

WHITWICK AND DISTRICT U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 1181238

Details

Other names WAD U3A

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-12-18

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

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Activities

Objects: I. TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC AND IN PARTICULAR THE EDUCATION OF OLDER PEOPLE NO LONGER IN FULL TIME GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT IN WHITWICK & DISTRICT AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY.II. 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.

Activities: Objectives of U3A are 1. to advance the education of the public, in particular the education of older people no longer in full time gainful employment in Whitwick and District and its surrounding locality. 2.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 Advocacy/advice/information, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,697	£25,913	-	-
2024-03-31	£27,617	£25,913	-	-
2023-03-31	£25,534	£23,814	-	-
2022-03-31	£6,200	£13,684	-	-
2021-03-31	£7,181	£5,890	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ann Blinko		2025-05-16
Derek John Read		2021-05-21
Heather Louise Charlotte James		2024-05-17
Irene Currie		2025-05-16
Jill Collins		2025-05-16
Keith Collins		2024-05-17
Margaret Ann Baxter		2025-05-16
Nancy Susan Daugherty		2024-05-17
ROGER MCDERMOTT		2020-10-16
Sheila Fletcher		2022-05-20
Susan Park		2024-05-17

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Whitwick & District u3a Chair's Report 2024-2025

Looking back over the past year I feel our u3a has had a very successful time and is back on track after earlier troubles.

Your Committee has worked hard to make sure things run smoothly and I would like to thank them all for their efforts. They are all volunteers who give their time and energy freely.

Similarly the Group Leaders make sure all our varied activities go ahead on a regular basis. They are the people who keep the wheels turning and we all owe them a big thank you.

In the back ground too are all the others who help: our Webmaster, our Update editor, our Speaker Seeker who has booked us some stunning speakers and entertainers over the last twelve months, our Equipment Officer, our Publicity Officer, our Refreshment Team, our Membership Secretary, the Groups Coordinator Team and all the rest who just get on with it. The list of volunteers is long and I thank them all.

I think the most significant event during the year was without doubt our Open Day in September. Everyone involved, and particularly the Group Leaders, pulled out all the stops to put on a terrifically impressive show. We had many visitors who commented on the vibrant atmosphere, and a lot of them joined our u3a, resulting in an increase of over 20% to our membership. Special thanks go to our then Membership Secretary who managed to get grant funding for the event and to support a special offer on membership fees for those who joined at the time. We followed up the recruitment campaign with a couple of meetings specifically for new members to make sure we are meeting their needs and to listen to their suggestions and feedback.

Increased membership has now filtered through to groups and in some cases this is causing a slight headache because large numbers can be difficult to manage. It's quite a nice problem to have! Solutions will emerge, for instance the Short Mat Bowls group has now split in two to cope with demand. Some new groups have started or are under consideration so our range of activities is evolving.

Another significant development this year has been the change of venue for General Meetings, triggered by the closure of the small hall at St David's Church. The new venue at Hall Lane Methodist Church has proved a comfortable choice, and attendance at General Meetings is high, mostly because of the influx of new members but also because some longstanding members have decided to return. The Committee is monitoring numbers but to date no measures have been needed to manage the situation. There have been a few teething troubles, notably with the audiovisual equipment, but we are now in a good routine and feel settled.

Our finances are in good shape and our Treasurer manages them very well. Expenditure has followed our predicted budget fairly closely and overall we are in good shape, with a reserve set aside in case of unforeseen problems, and currently earning interest. We have moved our accounts to a different bank to make it easier for Group Leaders to pay in funds, and this is working well. The accounts are examined by Roger Bisgrove both at the end of the financial year and at the halfway point to make sure things are in order. At the last AGM members voted for an increase in subscription fees to be effective from April this year. This was in the context of having

reduced fees some years ago and having had a free year during Covid lockdown, but increased running costs necessitated the uplift.

After the Open Day our Membership Secretary, Mell Gwinnutt, moved from the area and Sue Park has taken on the role. Carol Collier is stepping down from Committee at this AGM and Heather James has agreed to take over as Groups Coordinator Lead. Fran Johnson and myself are stepping down this time too, so there are vacancies on the Committee but the others are willing to be nominated again. Some new blood alongside experienced people would be a good mix.

I never expected to do a second term as Chair but I have to say I have enjoyed being involved in such a wonderful organisation once more. I can only thank everyone who helps in whatever small or large way to make Whitwick & District u3a what it is, for all your support. I wish my successor well as they move forward.

