

## **South Woodham Ferrers u3a Annual Report 2023 -2024**

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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	

Balance brought forward 1 April	£4,538.72	Total expenditure	£4,443.85
		transfer to Photography group	£19.40
Total Income	£5,092.74	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

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	

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

Katie Smith - Hon Treasurer

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



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South Woodham Ferrers U3A

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
	5,093	24,211		29,304	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	5,093	24,211	-	29,304	22,762
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	5,093	24,211	-	29,304	22,762
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
	4,444	22,994	-	27,438	
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	4,444	22,994	-	27,438	23,048
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	4,444	22,994	-		23,048
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	649	1,217	-	1,866	286
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	20	20	-		152
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	4,539	3,505	-	8,044	8,482
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	5,168	4,742	-	9,910	8,044

**Address:**

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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.**