

DULWICH AND DISTRICT U3A

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Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO 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.

Activities: Provision of local study groups, support and enable study days and also monthly talks in a wide range of subjects

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Education/training
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Lambeth
- Lewisham
- Southwark

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£11,472	£16,390	-	-
2024-03-31	£16,032	£10,195	-	-
2023-03-31	£10,729	£11,366	-	-
2022-03-31	£9,802	£9,099	-	-
2021-03-30	£2,674	£9,296	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Caroline Knapp		2021-05-18
Christine Helen Hensby		2022-05-26
Daniel Mark Friedman		2024-05-21
Finola Maeve Norah Stack		2025-02-13
Helen Virginia Robertson		2021-05-18
Keith Martyn Ball		2021-05-18
Neil Abrahams		2023-05-16
Sheila Northover		2023-05-16
Vanessa Slade		2026-05-13

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Dulwich & District u3a: Trustees' annual report for year ended 31 March 2025.

At the AGM last year, Keith Ball became our Treasurer, taking over from Ruth Colvin. Danny Friedman was elected as a new Trustee and took over the role of Membership Secretary from Jane Coupe. Tim Pagan (Chair) and Christine Hensby (Secretary) and Caroline Knapp (Trustee) were re-elected. Finola Stack was co-opted to the Committee as our Safeguarding Officer in February 2025, and stands for election at this year's AGM.

During 2024-25, our monthly members' meetings have been very well attended. We enjoyed a 10th Anniversary Summer Party at Bell House, a festive quiz in Dulwich village and a festive lunch at the Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Golf Club in December. We conducted an extensive member survey, to which we received nearly 300 replies. The Committee is working on producing an action plan in response to points raised by members in the survey.

A revised Convenors' Handbook is being drafted, and a Members' Directory will be going to print shortly. The Committee currently have four active subcommittees. Firstly, the Inclusion and Diversity Subcommittee (SCID), secondly, our Membership Survey Action Subcommittee, thirdly, our new Website Review Subcommittee, and fourthly, the Finance Subcommittee. All have been busy devising improvements to member services. The Committee is functioning very well with 12 enthusiastic and hard-working Trustees.

In November we ran a joint workshop with volunteers at Bell House on the topic of 'Downsizing', which proved a real success. Another joint workshop on the subject of 'Artificial Intelligence' took place last month. Again, it was deemed a success by those who attended. During the year, we developed a new digital newsletter, which has now been launched. Moving to a digital format has streamlined production and made it easier for members to access the newsletter across a range of devices. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Di Deudney who, over the past ten years, has designed and produced the artwork for our previous newsletter with great dedication and enthusiasm.

For in-person meetings, Rosebery Lodge continues to be a valuable facility, and we are grateful to Southwark Council for allowing us to use it and to Diana McInnes for overseeing access to it. At the end of March

2025, our membership stood at over 830, which is up on last year. We also have 100 interest groups and over 90 convenors. We continue to be a thriving organisation. Efforts to increase the diversity of our membership are continuing, but understandably word of mouth seems to be the main source of new members. Our financial position remains strong, and the Trustees decided to maintain the level of subscription at £10 for another year.

During the year, our long-standing Catering Lead, Jenny Thomas, stood down and we welcomed new joint Catering Leads, Sue Fabian and Sandra Tait to the role. We extend our thanks to Jenny for the many years she has organised the teas for our monthly meetings. Huge thanks also to our subcommittee members, catering team members, convenors and the newsletter and publishing teams for all the valuable work they do. Dulwich & District u3a owes its continued existence to the dedication and hard work of our volunteers, whose contributions ensure the organisation continues to thrive.



