

# DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT THIRD AGE

England & Wales · Charity number 518273

## Details

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**Other names** DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT GROUP U3A, D 3 A

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1987-03-20

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF PEOPLE OVER FIFTY YEARS IN AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT IN DEWSBURY AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS

**Activities:** The Dewsbury & District Third Age provides friendly informal classes for people over fifty in an inclusive environment in Dewsbury and its surrounding areas.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Human Resources
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DEWSBURY
- City Of Wakefield
- Kirklees

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£32,702	£29,705	-	-
2024-03-31	£30,384	£25,704	-	-
2023-03-31	£23,764	£27,569	-	-
2022-03-31	£17,839	£15,646	-	-
2021-03-31	£378	£702	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>SANDRA DIANA BLIGH BSc,FCR</b>	Chair	2011-07-14
AUDREY PARKIN		2012-06-21
Barbara Ann Clough		2022-09-08
CAROL ASHTON		
CHRIS PARKIN		2012-06-21
Charmaine Zena Beverley Straker-Purvis		2017-07-03
Ian Richard Woollin		2022-09-08
STEPHANIE LESLEY ROE		2017-07-03
SUSAN BURNETT		2011-07-14
Susan Ethel Lewis		2022-09-08
Tracey Maria McQuinn		2022-09-08

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### TRUSTEES' REPORT 2024/25

We have had another successful year and 2025 finds us celebrating our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Things have changed in society and our environment in that time but joining a class to meet like-minded people, learn a new skill or sport and have fun is still appreciated. Although we have welcomed many new members, sadly, an equivalent number is no longer able to attend classes and our membership remains below 500.

We have had one new class this year: "Psychology in Everyday Life" led by Nick Tanna. This class has been held monthly between October and April and has been enjoyed and appreciated by those who attended. After 30 years as an art tutor, Beryl Conroy has retired. Sue Lewis is now the class tutor. Sadly, Eileen Byrne, leader of the Monday Table Tennis group died after a short illness. Chris Royle-Evatt is taking the lead. Matthew Baldwin has retired as leader of the Wednesday Table Tennis class and Jack Bretherick is taking over the class. Charlotte Thornton is now the tutor for the "Exercise for over 50s" class. The Discussion class did not take place this year but will return in October 2025. We thank these people and all our other volunteers for their enthusiasm and dedication. We continue to look for more volunteer tutors.

We have not held an annual exhibition this last financial year as it has been moved to September 2025 to fit in better with our anniversary celebrations.

We started our anniversary year with two concerts at the end of the spring term. The "Singing for Pleasure" choir held its own concert on the last day of term and the following day we had a larger event, attracting people from outside our class members and almost filling Dewsbury Minster. Taking part were the following classes: "Play Guitar (and Sing) for Fun"; "Play the Ukulele"; "Scottish Country Dancing"; "Singing for Pleasure" choir and "Yorkshire Dialect".

Some of our classes become involved within the community in addition to weekly classes. For example, the Patchwork class has been busy as usual, making quilts for various charities. "A whole group project making nine patch lap quilts which were given to some care homes, also larger quilts given to other charities. We also made a double quilt together which we gave to a lady

who was in need”. “Busy Needles” handicraft group members tell me “every autumn we make knitted or crocheted decorations to make Batley Community Centre, where we meet, more festive in the run up to Christmas.” Members of our music classes continue to go out entertaining community groups, as do the Scottish Dancing class members. Members of the Yorkshire Dialect group competed in the Mrs Sunderland spoken word competitions in Huddersfield and had a number of placings. Two or three members of the Yorkshire Dialect class had an information stall at the monthly events at Oakwell Hall, Birstall during the summer, which proved very popular, although visitors were often too young to join the class.

### **Financial Report**

We continue to be financially sound with sufficient funds to cover unexpected situations. Our most significant threat is the number of free classes that are now available throughout the area, which may explain why we are competing for new members. Given the current economic situation where people are struggling financially, we feel that we can maintain our fees at the current rate but are likely to have to look at increasing them for 2026/2027 to keep on top of the increase in room hire charges. Our venues are still recovering from the losses incurred during the pandemic, as well as the increase in energy costs.

