



Annual Report & Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

Kenilworth u3a

Registered at the Charity Commission as Kenilworth University of The Third Age.

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31 December 2024

In accordance with the Kenilworth u3a (Ku3a) Constitution, as adopted by the Ku3a membership at the EGM held on 21 June 2018: -

"The management of Ku3a shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall be the Governing Body of Ku3a and its Board of Trustees for the purposes of charity law. The Executive Committee shall be responsible for the strategy and policies of Ku3a, may exercise all the powers of Ku3a and shall deal with the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of Ku3a."

The Ku3a Executive Committee must consist of at least 6 and not more than 12 Ku3a members, as elected at the Ku3a AGM; all members of the Ku3a Executive Committee must 'retire' at each AGM and may seek re-election. The Ku3a Executive Committee has four Officers: Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and Vice Chair and are also subject to annual election. The four Officers are appointed to their roles annually by the Executive Committee at its first meeting after the AGM.

The Executive Committee and Trustees during 2024

Nick Booker	Chairman
Steve James	Treasurer
Leo Lewis	Secretary
Helen Higginson	Vice Chair & Membership Secretary
Paul Weller	Speakers' Secretary
Anthony Hartley	Website Manager
Helen Sutton	Bulletin Editor
Leo Lewis	Joint Groups' Co-coordinator
Marian Griew	Joint Groups' Co-coordinator

Non Committee Roles

Alison Lucas	Outings Co-ordinator
Peter Hodges	Audio Visual Manager (Open Meetings)
Laura Ellard	Film Screenings Co-ordinator

Aims and Activities

The 'Charitable Purpose' of Ku3a is:

"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 Kenilworth and its surrounding locality."

The above aims are promoted by the following activities:

1. A programme of monthly Open Meetings, with guest speakers on a variety of topics and with proper provision for social contact between members
2. A schedule of seasonal outings to places of interest
3. A substantial number of 'Interest Groups', established and led by members and directly supported by Executive members
4. Regular social events for members
5. Full participation in the regional Coventry & Warwickshire U3A Network, including active assistance in organizing and supporting events and workshops;
6. Active participation in local community events;
7. The production of a Monthly Bulletin and an Annual Handbook to all members
8. An annual programme of meetings for New Members and for Group Leaders

Chairman's Report for 2024

"What a year it's been!" Picture it: a room full of vibrant minds, an irresistible whiff of tea and biscuits beforehand and the hum of conversation that only the camaraderie of the U3A can deliver. At Kenilworth U3A, 2024 has been nothing short of splendid - a year filled with learning, laughter, and a fair bit of liveliness. So, let's don our metaphorical mortarboards, adjust our designer clothes, tweed jackets (elbow patches optional) or, whatever takes your fancy and take a stroll down memory lane.

The evidence is clear: good social connections make for a healthy, happy life. Research has long shown that people with strong social ties are healthier and live longer. Here at U3A, we specialise in building exactly those connections — the very kind that add zest to our days and keep us feeling sprightly. Retirement, lovely as it is, can leave us yearning for the camaraderie of workplace gossip by the coffee machine. Fear not! At U3A, there's always a metaphorical water cooler around which to gather, whether you fancy folk dancing, history, walking, wine-tasting, watercolour painting and many other activities and subjects.

Over the past year, Kenilworth U3A has gone from strength to strength. We now boast over 50 marvellous Interest Groups, ranging from the contemplative pleasures of Art Appreciation to the spirited joys of Wine Tasting — truly a banquet of intellectual and social delights. And as a perfect accompaniment, 2024 saw the announcement of our own cinematic adventure: Lights, Camera, Action — Cinema at Kenilworth U3A! Thanks to the generous support of the Talisman Theatre, we've brought the magic of the silver screen right to our doorstep, starting with the first show in January 2025. Popcorn at the ready, or is it tea and biccies?

Our monthly Open Meetings have featured an array of keynote speakers that would make even the most seasoned raconteur jealous. We began the year with fresh perspectives on the legend of Dr Livingstone in Africa and by February, we were marvelling at the art of engraving the Lord's Prayer onto a pinhead - a feat that requires both dexterity and a surplus of patience. Our journey continued along the jazz soaked alleys of Britain's musical history to ghostly tales from Warwickshire - and what a ride it's been! Some talks thrilled us, some... less so, but all were greeted with warmth and good humour. Our thanks go to Paul Weller, our indefatigable Speakers' Secretary, for his skill in both securing fascinating guest speakers and writing up their exploits for The Bulletin. Bravo, Paul you've kept us wide-eyed and well-informed.