Dulwich & District U3A Treasurer's report to the Annual General Meeting on 20 May 2025

The Accounts Summary attached shows the results of Dulwich & District u3a's activities in the year to 31 March 2025. The deficit of £4,918 was planned to reduce the amount of funds held by our u3a. It was felt these should be at the level of a year's expenditure, which they are now much nearer - £18,553 funds compared with total expenditure last year of £16,390. So, subscriptions for last year were reduced to £10 from £15; in mid-year a plan was also created whereby groups received grants to cover purchase of specific items, not running costs, which would enhance or expand that group's activities. Over £1,500 has been provided to date.

As funds are still higher than desired (and membership is also increasing) it was decided to continue the lower subscription levels through the current year; however, this may not carry on, as costs are generally increasing.

Currently over 90% of the funds are held in deposit accounts; the fixed term deposit was originally for one year and matured in November 2024; it was replaced by another for six months with interest at 2.91%. This was felt advisable as there was uncertainty as to when these funds might be needed; also, a better rate might be secured this month.

Due to past experience, the Gift Aid refund was budgeted to arrive after the year-end, but in the event, that for 2023/24 was received in March 2025. The 2024/25 refund will be requested later this year.

The accounts have been checked by an independent examiner with no links to Dulwich & District u3a, who has signed them off as satisfactory.

Keith Ball
Treasurer
27 May 2025

Income and Expenditure 1 April - 31 March

2024/25

£

2023/24

£

Receipts

	7,98	
Membership	9	10,890
Membership next year	189	30
Savings interest	455	173
Donations	560	680
Group suspense	8	-24
Gift Aid	2,271	4,283
	11,47	
Total	2	16,032

Payments

Group financial support & equipment	1,634	141
Gifts & prizes	14	157
Festive lunch	533	410
Software licences	1,299	1,531
Open meeting expenses	274	709
Postage & stationery	252	263
Printing & distribution	3,979	198
Publicity	0	7
Room hire	1,455	1,465
Rosebery Lodge expenses & catering	1,332	447
Subscription (capitation)	2,896	2,876
Sundries	295	12
TAM magazines	2,428	1,979
Total	16,390	10,195

Net Income

	-4,918	5,837
Funds brought forward	23,47	17,634
	1	
Funds carried forward	18,55	23,471
	3	

Balance Sheet

Current account - Lloyds	403	4,776
Deposit account - Lloyds	8,150	8,695
Fixed term deposit, Lloyds	10,00	
Bank	0	10,000
	18,55	23,471
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Treasurer's report to the Annual General Meeting on 21 May 2024

The Summary of Accounts included herewith shows the result of our activities in the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. You will note that we generated an excess of income over expenditure of £5,837. Our day-to-day activities produced a surplus of £1,554, the balance being the Gift Aid.

Our net funds increased over the year from £17,634 to £23,471. The trustees took the view that this level of funds was well in excess of the level that we need to be able to run our usual activities comfortably. So, although the trustees carried out a similar review last year, at which time they decided to hold the subscription rate at £15, the rate has been reduced for the current year in light of the increasing amount of funds that are held by D&D and we have asked you for the lower amount of £10 for the year 2024/25.

You will see from the statement of accounts that we have placed part of our funds into a fixed-term account which pays a higher rate of interest than that available in the ordinary deposit account. The term runs until November 2024. The rate of interest is 3.6%.

We have received two amounts of Gift Aid in the year, relating to 2021/22 and 2022/23. A further claim will be made relating to 2023/24 in due course.

The accounts have been scrutinised by an independent examiner with no direct links to D&D u3a, who has signed to indicate that they are satisfactory.

