

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

England & Wales · Charity number 1181261

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2018-12-19

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 RETIRED FROM FULL TIME WORK BY ALL MEANS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES CONDUCIVE TO LEARNING AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

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Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Education/training

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£28,611	£28,054	-	-
2024-03-31	£29,304	£27,438	-	-
2023-03-31	£22,762	£23,048	-	-
2022-03-31	£11,249	£12,946	-	-
2021-03-31	£6,394	£5,192	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Dawn Weaver		2023-07-05
Ann Frances Woolley		2022-07-06
David Hayes		2023-07-05
Eileen Drane		2023-08-18
Janet Patricia Kelly		2023-07-05
Linden Catherine Rosam		2025-07-02
Mary Elizabeth Brindley		2022-07-06
Robert Martin Tyas		2020-08-04
Roger Alan Gatford		2022-07-06
Shirley Linda Masterson		2019-05-01
Tracey Dowling		2024-09-01

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South Woodham Ferrers u3a Annual Report 2024 -2025

To All Members – From the Chair

Another successful year for our u3a, all down to the enthusiasm of our members, with the support of the Group Leaders and our committee.

Our secretary, Ann, continues to get articles into the “Focus” on a regular basis which highlights our activities and groups. I’m sure that these have contributed to the continuing increase in our membership.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work and support during the year, they have certainly made my job easier, (I do think that I have the easiest job on the committee, but don’t tell them that). And of course, to our many Group Leaders – we wouldn’t have the groups without you.

Membership

The trend this year again, has been upwards, with 271 members (including cluster and associate), which shows a healthy, active u3a. A similar comment applies to the number of members attending our monthly meeting which is currently around the 80-100 mark.

Accounts

The annual accounts are attached to this report, even with no increase in the membership fee this year, we are confident of a financially healthy future. Our treasurer, Kate, will address the AGM on July 2nd with more details. Incidentally, this will be Kate’s final presentation as she has to step down, but I know she has left the books in excellent condition for her successor, (more on that below). Thank you, Kate, your work as Treasurer is much appreciated.

Groups

The activity groups continue to increase with a Beginners French, Needle-Felting and a Weekenders groups up and running. Many of our groups have a waiting list, which, while unfortunate for those waiting, I take to be a very positive sign of the participation of the members.

Social Activities

As far as the social activities organised by our social secretary, we had the very successful quiz night last November which attracted many u3a members and friends. Although the table I was on didn’t win anything, I did enjoy the evening.

Committee

I would like to thank Kate Smith, our Treasurer, who is standing down after many years of excellent work. I’m very pleased, (and relieved), to say that we have a member, Linden Rosam, prepared to stand for Treasurer and I know that Kate will provide an excellent handover. Linden has previous experience in being treasurer for a charity and we will introduce her to you to at the AGM where you will be asked to vote on her appointment. We also have a new, experienced, person to take on the role of auditor – another key position, (although not on the committee).

Also at the AGM, as well as the rest of the committee willing to remain in office, you will be asked to vote on the appointment of Tracey Dowling who was co-opted as Social Secretary last year, and Lynn Perham to join the committee without specific responsibilities but willing to pitch in where needed.

David Hayes, Chair SWF u3a

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS U3A (Reg. Charity No. 1181261)

Financial Report

1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Expenditure	Amount	Comments
Head Office capitaltion fee	£996.00	
Room/equipment hire	£881.39	payments for 9 months
Third Age Matters	£439.20	
Entertaining & catering	£201.05	
Beacon	£263.00	
Equipment	£258.98	New laptop
Printing, stationery and postage	£96.07	
Meeting expenses	£925.00	
Other expenses	£140.29	
Copyright Licence	£67.21	
TOTAL expenditure for year	£4,268.19	

Balance brought forward 1 April	£5,168.21	Total expenditure	£4,268.19
Total income	£4,948.00	Closing balance 31 March 2025	£5,948.02
Total	£10,116.21	Total	£10,116.21

Main Account Carried forward to 2025-2026 **£5,948.02**

The group accounts have been audited. The total held in the Group Bank Account is £

2,065.72. Groups hold a total of £2,553.36 in cash

The Group Bank Account balance is made up as follows:

Gardening Group	£450.10	Find your Voice	£80	London Walks	£300.50
Local History	£309.02	Social	£726.24		
french Group	£17.01	Closed Groups	£182.85		

Income	Amount	Comments
Member Income	£4,127.00	
Catering	£186.25	
HMRC Gift Aid	£501.75	
Grant	£113.00	From Mr Gees Foundation for the purchase of a recycling box
Visitors	£20.00	
TOTAL income for year	£4,948.00	


U3A			
Total Income/Expenditure for South Woodham Ferrers			
Including Groups			
Income :	Expenditure :		
Main Account	£,4948	Main Account	£ 4,268.19
Group Accounts	£23,662.98	Group Accounts	£23,785.57
Total	£28,610.98	Total	£28,053.76

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed N.Baker


N.T. BAKER, A.C.I.B.
 24/4/2025

Kate Smith - Hon Treasurer



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

South Woodham Ferrers U3A

On accounts for the year ended

31/03/25

Charity no (if any)

1181261

Set out on pages

1 and 2

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, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect,:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
• the accounts did 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.