Of course, even the most engaging talk requires technical wizardry, and here we owe much to Peter Hodges, our master of the audiovisual realm. His steady hand on the AV controls ensures we can hear every word (usually) and see every slide (mostly). We applaud your patience, Peter and your willingness to untangle cables with aplomb.

This year's social calendar was as delightful as ever. The summer sun smiled on August's Summer Lunch at Kenilworth Golf Club, and the festive spirit was palpable when we gathered again in December for a Christmas celebration that could have warmed the heart of Scrooge himself. Outings, too, provided a marvellous escape - from the grandeur of Waddesdon Manor to the nostalgic charms of the Black Country Living Museum - all orchestrated by the inimitable Alison Lucas and her team. They have our hearty thanks for the planning, the coordinating, and, dare I say it, the occasional shepherding.

Our membership grew by some nearly 11% this year, bringing us to a remarkable 685 members - no small feat, and one that owes much to our marketing magic and the tireless efforts of Membership Secretary Helen Higginson. Helen not only handles the mountains of paperwork that come with her role but also greets every new face with warmth and charm. And still she found time to organise the Summer and Christmas Lunches for us all.

This year also saw a changing of the guard for The Bulletin: Helen Sutton joined the Committee, took up the editorial reins and we've been in fine hands ever since. Anthony Hartley our webmaster and resident events photographer, having grappled successfully with the demise of the national u3a web hosting company in 2023, once again brought his digital and creative juices into play this year. The launch of a new national u3a website template now gives us significant flexibility in how we present ourselves to the wide world online. The Kenilworth u3a website is now a joy to behold thanks to Anthony ensuring it remains as smart and interesting as our members.

Management and co-ordination of our 50 plus Interest Groups continues to be in the capable hands of Leo Lewis and Marion Griew. And we must not forget the Group Leaders who make them all work. In addition, Leo is also our very efficient Committee Secretary, deals with most aspects of the administration of our links with u3a nationally and keeps the Tea Rota running so there are always refreshments and biscuits for the Open Meetings - Phew! Let's not forget our financial mastermind, Steve James, who joined as Treasurer in March. With Steve's guidance, we've kept annual subscriptions below pre-Covid levels while meeting all our obligations - including claiming Gift Aid. We also owe more than a nod of thanks to David Paxton for his diligent examination of our accounts. Your prudence, gentlemen, keeps us all afloat.

As we reflect on 2024, it's worth remembering that the world beyond Kenilworth has faced its share of tumult - wars, climate crises, political upheavals - but within our U3A, we've found solace, support, and joy. Together, we've learned, laughed, and lived. As we step into 2025, we carry with us the friendships, the knowledge, and the indomitable spirit that make Kenilworth U3A so special. Let's embrace the year of 2025 with enthusiasm—and perhaps a dash of bravado.

And finally, after three glorious years as chairman of the splendid Kenilworth u3a, I'm making way for a new incumbent. Onward and upward - and don't forget to bring your sense of humour!

Nick Booker

Treasurer's Report for 2024

The excess of expenditure over income (or deficit) on General Activities for the year was £527. This was to be expected, as the Trustees were actively trying to manage the cash reserves down. As a result, general reserves have reduced from £8730 to £8203.

We are still in a comfortable financial position.

Comparing 2024 with 2023, income from membership subscriptions increased from £5,735 to £6,510 and Gift Aid from £975 to £1,120 .

The growth and expansion of Kenilworth U3A has resulted in substantial increases in most items of income and expenditure, consistent with the growth in membership.

Outings and lunches revenues have reflected their increased popularity, as also with the interest groups.

It was decided at the 2024 AGM to maintain individual membership subscription rates for 2025 at the same level of £10 (£5 for associate members) as in 2024.

I am grateful to Interest Group Leaders for providing me with financial information so promptly.