Ruth Colvin
Treasurer
25 April 2024

Dulwich & District u3a Summary of Accounts

Income and Expenditure 1 April–31 March

	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Income		
Membership	10,890	10,133
Membership Next Year	30	145
Membership Overpayments	NIL	70
Savings Interest	173	31
Donations	680	212
Contras for groups	-24	138
Gift Aid	4,283	NIL
Total	16,032	10,729
Expenditure		
Enhancements for groups	141	35
Gifts & Prizes	157	19
Festive lunch	410	NIL
Software licences	1,531	1,411
Open meeting expenses	709	804
Postage & stationery	263	150
Printing & distribution	198	2,916
Publicity	7	95
Room hire	1,465	1,091
Rosebery Lodge expenses	447	317
Subscription (capitation)	2,876	2,620
Sundries	12	45
TAM magazines	1,979	1,863
Total	10,195	11,366
Net Income	5,837	-637
Funds brought forward	17,634	18,271
Funds carried forward	23,471	17,634
Balance Sheet		
Current account – Lloyds	4,776	2,977
Current account – Barclays	closed	85
Deposit account – Lloyds	8,695	14,522
Deposit account – Barclays	closed	closed
1 year deposit, Lloyds Bank	10,000	NIL
Petty Cash	NIL	50
Total	23,471	17,634

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Dulwich & District u3a: trustees' annual report for year ended 31 March 2023

Our chair since 2020, Angela Brown, moved away in 2022 and stood down at the Annual General Meeting in May. In the absence of any candidate for the post, the trustees at their next meeting appointed David Beamish to the role, with Tim

Pagan as Vice-Chair. At the AGM Richard Elliott was re-elected as Secretary and Ruth Colvin as Treasurer. Other trustees who stood down at the AGM were Neil Abrahams (Vice-Chair), Helen Graham and Sandra Tait. Newly elected, in addition to Tim Pagan, were Julia Bairstow, Karen Chessell and Christine Hensby.

Continuing as trustees were Keith Ball, Jane Coupe, Caroline Knapp, Helen Robertson, Anne Sharpley and Maggie Smith. Maggie stood down in summer 2022.

During 2021-22, there had been a gradual return to normality following the lockdown and other restrictions arising from the COVID-19 pandemic. In-person monthly meetings had resumed in late 2021, with the option of following a live stream on Zoom continuing until July 2022, apart from in April 2022, when we held a social gathering for members at the Francis Peek Centre in Dulwich Park. Since October 2022, meetings have been "in person" only, with numbers attending increasing but not yet up to pre-pandemic levels.

September 2022 saw the 40th anniversary of u3a, and was marked on 21 September by a performance by our ukulele groups in Dulwich Park of 40 songs from 40 years. The London Region of u3as arranged for members from most of their u3as to walk, between them, all sections of the Capital Ring and London LOOP, and on 16 September members of Dulwich & District u3a walked section 4 of the Capital Ring, from Crystal Palace Station to Streatham Common Station.

Most of our interest groups are now fully operational again. Quite a few are continuing to use Zoom as well. A new Directory of interest groups was produced and circulated to members in December 2022.

For in-person meetings, Rosebery Lodge continues to be a valuable facility, and we are grateful to Southwark Council for allowing us to use it and to Diana McInnes for overseeing access to it.

At the end of March 2023, our membership stood at 719, and there were some 90 interest groups. We have survived the pandemic very successfully and continue to be a thriving organisation. Efforts to increase the diversity of our membership are continuing, but understandably word of mouth seems to be the most usual source of new members. Our financial position remains strong, and the trustees have decided to maintain the level of subscription at £15 (lower than the previous subscriptions of £20 in 2019 and £25 before that).

April 2023

Dulwich & District U3A Summary of Accounts

Income and Expenditure 1st April- 31 March

	2022/23	2021/22
	£	£
Income		
Membership	10133	9668
Membership Next Year	145	45
Membership Overpayments	70	
Savings Interest	31	1
Donations	212	88
Contras for groups	138	-36
Gift Aid		0
Total	10729	9766
Expenditure		
Enhancements for groups	35	377
Gifts & Prizes	19	78
Software licences	1411	1508
Open meeting expenses	804	459
Postage & stationery	150	276
Printing & distribution	2916	288
Publicity	95	596
Room hire	1091	451
Rosebery Lodge expenses	317	152
Subscription (capitation)	2620	2450
Sundries	45	590
TAM magazines	1863	1838
Total	11366	9063
Net Income	-637	703
Funds brought forward	18271	17568
Funds carried forward	17634	18271
Balance Sheet		
Current account – Lloyds	2977	
Current account – Barclays	85	8190
Deposit account – Lloyds	14522	
Deposit account – Barclays	closed	10031
Petty Cash	50	50
Total	17634	18271

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Trustees' Report for 2021-2022

It has been a privilege to be Chair of Dulwich and District (D&D) u3a for the last two years. My family commitments require that I now move to be nearer to my grandchildren but I will continue to watch from afar with great interest and affection.

