

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

England & Wales · Charity number 800397

Details

Other names U3A, UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1988-11-22

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

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Activities

Objects: 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: The charity recruits tutors to lead groups to discuss or participate in a wide variety of topics and activities. We provide venues for about 100 classes ranging from academic subjects such as languages, literature, writing, philosophy and history to more active pursuits such as tennis, badminton, dancing, cycling, walking and keep-fit exercising, music and drama.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Amateur Sport
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** BOURNEMOUTH AND ITS SURROUNDING LOCALITY
- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Poole

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-30	£74,052	£70,984	-	-
2024-06-30	£69,635	£60,689	-	-
2023-06-30	£65,962	£65,009	-	-
2022-06-30	£81,004	£59,385	-	-
2021-06-30	£9,231	£9,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Perry Ellis	Chair	2025-12-04
Archie Hoggan		2025-12-04
Dorothee Margret Merton		2022-10-17
Kathy Palfrey		2025-07-31
Nicholas Monk		2023-10-19
Sandra Bassett		2025-07-31
Stephanie Jane Gardiner		2023-10-19

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Accounts

AGM 2025 - APPENDIX 1

Chair's report

Good Morning, thank you for attending our AGM today, my second as your Chair.

Bournemouth u3a is a vibrant and friendly self-help organization that is full of many dedicated members who volunteer in different capacities. These dedicated volunteers, serving in both Committee and non-Committee roles keep this Charity running successfully whilst providing an enjoyable experience to other members. The Charity would not be able to survive without a significant number of the membership volunteering based on the principle of being "run by the members for the members".

As communicated last year, Jennie has now stood down from the Committee and will continue to be active with non-committee activities such as being an Office volunteer, Social & Group Leader and SJI Representative. Michael our former Treasurer and Julie who runs Publicity, are also standing down from the Committee and Julie will continue her publicity role in a non-Committee capacity. I thank all those departing members of the Committee for their outstanding contribution to Bournemouth u3a.

This year we have welcomed two new Committee members, Sandra and Kathy both as Shadow Trustees who will shadow the remaining Committee members roles.

There still remain 5 vacancies on the Committee including Treasurer, Vice-Chair, Joint-Programme Co-Ordinator, Social Events Organiser and Accessibility Officer. At the current time I am Chair and have been Acting Treasurer since May, a position that will be un-sustainable beyond the end of 2025. Despite several attempts, we have been unable to find members who are able to take on the Treasurer role or the Joint Group Co-ordinator role and Dorothee has kindly agreed to take on Jennie's Group and Venue Co-ordinator role.

At this meeting we also welcome back John Oram, a former Committee member, as he is nominated for President during the coming 25/26 year.

To address the ongoing Committee vacancies, a proposed new organisational structure has been drafted including both Committee and non-Committee volunteer vacancies. This document will be shared with members after the A.G.M. and will be included for discussion by the new Committee at their first October meeting held after this A.G.M.

Four of the current seven committee members have agreed to submit themselves for re-election this year. Kathy and Sandra join as new Shadow trustees, Nick continues as Editor and with oversight on Publicity, Dorothee as Secretary and as Groups and Venues Co-ordinator, Suzi as Office and IT Manager and myself as Chair and temporary Treasurer. We are hopeful that equally committed and hardworking members will step forward after this A.G.M. and volunteer to ensure the successful ongoing operation of this u3a.

We would not survive and thrive without our dedicated and enthusiastic Group Leaders and those who volunteer in any capacity (the Office, the Coffee mornings, and at Publicity events): they are all the backbone of our u3a. In thanking them publicly, those who have stood down and those who are continuing.

I would also like to thank all members past and present, for joining, committing and participating at Bournemouth u3a.