Pete Johnson
Chair
April 2025

WHITWICK & DISTRICT u3a

Financial Statements

Year ending 31 March 2024

Income and Expenditure Account

Income		
Membership Fees		4370.50
Gift Aid (Years x 2)		1332.65
Christmas Raffle		204.00
Sale of Equipment		20.00
Group Cash Income		8801.65
Less Cash to Bank		-7170.91
Group Bank Income		20057.46
Dance Group Funds		81.21
		<u>27696.56</u>

Expenditure		
u3a Capitation	1064.00	
Third Age Trust Magazine	648.65	
Speakers	891.00	
Website	189.39	
WAD Room Hire	1233.00	
Postage	121.91	
Print/Stationery	88.39	
Equipment	182.98	
Refreshments	286.98	
Bank Charges	110.33	
Leics & Rutland u3a	5.00	
Calendars 2025	49.33	
Publicity	69.75	
Donation Christmas Raffle	204.00	
Group Bank Expenses	17096.92	
Group Cash Expenditure	3670.95	
		<u>25912.58</u>
Excess of income over expenditure		<u>1783.98</u>

Balance Sheet 3/31/2024

Group Cash	287.39
Bank 31 March 2024	10420.87
	<u>10708.26</u>

Group Cash B/F	2327.60
Bank Balance B/F 31 March 2023	6676.68
Prepaid Membership Fees	-80.00
Excess Income over Expenditure	1783.98
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Note:

Emergency Reserve	4500.00
Groups Ring Fenced Funds	4545.31
Available to Committee	1375.56
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Chairperson's Report to the AGM 2024

I have written annual reports before in my previous term as Chair but this time is rather different as I have been in post for less than half the year in question. However, much of WAD u3a's activity has carried on throughout 2023-2024 without a hiccup.

Our Group Leaders are the backbone of our organisation and have carried on running group activities in terrific variety. Around three dozen different groups meet to learn and share skills, ideas and fun on a regular basis, or go to see shows and places of interest, and I offer thanks to all Group Leaders for enabling this. The Group Leaders' Manual has been revised and updated and offers a sound guide to both new and experienced Group Leaders. Our talented Webmaster keeps us informed of group activities online and our Update Editor collates monthly information for us all, as well as organising external publicity and recently taking on responsibility for data security.

Other volunteers deserve our thanks too. Many of us take for granted the efforts of those members who put out the chairs and make the tea at General Meetings, but we need to stop and say thankyou. Somehow microphones and projectors appear for our speakers, visitors are welcomed and members are checked in, payments are taken and queries answered. Every month we have a different speaker and thanks go to our outgoing Speaker Seekers and the new one for arranging such a wide range of topics for us.

Membership numbers appear to be steady just below the 300 mark, with quite a few visitors recently at General Meetings, many of whom are joining WAD u3a. However, there are always a few members leaving for any number of reasons so it is important that we all encourage more people to join to maintain our momentum.

Clearer financial guidance for Group Leaders has been introduced and after some initial isolated difficulties these new arrangements now appear to be bedded in and serving us well. Our Treasurer has moved our accounts to a different bank which both avoids some charges and also enables money to be paid in at Post Offices which are rather more convenient than bank branches these days. We have a sound financial reserve in case of unforeseen circumstances but everyday running costs are creeping up and in order to stay in the black we are proposing a small increase in membership fees from next year. Subscriptions have not gone up for quite a while, and indeed we had a free year during Covid, but we cannot avoid inflation.

In December we experienced a crisis when five Committee Members resigned, leaving fewer than the minimum number required by the Constitution. Our Vice-Chair became Acting Chair and deserves our thanks for keeping things going, but he was not eligible to be Chair long-term. Members may not realise how close WAD u3a came to folding at this point. After some thought three members including myself volunteered to join the Committee and one resignation was withdrawn, so from the New Year we have all worked to get things back on track and our u3a can move forward. Many thanks to all the Committee for their hard work behind the scenes.

Pete Johnson

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WAD Accounts 2023-24 Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Whitwick and District u3a 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 all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

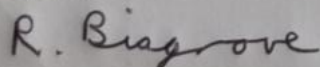
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Roger Bisgrove

Relevant professional qualification or membership of professional bodies (if any): formerly member of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA)

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Date: 11th May 2024

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Whitwick & District u3a AGM 2023

Report from the Chair

This will be my last report from the chair and despite a difficult start in the midst of the pandemic it is pleasing to report that our u3a is in a good 'state of health'. Our membership is still strong, and our groups have continued to enjoy their activities throughout the past year.

Thank you to all our Group Leaders who have kept things going during the past 3 years during which time many difficulties have been overcome.