It has been a pleasure to observe and be part of the many ways in which D&D has not only maintained itself during the pandemic, but has expanded and developed, adapted and evolved to these challenging circumstances. An incomplete list of these developments includes:

Diversity

In 2020, the AGM passed a resolution creating a sub-committee, now known as SCID (South Circular Inclusivity and Diversity), to help the Committee address diversity in all its forms. This important work has been progressed in several ways: by our survey; through Diversity awareness workshops, which all Convenors have been invited to; through the creation of Risk Assessments for all locations (both private homes and other sites); and through facilitated hearing loss discussion groups, which have been particularly well-attended. A diverse range of Open Meeting speakers have been invited. During National u3a Day, we held activities and events in many different locations in our districts and SCID developed a poster to advertise us.

Interest Groups

These are, of course, our life blood. Interest groups have continued to expand, both in number and variety. We now have many more groups offered in a range of areas, including art, languages, eating, music and activity. Some of these groups have come into being by following up on the interests expressed by our new members and asking them if they would be prepared to convene a group. As ever, we owe our thanks to our indefatigable Convenors for all that they do in making groups happen.

Premises

Rosebery Lodge now experiences a heavy footfall with the Committee using it as its meeting place. It stores our assets and a small library (donations are always welcome). Some new groups are choosing to meet on this site which very much justifies the investment made in securing it for our use. The properties which we use also include Stanstead Lodge in Forest Hill, Bell House and, most recently, the Old Grammar School in Dulwich Village. Extensive research has been carried out by volunteers (at no small personal cost) on local hostelrys and eateries and we are now in a position to make recommendations (See Newsletters for February and March 2022).

Paperwork, Communications, Website and infrastructure

Our systems have been greatly enhanced by the adoption of the National u3a's Beacon system for membership and finance, which has made administration of these areas much less onerous. Our bank account is being upgraded and our Constitution is being tailored. Our website has been modernized and our paperwork, including our Newsletters and Mid-monthly Update, have been smartened and standardised with our logo, charity number and layout. Our Group Convenors' Handbook has been revamped and there are plans afoot to reissue a new Directory of Interest Groups once the new Committee are in place to put their stamp on it. At the AGM you will be receiving a hard copy of the Activity Report documenting many of the events of the last year. A mini diary of u3a in action.

Digital skills

The lockdowns galvanized many of us to get to grips with new technology. We were very fortunate to receive an offer from Kevin Fortune of Smiles to put on fortnightly Zoom teaching sessions. These were well attended and gratefully received by many of our members, including myself, who had not previously been getting the most out of their devices. I am delighted to be able to say that Kevin is now offering not only to continue this offer, but to expand it to our Network partners and to offer face to face tuition with volunteers from local businesses (perhaps we may see these volunteers again in the future as members...!)

Activity Programme

Despite being severely limited by government restrictions, D&D has been able to maintain and expand our essential activity programme. The bikers have expanded (in number, not girth!), our games now include bowls in addition to boules; tennis, table tennis and Zumba all continue. Our walks now range from full day hikes, through fascinating town tours, to gentle strolls in the park. Recently we ran a four week mindfulness and meditation session.

Thanks to the efforts of the Committee, the Convenors, and all our members who have committed to our organisation and given so much of their time, we have all benefited from a lived experience of Positive Aging. Long may it continue.