As Trustees we have a duty to keep our Charity solvent, and to have sufficient reserves to ride out unpredictable financial storms. We have been fortunate to have Michael as Treasurer, who has helped with improving the charity's accounting systems and also successfully renegotiated onerous contracts on behalf of Bu3a. Michael has now handed over his treasury responsibilities and made two Gift Aid claims that has significantly improved the funding position of the Charity. I thank Michael for his knowledge and experience that he has brought to the Committee as Treasurer and for continuing to volunteer for Bu3a in a non-Committee special adviser role.

At the last count we had 94 groups with 32 groups currently with waiting lists and we are always looking to facilitate more. For two years in a row, the Committee have maintained the same all-inclusive annual membership donation of £66 despite rising accommodation costs that sometimes are beyond the current level of inflation. Without the gift aid claims, retaining membership at £66 p.a. this year would not have been possible. We would encourage members who have not yet signed up for gift aid (assuming they are currently tax-payers) to notify our Office Manager Suzi accordingly.

We currently stand at around 750 members, and we are hopeful with increased publicity and 'word of mouth' recommendations from our members that the budget of 850 members will be reached. We are, however, still attracting new members and to date we have had 90 new members join this year. This is a wonderful organisation for the older generations to be involved in so, please, "get out there and spread the word!

I want to stress again the founding principles of the u3a, those of mutual aid and self-help. Like me, I know that most of you joined to explore new interests, revisit and share previous interests, learn new skills and meet new people. After a while, the bigger picture becomes apparent: membership of a movement of **volunteers**, all of us with something to contribute. Please make your contribution count during the next year:

- Encourage people you know to join
- Offer support to your group leader to provide back-up and assistance
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- Look for opportunities to establish new groups
- **And when the time comes, consider how you might join the Committee and volunteer in any capacity, large or small roles accepted!**

Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Stephanie Gardiner

Bournemouth u3a

Chair and Acting Treasurer

Bournemouth U3A

AGM Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending 30th June 2025

- The Full Year results show a small surplus of £3,068 compared to a £8,946 surplus from the previous year.
- Membership income was £731 higher due to 11 more new members joining compared to budget.
- Gift Aid was £1,439 higher than budget and Meeting income of £1,000 did not materialise.

The £3,068 actual surplus is higher than the budgeted £148 surplus, a £2,920 improvement. This is due to members' generous donations of £3,193, tight control over printing and postage costs with savings of £1,929 and equipment savings of £990.

The Hambledon Garden visit was cancelled, with the impact of reducing both Social Events income and expenditure for the year.

- Our reserve position has improved to £61,122 at 30th June 2025.
- Bank and Cash Balances plus stamps at 30th June 2025 totalled £80,765. This includes 2025/26 online membership subscriptions of £23,488 and donations of £1,308 which had been paid into the bank before 1st July.

2025/26 and Future Prospects

- Our current full year forecast for 2025/26 shows a surplus of £1,030, as budgeted.
- Membership whilst still significantly below the 1100+ pre-covid levels has continued to stabilise at around the 850 level.
- At 30th September our membership totalled 750, on par with the same period last year. To achieve our full year target we need 100 more members to join during the remainder of the financial year.
- Reserves at the 30th June 2026 at the end of 2025/26 are forecast at £62,152 which would cover 85% of our annual expenditure of £73,240. The strong reserves position at the year end, has enabled us to hold the minimum donation at £66.

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2025

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Membership Fees	50,231	51,002
Grants	2,500	0
Donations	3,193	3,557
Gift Aid	10,189	8,658
Meetings	0	915
Clubs/Events	0	246
Bank Interest received	1,245	933
Social Events	6,694	4,324
Total Income	<u>74,052</u>	<u>69,635</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Accommodation	51,232	44,432
Publicity	1,451	515
Printing & Postage	546	2,422
Office Costs	3,857	2,908
IT Costs	1,986	2,129
Annual Fees	210	195
Third Age Trust Capitation Fees	3,184	3,370
Events	910	635
Equipment	410	36
Social Events	7,198	4,047
Total Expenditure	<u>70,984</u>	<u>60,689</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	3,068	8,946