# DEWSBURY & DISTRICT THIRD AGE Balance Sheet April 2024 to March 2025

INCOME	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Class Fees	£27,204.00	£29,392.00
Membership Fees	£2,165.00	£2,069.00
<b>Sundry Income:</b>		
Interest on Bank Account	£252.03	£132.75
Gift Aid Reimbursement	£284.60	£298.99
Other	£2.00	£17.05
Sports Grant	£0.00	£250.00

Interest on Building Society	£476.42	£ 542.18
	<b>£30,384.05</b>	<b>£32,159.79</b>

Checked as a true record:

Signed:

Name: KEVIN M. CONNELL

Position: RETIREE (ACMA) ACCOUNTANT

Date: 12/04/25

EXPENDITURE	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025
Room Hire	£ 22,738.48	£27,024.30
Marketing / Website / Exhibitions & Fairs	£630.09	£46.40
Prospectus Printing	£279.00	£212.50
Insurance	£424.20	£666.48
Tutor's Expenses	£1,166.58	£1,228.26
Telephone	£0.00	£0.00
Postage	£37.50	£0.00
Photocopying	£203.96	£179.90
Administration (AGM, Committee)	£80.56	£140.88
Purchase of Sports Equipment	£0.00	£104.28
PAT Testing	£37.00	£22.20
Sundry Expenses	£87.22	£0.00
Retirement Gifts & Quiz	£20.00	£80.00
NCVO Subscription	£0.00	£0.00

**Surplus / Loss on the Year**

**£4,679.46**

**£2,454.59**

CASH AND BANK BALANCE	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
Cash to Bank	£0.00	£0.00
Current Account (Virgin Money)	£8,532.55	£7,987.14
Yorkshire Building Society	£14,813.46	£18,355.64
Unpresented Cheques	-£24.30	£0.00
	<b>£23,321.71</b>	<b>£26,342.78</b>

\*\* Includes £145.72 of unspent grant

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Hi Stephanie.

Following our meeting yesterday, I wish to confirm your accounts are a true representation of the Dewsbury & District Third Age financial performance in year ending March 2025.

I have confirmed that the opening and closing bank balances in your accounts match back to the appropriate bank statements

Opening Bank & cash balance. £23,321.71 (incl unrepresented cheque of 24.30)

Closing Bank & cash balance £26342.78

An increase in funds of £3021.07

This is represented by the following

Trading Surplus of £2454.59

Interest on Building Society. £542.18

Unrepresented cheque (2023) not cleared £24.30

Overall surplus £3021.07 - matches movement in bank balances.

Regards

Kevin McConnell. ACMA (retired)

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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### ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

We have had a successful year with 33 classes (only 4 down from pre Covid numbers) and the classes continue to be a wonderful way to make new friends and to share doing something we enjoy with others.

Unfortunately, our membership is still well below pre Covid numbers with 479 members, including trustees and tutors. We continue to welcome new members. We had no new classes and two classes will not be restarting in the Autumn. Christine Cashman started as a member and volunteer thirty years ago and in March she decided to retire as tutor of the Tuesday patchwork class. She has been a trustee, secretary and for many years tutor of two patchwork classes. She has also organised social events, lunches and holidays. She still intends to continue as a member. Stephanie Roe will not be offering her "Making Teddy Bears and Other Animals" class next term. She will be continuing as Treasurer and Vice Chairman. We thank them and all our other volunteers for their enthusiasm and dedication.

We need people to come forward and volunteer to lead new classes. We are looking for people who live locally, are available during the day and have a knowledge, skill or enthusiasm which they would like to share with other over 50s. It is a very satisfying role and a wonderful way to make new friends. Volunteers are supported by a link trustee. We also have space for a few more trustees, especially someone who may have expertise in publicity.

In March, we had our first annual exhibition since 2020 at Oakwell Hall. This was very well supported by our members and demonstrated well the variety of what we have on offer.

While many classes confine themselves to just one session a week, some classes are moving out and working in or for the community. Our "Play the Guitar and Sing" and "Play the Ukulele" classes have both been out entertaining people in the community. The "Scottish Country Dancing" class has led the dancing at a Burns Night celebration and all three classes performed at our annual exhibition. Our "Singing for Pleasure" choir entertained friends in December and gave a concert for a community group in March. A number of the "Yorkshire Dialect" class members once again took part in the Mrs Sunderland competition in the dialect section and two members were awarded the first and second places. Another member came second in the "Own Composition" section. In October, three members attended a meeting of Huddersfield Macular Society to read dialect pieces to members who have eyesight problems. After dialect pieces were heard being read aloud at our exhibition, the class has been invited to attend other events at Oakwell Hall, including Yorkshire Day.