Angela Brown
Dulwich and District u3a Chair
April 2022

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Statement of Accounts: all accounts
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Income & Expenditure, 1st April - 31st March

	2021/22	2020/21
Income	£	£
Membership	9,668	0
Membership Next Year	45	0
Savings Interest	1	5
Donations	88	0
Gift Aid	0	2594
Total	9,802	2,599
 Expenditure		
Contras for groups	36	0
Enhancement for Groups	377	466
Gifts & Prizes	78	227
Licences	1,081	0
Open Meeting expenses	459	100
Outreach Project	0	39
Postage & Stationery	276	225
Printing & Distribution	288	2821
Publicity	596	0
Room Hire	451	0
Rosebery Lodge expenses	152	224
Subscription (Capitation)	2,450	2380
Sundries	590	239
TAM Magazines	1,838	1783
Zoom Subscriptions	427	716
Total	9,099	9,220
Net Income	703	-6,621
Funds brought forward	17,568	24190
Funds carried forward	18,271	17568
 Balance Sheet		
current account	8,190	7489
Deposit account	10,031	10030
Petty Cash	50	50
	18,271	17,569

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Statement of Accounts: all accounts

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Income & Expenditure, 1st April - 31st March

<i>Category</i>	<i>Start year</i>	<i>In</i>
Contras for groups		£ 385.00
Donations		£ 88.00
Enhancement for Groups		
Gift Aid		
Gifts & Prizes		
Licences		
Membership		£ 9,813.00
Membership Next Year		£ 45.00
Open Meeting expenses		
Outreach Project		
Postage & Stationery		
Printing & Distribution		
Publicity		£ 100.00
Room Hire		
Rosebery Lodge expenses		
Savings Interest		£ 1.00
Subscription (Capitation)		
Sundries		
TAM Magazines		
Zoom Subscriptions		
	Sub-totals	£ 10,432.00
	Brought forward	£ 17,568.11

Total

Balance Sheet

Current

Deposit savings

Do not use
Petty Cash

Total

2021			2020	
	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>		<i>Out</i>
	£ 421.00			
	£ 377.25	£ 17.00		£ 483.36
		£ 2,594.36		
	£ 77.50			£ 226.85
	£ 1,080.72			
	£ 145.00			
	£ 459.02			£ 100.00
		£ 75.00		£ 114.00
	£ 276.48			£ 225.33
	£ 287.94			£ 2,820.66
	£ 696.00			
	£ 451.30			
	£ 152.03			£ 224.40
		£ 4.58		
	£ 2,450.00			£ 2,380.00
	£ 589.81			£ 239.24
	£ 1,837.68			£ 1,782.90
	£ 426.95			£ 716.18
	£ 9,728.68	£ 2,690.94		£ 9,312.92
		£ 24,190.09		
	£ 18,271.43			£ 17,568.11
	£ 8,190.90			£ 7,488.58
	£ 10,030.53			£ 10,029.53

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Trustees' Report for 2020-2021

At the start of this most unusual year the country was one week into the first national lock down. As all of our usual activities had been stopped overnight, and with healthy funds, the committee immediately took the decision to suspend subscriptions for the membership year commencing on 1st April 2020. Most years some 100 members do not renew but this is more than made up for by new members joining. This year all 2019 members were automatically renewed (at zero cost) and 31 new members joined in the year; there were 720 members on 31st March 2020.

The AGM was postponed for three months so that the new committee was not installed until August 2020, at which time I took over as Chair from Liz Day.

Zoom, Directory and Interest Groups

All this year we have used Zoom as a means of communication and because of its popularity have purchased two Zoom Pro accounts for convenors to use with their groups, with one enhanced account enabling an audience of up to 500 at Open Meetings. We offered tuition to convenors and members in the use of Zoom and as a result now have seventy-six of our ninety-nine groups operating either on Zoom or by other electronic means. Many thanks are due to our convenors for their efforts in embracing the new technology and encouraging their members to do so. Neil Abrahams deserves a special mention for managing and enabling our use of Zoom and facilitating speakers to address our Open Meetings. He has also pioneered our use of closed captioning and recording speakers so that members can view the talks again or at more convenient time on our YouTube channel. Our "turn out" at Open Meetings has been larger than it has ever been.