I attended the u3a trust meeting back in October 2022 and it would be fair to say that proposals put forward by the board regarding future fee increases fell at the first hurdle with over 20 amendments to the proposals put forward during a lengthy debate, none of which obtained the necessary majority, watch this space.

Our own u3a held a 'new members interest meeting' back in June and the event was well supported, similar events are being planned. It was good to see our Group Leaders Lunch resume after a two-year absence. Some 39 attendees enjoyed the event which included discussions regarding several topics relevant to our u3a development, some of which have resulted in new ideas being implemented for the benefit of the members.

We are always looking for those members who would like to join our committee and assist in the running of our u3a. It was pleasing to welcome new members during the past year.

Finally, I must say a big thank you to all who have served and are still serving either on the Committee or in office over the past 3 years, it has been a pleasure to work alongside you.

WAD Final Statement of Accounts 2022-2023

Group CASH Accounts	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	Cfwd	WAD Bank Account	Income
Afternoon Tea	35.00	-	-	35.00	Subs	4,368.00
Art	128.90	307.50	348.90	87.50	Subs 2023/24	80.00
Badminton	-	509.00	377.07	131.93		
Book (Cash)	55.40	-	-	55.40		
Canasta	264.92	821.00	338.26	747.66		
Curling	166.28	1,697.00	1,745.53	117.75	Calendars	362.00
Dance	80.21	-	-	80.21	Christmas Raffle	181.00
Digital Photography	75.67	18.00	1.80	91.87	Book Group	178.35
French 2	26.35	310.00	310.00	26.35	Days Out	2,523.50
Fun Choir	108.41	471.00	416.00	163.41	Garden group	320.50
Games	60.00	159.00	217.38	1.62	Theatre Group	7,337.42
Garden	201.34	283.00	218.88	265.46	Walking holiday	3,535.00
History	120.01	384.00	440.49	63.52		
Juke Box	225.49	161.00	178.82	207.67	Aviva Insurance	93.00
Papercraft	7.00	-	-	7.00	Misc Income	87.95
Short Mat Bowls	83.50	588.00	537.00	134.50		
Spanish 1	67.43	759.57	716.25	110.75		
Totals	1,705.91	6,468.07	5,846.38	2,327.60		

Group cash B/F	£ 1,705.91
Group Cash Income	£ 6,468.07
Sub Total	£ 8,173.98
Group Cash Expenditure	£ 5,846.38
Group Cash C/F	£ 2,327.60

Total Bank Income	19,066.72
Goups Cash Income	6,468.07
Total Income	25,534.79

Groups Via WAD Bank	B/fwd	Income	Expenditure	C/fwd		
Book (Bank)	£ -	£ 178.35	£ 178.35	£ -	Bank Balance 01/04/2022	6,082.99
Days Out	£ 488.85	£ 2,523.50	£ 1,766.00	£ 1,246.35	Less Unpresented Cheques	505.20
Garden (Bank)	£ -	£ 320.50	£ -	£ 320.50	Adjusted Bank 31/03/202	5,577.79
Theatre	£ -	£ 7,337.42	£ 7,319.50	£ 17.92	Cash Balance B/F	1,705.91
Walking Holiday	£ -	£ 3,535.00	£ 3,535.00	£ -	Total Balances B/F	7,283.70

Groups Via Bank Totals **£ 488.85 £13,894.77 £12,798.85 £1,584.77**

Total Income	25,534.79
B/F and Income	32,818.49
Less Total Expenditure	23,814.21
Sub Total	9,004.28
Less Prepaid Subs	80.00
Balance C/F	8,924.28

Item	
Speakers	700.00
Postage	136.00
Halls	976.50
Print/Stat	79.64
Refreshments	217.19
Equipment	76.95
Web Exp	255.44
TAM	643.11
Capitation	1,212.00
Calendars	363.46
Christmas Raffle	181.00
Book Group	178.35
Days Out	1,766.00
Garden Group	-
Theatre Group	7,319.50
Walking holiday	3,535.00
Bank Charges	187.22
Insurance Reimbursement	93.00
Misc. Exp	22.49
Badminton Start up	24.98
Total Bank Expenditure	17,967.83
Groups Cash Expenditure	5,846.38
Total Expenditure	23,814.21

Bank Balance 31/03/2023	£ 6,676.68
Less Prepaid Subs	£ 80.00
Adjusted Bank 31/03/20	£6,596.68
Cash Balances 31/03/2023	£ 2,327.60
Balance C/F	£8,924.28

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