Steve James

KENILWORTH U3a**Income And Expenditure Account For The Year Ended 31 December 2024**

	General Activities	Interest Groups	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Members subscriptions	6,510	0	6,510	5,735
Gift Aid	1,120	0	1,120	975
Visitors fees and refreshment donations	280	0	280	359
Outings	4,818	0	4,818	4,250
Summer and Christmas lunches	2,980	0	2,980	1,971
Bank interest	80	0	80	0
Interest groups	0	13,058	13,058	11,154
Total Income	15,788	13,058	28,846	24,444
Expenditure				
Hire of rooms	1,060	0	1,060	980
Speakers fees	833	0	833	765
Postage	1,200	0	1,200	961
IT and software	410	0	410	0
Printing and stationery	1,035	0	1,035	955
Copyright licence	67	0	67	64
Poppy Appeal donation	50	0	50	50
Third Age Trust membership subscription	2,231	0	2,231	2,036
Third Age Trust magazine distribution	1,501	0	1,501	1,288
Bank charges	130	0	130	138
Sundry expenses	0	0	0	6
Outings	4,818	0	4,818	4,250
Summer and Christmas lunches	2,980	0	2,980	1,971
Interest groups	0	12,968	12,968	10,975
Total Expenditure	16,315	12,968	29,283	24,439
Excess of Expenditure over Income	-527	90	-437	5
Reserves brought forward	8,730	1,892	10,622	10,617
Reserves carried forward	8,203	1,982	10,185	10,622

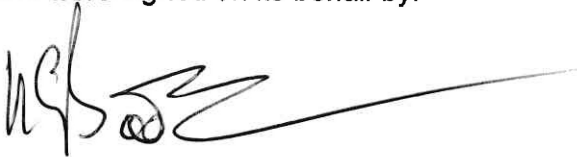
KENILWORTH u3a**Balance Sheet At 31 December 2024**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Current Assets		
Cash at bank and in hand	14,330	15,698
Gift Aid receivable	1,120	0
Outings refunds payable	(98)	0
Outings surplus carried forward	(297)	(161)
Subscriptions receivable in advance	(4,870)	(4,915)
Net Current Assets	10,185	10,622

Reserves

General Activities Funds	8,203	8,730
Interest Groups Funds	1,982	1,892
Total Funds	10,185	10,622

These accounts were approved by the Trustees on 4 February 2025
and were signed on its behalf by:



Nick Booker, Chairman



Steve James, Treasurer

KENILWORTH u3a

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1. Accounting policies

Kenilworth u3a (Kenilworth University of The Third Age) is an unincorporated charity. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, FRS 102, and the Charities SORP. The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, in sterling and on a going concern basis.

2. Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

3. Expenses

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category.

4. Cash

Cash includes cash in hand and deposits with banks.

5. Trustees

No remuneration has been paid to trustees in this or the preceding year. There have been no related-party transactions.

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Kenilworth u3a on the Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity for the period ended 31 December 2024.

As the charity trustees, 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 charity accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination.

I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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

Signed:



Name: David Paxton Date: 4 February 2025

Address: 12 The Wardens, Kenilworth, Warwickshire, CV8 2UH

KENILWORTH U3A**Interest Groups Income and Expenditure for 2024**

	Balance at 1.1.24	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 31.12.24
	£	£	£	£
Painting for Pleasure	203.78	442.00	(456.00)	189.78
Canasta	126.54	728.00	(789.57)	64.97
Gardening	109.49	176.00	(112.10)	173.39
Movement to Music	0.00	60.00	(60.00)	0.00
Play Reading Group 2	2.26	79.72	(81.98)	0.00
Fashion	2.00	118.00	(120.00)	0.00
Croquet	117.65	1,310.50	(1,342.05)	86.10
Folk Dancing	404.07	870.20	(809.88)	464.39
Bolivia	13.53	904.75	(915.83)	2.45
Art Appreciation	167.81	186.00	(185.00)	168.81
Photography	40.67	327.00	(317.45)	50.22
Bridge	550.94	4,252.00	(4,266.73)	536.21
History	66.00	431.00	(318.00)	179.00
Wine Appreciation	24.29	1,230.00	(1,228.47)	25.82
Painting for Fun	0.00	698.25	(698.25)	0.00
Patchwork Quilting	14.51	366.00	(350.00)	30.51
Mahjong	8.57	838.25	(845.70)	1.12
Play Reading Group 1	19.12	40.00	(49.50)	9.62
Genealogy	21.05	0.00	(21.05)	0.00

1,892.28	13,057.67	(12,967.56)	1,982.39
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Less: group money held in main bank account

Art Appreciation	(122.77)	(122.77)
Folk Dancing		(300.00)
Funds remaining with groups	1,769.51	1,559.62