We published a new Directory of groups clearly indicating which groups were operating and encouraged members to "try something new" as group numbers were no longer constrained by room size. We launched duplicate groups in philosophy and politics and a new, topical group on climate change/ sustainable food.

Diversity

In accordance with the motion passed at the August 2020 AGM a Diversity and Inclusivity sub-committee has been formed which has developed a Diversity and Inclusivity Policy. The group acts as an advisory group to the Trustees' Executive Committee (TEC). An Accessibility Officer is to be appointed at the first TEC meeting after the AGM. The group is involved in our outreach work and in the preparations for the first u3a Day on 2nd June 2021.

Open Meetings

We have doubled our offer of Open Meetings from one to two each month. On the advice of our Diversity sub-committee we have invited a more diverse range of speakers. Two of the Open Meetings have been produced by our own membership and we plan to make "home grown" quizzes a regular feature. We have invited u3a members from other u3as to attend our Open Meetings.

Outreach

Our Outreach sub-committee joined the national u3a's Pathfinder project, claiming our Starter Pack and our grant. With the help of our designer and the Diversity sub-committee we designed several versions of publicity material which we sent out, online, to local organisations and publications. We have had contact with the local press and have made contact with social

prescribing link workers (who are attached to GP surgeries, taking a holistic approach connecting people to community groups and statutory services for practical and emotional support).

The efforts of the Outreach sub-committee have now been subsumed into the effort for the national/local u3a day when we plan to enhance local knowledge of our organisation in Dulwich and its Districts, to attract eligible members who may not have heard of us. We are undertaking this jointly with our neighbour u3a West Norwood.

Website

Our web master attended the “make your website your show case” event and has made improvements to our website. Areas have been updated and slimmed down and several members from Interest Groups have been recruited to add photos and write ups to their own group page. We now have a Google Drive system for storing documents. All TEC minutes are online for members to read for two years before being archived.

Creating ownership to aid retention

Our philosophy is to involve the membership in all aspects of the running of the u3a. As well as the previously mentioned initiatives we have conducted a members’ communications survey and followed up all issues. Following the national re branding we have updated our newsletter and all our written documents with the new logo and charity number and aim to encourage members to make use of the newsletter to communicate with each other and with the Trustees. We sent everyone a season’s greetings card and hold ongoing Zoom coffee mornings for drop in chats. These are very popular. We have continued with our new members’ teas on Zoom. We have initiated a service for members with hearing impairment, holding two useful meetings of over forty people each; we intend that this initiative is carried forward led by the members.

Beacon

We have joined the Beacon system of administration for our membership and financial records. This system is specially designed for u3as to help us maintain GDPR-compliant records.

Trustees’ Executive Committee

Many thanks are due to all members of the Trustees’ Executive Committee who have worked so hard this year, not only embracing new methods of communication but also expanding and enhancing what we do. Many thanks to those who are retiring or resigning to take up other endeavours. Especial thanks go to Susan Elias who is stepping down after six years on the Committee but who will still be helping out, not least by designing quizzes for us to enjoy, to Verity Mosenthal after three years of efficient husbandry as Treasurer and to Joy Harris who has recorded over 320 new members during her three years as Membership Secretary.

2021/2022

For this new membership year we have reintroduced subscriptions at a lower rate of £15 and established a reduced rate subscription for members on a low income. This follows the Third Age principle of enabling all who wish to join to do so.

We are looking forward to another full year of activities and to having the chance to meet up in person as well as online.

Angela Brown
Dulwich and District u3a Chair
April 2021



Treasurer's Report to AGM on 18th May 2021

The summary sheet below shows the accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. During this period all our activities were affected by the Coronavirus pandemic and this is reflected in the marked differences from the previous year.