BOURNEMOUTH U3A
BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE 2025

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
<u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>		
Current Account	14,277	8,876
Savings Account	65,203	68,590
Restricted Funds	0	2,500
Social Account	1,056	3,129
Petty Cash	100	208
Postage Stamps	129	357
Prepayments/Debtors	15,281	16,476
Total current assets	96,046	100,136
<u>CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>		
Income in Advance	32,208	29,674
Accruals/Prepayments/Creditors	2,716	12,408
Total current liabilities	34,924	42,082
Total net assets	61,122	58,054
Accumulated funds as at 1 July 2024/1 July 2023	58,054	49,108
Surplus from income and expenditure account	3,068	8,946
Accumulated funds as at 30 June 2025/30 June 2024	61,122	58,054

Notes to Accounts

1) Prepayments/Debtors

	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2023/24</u>
Rent in advance (SJI)	1,110	1,110
Deposit for the Knole	5,000	5,000
Social Events	-	1,708
Gift aid repayment	9,171	8,658
	<u>15,281</u>	<u>16,476</u>

2) Income in Advance

Deferred to following year	8,720	6,097
Received in advance	23,488	18,767
Social Events	-	2,310
Grant Income held	-	2,500
	<u>32,208</u>	<u>29,674</u>

3) Accruals

Accommodation	1,399	11,754
IT Costs	282	87
Social Events	587	-
Office Supplies	250	49
Grants	198	-
Annual Gala Costs	-	518
	<u>2,716</u>	<u>12,408</u>

Prepared by Stephanie Gardiner FCCA Acting Treasurer

Examined by Robert McGouin

	Funds at 1/7/2024	Accruals/ Deferrals Transfers	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Funds at 30/6/2025
<i>Bank and Cash</i>				
Current Account	8,876	-2,576	7,473	13,773
Savings Account	68,590	-3,387		65,203
Restricted Funds	2,500		-2,500	0
Social Account	3,129		-1,569	1,560
Petty Cash	208		-108	100
Balance 30/6/24 - 30/6/25	83,303	-5,963	3,296	80,636
Postage Stamps	357		-228	129
Accruals/Deferrals	-25,606	5,963		-19,643
	58,054	0	3,068	61,122



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Bournemouth U3A

On accounts for the year
ended

30 June 2025

Charity no
(if any)

800397

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended "

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

Independent
examiner's statement

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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
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I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

10 October 2025

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Robert J McGoun

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Section B**Disclosure**

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Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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Chair's report

Good Morning, thank you for attending our AGM today, my first as your Chair.

It has been a challenging and at the same time, a very transformational year for the seven dedicated members who formed a new Committee for the 2023/24 period.

The Committee have completed many projects during the year and now consider that the charity is "Futureproof". Bournemouth u3a is committed to deliver a wide range of interesting groups and social activities to the members going forward. Some of the key projects delivered in the last year for the benefit of the charity and the members include:-

- Finding two alternative venues to replace Friend's Meeting House with The Knole and St. Katharine's Church that will host 27 interest groups from this Autumn 2024 onwards.
- Replaced the old website with a new "Siteworks" word press website, our thanks to Howard and Oliver for making this transition as smooth as possible.
- Implemented a new Publicity plan using u3a guidelines and held two new publicity events (M.C.C. and Westbourne Arcade) in National u3a week in September to help recruit new members.
- Updated and completely revised Policies, Procedures and Codes of Conduct and introduced a new Accessibility Officer role to help members who require additional assistance to join groups and activities.

Earlier this year we saw John Oram resign from the Committee after more that 16 years of loyal service. Fortunately, John still contributes significantly to running various social events and we are very grateful for his ongoing enthusiasm and contribution to Bournemouth u3a.

As communicated earlier in July, Jennie has given notice to the Committee that she intends to stand down after more than 16 years service. Jennie is planning to still be active with non-committee activities such as being an Office volunteer, Group Leader and SJI Representative. We hope to identify a replacement Joint Programme Co-Ordinator from the membership soon.

