



## **Chiltern University of the Third Age**

### **Annual Report of the Trustees**

**Year Ended 31 March 2023**

#### **Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name: Chiltern University of the Third Age  
(hereinafter referred to as "Chiltern u3a")

Charity registration number: 1082794

#### **Trustees**

The following served during the year:

Helen Beaumont	
David Bender	
Jennifer Susan Harold-Barry	(Treasurer)
Mike Hender	
Jenny Jobson	(Vice-Chair)
Sarah Jones	(Chair)
Ernest Newhouse	(Secretary)
Jean Routly	Appointed 18 August 2022
Christian Scott	
Carolyn Spencer	Resigned 18 May 2022
Linda Walton	
Wallace Wormley	

All the trustees in office at the end of the year were still in office when this report was signed.

#### **Location**

Chiltern u3a does not have premises of its own. The majority of its activities take place at the Amersham Community Centre and the nearby Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AH. The latter will accept correspondence addressed to Chiltern u3a.

#### **Bankers**

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ.  
HSBC plc, 92 Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5EW

#### **Independent Examiner**

Alex Hughes, ACCA, 95 Hundred Acres Lane, Amersham, Bucks. HP7 9BP.

## **Structure, Governance and Management**

### **Governing Document**

The Constitution of Chiltern u3a was adopted on 6 April 2000 and amended on 16 October 2002, 19 April 2004, 16 May 2012, 21 May 2014, and 24 February 2021.

### **Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees.**

Trustees are elected for 2 year terms at the Annual General Meeting and may be re-elected. They are drawn from the membership of Chiltern u3a. When necessary, trustees may be co-opted from the membership.

### **Risk Management**

Risk Assessment procedures and appropriate insurances are in place. Appropriate protective software is installed on Chiltern u3a's IT equipment and users are trained as necessary.

### **Objectives, Activities and Public Interest**

The objectives of the charity are to advance the education of middle-aged and older citizens not in full time gainful employment and living in Amersham and Chesham and the surrounding locality; to provide facilities for leisure time and recreational activities aimed at improving the life-style and social welfare of those citizens.

Chiltern u3a traditionally holds one general meeting each month, at most of which a presentation by a member or an outside speaker is the main item on the agenda. A variety of interest groups meet, generally once or twice a month. These cover a range of academic, exercise, cultural and social matters according to the expressed wishes of the members and the willingness of organisers to come forward. Excursions are also arranged.

The trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Trust meet the public interest.

### **Employees**

Chiltern u3a does not have any employees.

### **Achievements and Performance**

Following the end of the pandemic, the u3a's activities have largely returned to their customary formats, with minimal use being made of Zoom. Those which took place in the former Amersham Leisure Centre have transferred into the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre and teething problems are being ironed out. However, the Zoom 'tea parties', held 3 times a week have been continued and have been much appreciated.

It is pleasing to note that the decline in membership, noted in last year's report, has largely been reversed. The membership at the year end was 1344 (Dec 22: 1338) [March 2022: 1245], near to the pre-pandemic level of 1352 at March 2021. At the end of the year there were 94 interest groups, including excursions, [March 2022: 93], ranging from Ancient Cultures to Yoga for Beginners. 4 new groups were formed and 3 were closed.

## **Plans for Future Periods**

The trustees are continuing to make particular efforts to attract new members, particularly from those recently retired. Particular efforts are being made to broaden the range of publicity outlets. They are also concerned about the difficulty of finding people to take on leadership roles in the various activities, which seems to be a common problem in many community groups.

## **Financial Review**

### **Reserves Policy**

Budgeting is based on a policy of maintaining a reserve broadly equivalent to 6 months' expenditure. This year it is significantly larger since, as a result of the pandemic, room hire costs have been significantly reduced.

### **Fixed Assets**

Chiltern u3a has no Fixed Assets apart from computers and similar equipment, which are written off to expenditure on acquisition.

## **Results for the Period**

The accounts for the year are presented with this report.

## **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial period and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the accounts, suitable accounting policies have been used consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements made. The trustees are also responsible for maintaining accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the trust and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are satisfied that Chiltern u3a is a going concern.

## **Audit**

Under the terms of the Charities Act 2011, the size of Chiltern u3a is such that the trustees may choose between an audit and an independent examination. The trustees have determined that the accounts should be independently examined and the corresponding report follows the accounts.

This report was approved by the trustees on 20 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Jones  
Chair

CHRIST GOSPEL CHURCH  
INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT 1/4/2022 - 31/03/2023

INCOME	£	EXPENDITURE	£
TITHES	25720.20	PASTOR'S WAGE	12643.47
OFFERINGS	2744.00	TAX / NI & PENSION	4685.22
FIRST FRUITS	4300.99	GAS	284.00
MISSIONS	1384.44	ELECTRICITY	1960.22
INTEREST ON SAVINGS	267.88	PHONE & FAX	142.82
TAX REBATE - COVENANTS	5880.87	REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE	247.87
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	570.00	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENDITURE	1087.43
		CHURCH INSURANCE	1577.12
		BRITISH & FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY	180.00
		PRISON FELLOWSHIP SOCIETY	200.00
		JEFFERSONVILLE -SUPPORT MATERIALS ETC	5938.00
		MISSIONARY SUPPORT	895.00
		TRANSFER TO SAVINGS	11027.23
TOTAL	40868.38	TOTAL	40868.38

DAVID FAWCETT, TREASURER  
24TH APRIL 2023

## **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Christ Gospel Church of Buxton.**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023, which are set out on pages 01 to 02.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43 (7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met.

**Mark A. Judd**  
**Furnace House**  
**Toadhole Furnace**  
**Oakerthorpe**  
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**DE55 7LL**  
**4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

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