The Trustees Executive Committee quickly decided in March 2020 to suspend membership subscriptions and review the position later. Given the substantial reserve that we started the year with, we were able to keep the year free for members. We still had outgoings: our national subscriptions to the Third Age Trust and the Third Age Matters magazines, Zoom subscriptions instead of room hire, and printing and publicity. In the current year (2021-2022) year we will have no income from Gift Aid, as it is paid based on income in the following year.

The Trustees Executive Committee has encouraged interest groups to apply for funds to enhance their offer to members. About a quarter of the groups had applied at the beginning of 2020 and most had approval. However, very few have spent their money yet, as lockdown intervened. The funds are still available and set aside ready for when conveners are able to resume the relevant activities.

At the end of the financial year we had funds of over £17,000. Our expenditure exceeded our income for the first time, by nearly £7,000. However, we still have a reserve on deposit of approximately one year's expenditure which is more than the six months recommended by the Third Age Trust.

After a careful budget exercise the Trustees agreed to a subscription level of £15 for the current year (2021-2022). We have also increased the discount for members paying the full fee to another u3a, and a concession rate for those on a low income. One consequence of the decision not to charge subscriptions was that we did not have up-to-date information on the number of active members. In fact before the end of April well over 400 of the 720 previous members have renewed and paid a subscription for the current year so that we remain on course to maintain a good reserve. The Trustees will review subscription levels again in the autumn.

During the year we moved our Financial and Membership records from spreadsheets to Beacon, a secure, GDPR compliant software system designed for u3as. I ran both spreadsheets and Beacon in parallel for the year, successfully, and now our records are only kept on Beacon. Many thanks to Anne Sharpley and Sarah Howell-Davies for their support during the transition and since.

The accounts have been scrutinised by an independent examiner with no direct links to D&D U3A, who has signed that they are satisfactory.

Verity Mosenthal
Dulwich & District U3A Treasurer
April 2021

Summary of Accounts for Dulwich & District U3A Year ending 31 March 2021

<u>Receipts</u>	2020-2021		2019-2020	
	£	£	£	£
Subscriptions for 2020-2021	0.00		13,067.00	
Subscriptions in advance for next year	0.00		15.00	
Donations	0.00		10.00	
Gift Aid	2,594.36		2,838.98	
Savings account interest	4.58		18.48	
Christmas lunch deposits	0.00		1,580.00	
Interest groups for rooms, entry fee deposits, etc	0.00		911.50	
Misc (unpresented cheque)	0.00		5.00	
Pathfinder grant	75.00			
TOTAL RECEIPTS	2,673.94		18,445.96	
 Payments				
Room Hire		0.00		866.50
Postage & Stationery		237.59		1,563.22
Catering		0.00		1,293.78
Membership Subscription (Capitation)		2,380.00		2,271.50
Magazines		1,782.90		1,609.00
Gifts & Prizes		226.85		210.30
Open meeting expenses		100.00		70.00
Equipment		0.00		1,251.39
Publicity		114.00		142.97
Printing & distribution		2,808.40		1,845.65
Rosebery Lodge expenses/equipment		224.40		736.00
Conference and training		0.00		168.75
Christmas Lunch		0.00		1,953.90
Funding for new/expanding groups		0.00		396.03
Interest groups for rooms, entry fees, etc		0.00		735.00
Funding to enhance group activities		466.36		227.27
Zoom		716.18		
Sundries		239.24		23.38
TOTAL PAYMENTS		9,295.92		15,364.64
Net of Receipts/Payments		-£6,621.98		£3,081.32

BANK RECONCILIATION

Cash funds as at 01/04/20	£24,190.09
Plus net of receipts/payments	-£6,621.98
Cash funds as at 31/03/21	£17,568.11
Barclays Community account	£7,488.58
Barclays Business Premium Account	£10,029.53
Petty Cash	£50.00
	£17,568.11