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

Signed: [Signature]

Date: 24-4-2025

Name: NIEL BAKER

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

A. C. I. B.

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To All Members – From the Chair

Our u3a continues to be successful and this is very much down to the support we get from the membership and the efforts of our group leaders.

I have only been Chair for the last 12 month but I have to say I'm very impressed with the professionalism and enthusiasm of our committee and u3a members – I've inherited an excellent team from Bob Tyas.

In September last year, some of our members and committee members manned a stand in the foyer of Sainsburys, which increased the visibility of our u3a in the town. In addition, the excellent articles that our secretary, Ann, has managed to get into the Focus has resulted in several new members.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members of the committee for their hard work and support during the year.

Membership

The trend this year has been upwards, with 249 members and associate members, which shows a healthy, active u3a. A similar comment applies to the number of members attending our monthly meeting which is currently around the 80-90 mark.

Accounts

The annual report is attached to this report, even with no increase in the membership fee this year, we are confident of a financially healthy future. Our treasurer will address the AGM on July 3rd with more details.

Groups

The activity groups continue to grow and I'm pleased to say that the Digital Photography and Science & Technology groups have been re-established and new Ukulele and Gin 2 groups formed.

On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank all the group leaders who work so hard to support their group and make them the success that they are.

Social Activities

As far as the social activities organised by our social secretary, we had the very successful quiz night last November which attracted many U3A members and friends. Although I couldn't attend, I do know people very much enjoyed it and I am looking forward to the one this year now we have a new Social Secretary. At the time of writing this, our summer outing to Lodges Coaches is yet to happen, but I have no doubt that it will be very successful. Thanks to Mary and her team for the hard work and effort that goes into organising these events.

Committee

I would like to thank Mary Brindley, our Social Secretary, who is standing down from the role after many years of excellent work (but will remain on the committee), and to Allen Surrey, our Groups Co-ordinator who has to stand down after reaching his term limit. Thank you both for your excellent work. I'm very pleased to say that we have volunteers for both these positions who will be introduced at the AGM.

I look forward to a successful 2024-2025.

Best regards

David Hayes, Chair SWF u3a

SOUTH WOODHAM FERRERS USA (Reg. Charity No. 1181261)

Financial Report

1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Expenditure		Comments
Head Office capitation fee	£988.00	
Room/equipment hire	£1,144.41	
Purchase of recycling boxes	£216.00	Using grant of £216 from Mr Gees Foundation
Entertaining & catering	£79.18	
Third Age Matters to Members plus Beacon	£579.92	Beacon £294, TAM £352.92
Equipment	£229.22	
Printing and stationery	£129.01	
Postage and telephone	£29.72	
Meeting expenses	£909.70	
Other expenses	£94.49	
Copyright Licence	£94.20	
TOTAL expenditure for year	£4,443.85	

Income		Comments
Member Income	£4,101.00	
Catering	£191.99	
HMRC Gift Aid	£533.75	
Grant	£216.00	Donation from Mr Gees Foundation for recycling boxes
Visitors	£50.00	
TOTAL Income for year	£5,092.74	

Balance brought forward 1 April	£4,538.72	Total expenditure	£4,443.85
Total Income	£5,092.74	Transfer to Photography group	£19.40
		Closing Balance 31 March 2024	£5,168.21
Total	£9,631.46	Total	£9,631.46

Main Account Carried forward to 2024-2025 £5,168.21

The Group accounts have been audited. The total held in the Group Bank Account is £2,152.25. Groups hold a total of £2,589.42 in cash

The Group Bank Account balance is made up as follows:

Gardening Group £25.10	Find your Voice £80
Local History £1,314.99	Social £818.56
Group rent - £86.40	

Total Income/Expenditure for South Woodham Ferrers USA			
Income :		Including Groups	Expenditure :
Main Account	£ 5,092.74	Main Account	£ 4,443.85
Group Accounts	£ 24,211.20	Group Accounts	£22,994.21
Total	£ 29,303.94	Total	£27,438.06

Independent Examiner's Statement


In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records have not been met

2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed N.Baker

Kate Smith - Hon Treasurer


N. T. BAKER, A.C.I.A.
 25/4/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

South Woodham Ferrers U3A

1181261

Receipts and payments accounts

CC16a

For the period
from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

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					
	5,093	24,211		29,304	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,093	24,211	-	29,304	22,762
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	5,093	24,211	-	29,304	22,762
A3 Payments					
	4,444	22,994	-	27,438	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	4,444	22,994	-	27,438	23,048
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	4,444	22,994	-	27,438	23,048
Net of receipts/(payments)	649	1,217	-	1,866	286
A5 Transfers between funds	20	20	-	-	152
A6 Cash funds last year end	4,539	3,505	-	8,044	8,482
Cash funds this year end	5,168	4,742	-	9,910	8,044

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

Empty box for disclosure details.