.00	£ 423.09	
BBQ 26 Jul 2025	£ 216.00	£ 790.00	
Beacon		£ 288.00	
Car treasure hunt		£ 5.00	
De Havilland 2024	£ 386.00	£ 380.00	
Donations	£ 124.15		
Emmetts/Polehill 11/04/24	£ 108.50	£ 733.80	
Equipment / Software		£ 504.71	
Error Payments/Repayments	£ 22.00	£ 22.00	
First Aid / Health Check		£ 7.00	
Flowers / In memory Of		£ 193.00	
Food Museum 29th May 2024	£ 573.00	£ 1,391.00	
Garden Gp Hyland 16/5/25	£ 230.00	£ 234.25	
Garden Gp Ickworth 18 Sep	£ 846.00	£ 790.90	
Garden Gp Perrywood	£ 520.00	£ 520.00	
Gardening Group		£ 139.01	
Gift Aid	£ 498.00		
Golf	£ 883.00	£ 805.00	
Group Leaders Meeting		£ 337.19	
Groups	£ 1,623.00	£ 1,623.00	
Hawkwell Village Hall		£ 612.00	
Hog Roast 27 July 2024	£ 1,972.20	£ 1,876.96	
Lullingstone Csti 19/7/24	£ 1,155.00	£ 1,090.00	
Membership	£ 4,324.00	£ 15.00	
Miscellaneous / Sundry	£ 0.01	£ 111.47	
Monthly Meeting Tea		£ 201.10	
Monthly Members Draw		£ 15.00	
Monthly Raffle	£ 785.00	£ 222.51	
Monthly Speaker		£ 950.00	
Monthly table quiz prizes		£ 10.90	
News Letter Hard Copy	£ 103.00		
Newsletter printed 25-26	£ 20.00		
Nov/Dec Xmas Meetings	£ 29.98	£ 549.92	
Pavilion	£ 1,616.00	£ 1,877.72	
PayPal commission		£ 38.43	
Postage		£ 20.40	
Retired committee members		£ 175.00	
RoyalHospital/Chelsea 2Jul	£ 300.00	£ 300.00	
Saxon Hall 1/12/24	£ 1,609.50	£ 1,615.50	
Short mat bowls grant	£ 1,350.00	£ 1,358.65	
Soul and Motown 6/04/25	£ 310.00	£ 189.00	
Stationery		£ 77.55	
Swing evening 14/12/25	£ 608.00	£ 608.00	
Third Age Trust		£ 1,071.21	
U3A Magazines		£ 399.24	
Van Gogh	£ 155.00	£ 155.00	
Waddesdon 28/5/25	£ 1,076.00		
Zoom		£ 101.92	
	Sub-totals	£ 26,019.34	£ 27,043.49
	Brought forward	£ 13,013.56	
Total			£ 11,989.41

Balance Sheet

Current	£ 8,193.57
Number 2 Social Account	£ 2,587.98
Number 3 development a/c	£ 1,105.53
PayPal	£ 102.33
Total	£ 11,989.41

Audit Statement – Hawkwell Village U3A Accounts (Financial Year 2024–2025)

I volunteered to carry out an audit of the Hawkwell Village U3A accounts for the financial year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

During the course of the audit, I identified a small number of minor queries. All of these were resolved or explained satisfactorily by the Treasurer.

Based on my review, I am satisfied that the accounts have been properly maintained and present a true and fair view of the financial activities of the group for the stated period.

Carl Hathaway
23/08/2025