Members of one of our patchwork classes have been making lap quilts for care home residents and children's quilts for the children's hospice and the baby bank, also full-sized quilts for Kirkwood Hospice. Members have donated the material and their time. The other patchwork class has made a group quilt in memory of a member who died of cancer last year. The quilt was presented to the church which the lady had attended and it will be used to raise funds. Our "Sewing for Fun" class makes visits to craft fayres.

## **Financial Report**

The Group had to increase class fees last October in order to meet increasing room hire costs. This proved to be the right move. A small number of our classes have not broken even due to low numbers, however as long as the Group breaks even over the year, which it has, these classes should be able to continue. We finished the year with a surplus of £4,203.54 but this did not take into account the outstanding invoices which need to come off this figure. The overall result will therefore be nearer £2,546.04.

We had to withdraw £5,000 from our savings account to prevent us from going overdrawn. We have already been able to replace £3,000 of the savings to take advantage of the high interest rates. This means we are in a much healthier financial position compared to last year and have the resources to be able to survive another Covid situation or similar emergency, should this occur again, but hopefully NOT!

We are grateful to Mr Kevin McConnell for again agreeing to examine our accounts independently in order to help keep us compliant with Charity regulations.

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## Summary of Income and Expenditure for the year 1st April 2023 -31st March 2024

INCOME	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Class Fees	£21,046.50	£27,204.50
Membership Fees	£2,107.50	£2,165.00
<b>Sundry Income:</b>		
Interest on Bank Account	£58.17	£252.03
Gift Aid Reimbursement	£270.39	£284.60
Other		£2.00
	<b>£23,482.56</b>	<b>£29,908.13</b>

Interest on Building Society 

£280.97
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£476.42
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Checked as a true record: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

EXPENDITURE	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024
Room Hire	£ 24,720.90	£ 22,738.48
Marketing / Website / Exhibitions & Fairs	£0.00	£630.09
Prospectus Printing	£199.00	£279.00
Insurance	£397.82	£424.20
Tutor's Expenses	£1,668.91	£1,166.58
Telephone	£0.00	£0.00
Postage	£0.00	£37.50
Photocopying	£145.11	£203.96
Administration (AGM, Committee)	£165.46	£80.56
Purchase of Capital Equipment	£0.00	£0.00
PAT Testing	£0.00	£37.00
Sundry Expenses:	£122.05	£87.22
Retirement Gifts & Quiz	£150.00	£20.00
NCVO Subscription	£0.00	£0.00
First Aid Training	£0.00	£0.00
	<b>£27,569.25</b>	<b>£25,704.59</b>

**Surplus / Loss on the Year** **-£4,086.69** **£4,203.54**

CASH AND BANK BALANCE	3/31/2023	3/31/2024
Cash to Bank	£0.00	£0.00
Unpresented cheques		-£24.30
Current Account (Virgin Money)	£1,381.21	£8,532.55
Yorkshire Building Society	£17,056.07	£14,813.46
	<b>£18,437.28</b>	<b>£23,321.71</b>

Calculations for Sundry Expenses Breakdown

Ret Gifts & Quiz		AGM/ Committee	
J. Whitehead	£30.00	Receipt Books	
F. Pickard	£30.00	AGM Refreshments	£26.55
Quiz D. Clayton	£10.00	Zoom Subscription	£47.96
V. Boden	£30.00	Insurance	£424.40
C. Moss	£30.00	Misc	
Quiz S. King	£10.00	Quiz/Retirement Gifts	£20.00
A. Jeffrey	£10.00	Deposit for Keys Birstall CC	£15.00
		Xmas Cards	
	<b>£150.00</b>		<b>£533.91</b>
	Sundry	<b>Outstanding Invoices</b>	
AGM/Comm		Dewsbury Town Hall March	£ 152.50
Insurance		Dewsbury Table Tennis League	£ 540.00
Ret Gifts	£150.00	Ravensthorpe URC	£ 600.00
AGM/Comm	£ 165.46	St. Andrew's Mirfield	£ 510.00
	<b>£ 315.46</b>		<b>£1,802.50</b>


£0.00