This year we have welcomed two new Committee members, Michael as the Honorary Treasurer and Nick as our newsletter Editor. There remains 4 vacancies on the Committee including Vice-Chair, replacement Joint-Programme Co-Ordinator, Social Events organiser and Accessibility Officer.

Six of the current six committee members and legal trustees to the Charity, have agreed to submit themselves for re-election this year. We are hopeful that equally committed and hardworking members will step forward at this A.G.M. and volunteer to ensure the ongoing operation of this u3a.

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I would also like to thank all members past and present, for joining, committing and participating at Bournemouth u3a.

As Trustees we have a duty to keep our Charity solvent, and to have sufficient reserves to ride out unpredictable financial storms. We have been fortunate this year to have Michael as Treasurer, who has helped steer the Committee through cost-saving initiatives and the complexity of the Gift-Aid rules. The end of this 23/24 financial year has now delivered a favorable surplus that Michael will expand upon in the Treasurer's Report.

At the last count we had 104 groups with 26 groups currently with waiting lists and we are always looking to facilitate more. During the year with both Dorothee and Jennie's efforts we were able to secure funding and support from Dorset Community Foundation and Bournemouth University International College to run up to 15 new groups during the Autumn and Spring terms. So far, 10 newly established groups have been formed and there is still space for any member looking to set up a new group based upon their own interests and hobbies.

We currently stand at nearly 800 members, and we are hopeful with increased publicity and 'word of mouth' recommendations from our members that the budget of 865 members will be reached. We are, however, still attracting new members and to date we have had 104 new members join this year. This is a wonderful organisation for our generation to be involved in so, please, "get out there and spread the word!

I would also like to mention the ongoing discussions that the Committee have had with Group Leaders particularly about those who receive either a free membership or reduced rate membership discount. Bournemouth u3a now has to reach a decision about bringing the charity in line with the overall ethos of u3a. Consultations have now closed and the new Committee will communicate with Group Leaders any change in policy before the end of 2024.

We still have about 7% of our *members* who have not embarked onto email – or found a younger member of the family to do so for them - so it remains important for someone to bring a hard copy of the current newsletter to share with members at any u3a events or groups.

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Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Income in advance:

This year we changed the way we calculate income in advance. In previous years no account has been taken of the fact that the membership year ends on 31st August whilst the financial year ends on 30th June. So, nine weeks' worth of income should be deferred into the following accounting year. The actual effect on the 2023/24 accounts is relatively small because the 2022/23 accounts have also been adjusted. The table alongside shows the effect of the adjustment on both years. In addition we have membership and donations for 2024/25 that were received in 2023/24. We are also holding income in advance for the Barnum trip and the grant from Dorset Community Foundation. The full analysis is set out in the 2nd table.

Income Deferred

From 2022/23 to 2023/24
From 2023/24 to 2024/25
Net effect in 2023/24

M'ship
a 4,845
b 5,505
660

Donations
495
592
97

Provisional Budget for 2024/25

INCOME	
Membership	49,500
Donations	3,300
Grants	2,500
Gift Aid	8,750
Meetings / Events	1,000
Interest / Other	1,000
Social Events	6,000
Total Income	72,050

Income in advance:

Deferred to following year
Received in advance (June '24)
Social Events
Grant income held

This year
6,097 a
18,767 b
2,310
2,500

Last year
5,340
15,785
0
0

Total Income in Advance
29,674
21,125

Accruals

Payments made after the end of the year for costs incurred during the year are set out in the table opposite.

Accruals

Accommodation
IT Costs
Social Events
Office supplies
Annual Gala Costs
Total Accruals

This year
11,754
87
0
49
518
12,408

Last year
100
17
584
0
0
701

EXPENDITURE

Accommodation
Publicity
Printing & Postage
Office Costs
IT Costs
Annual Fees
USA Capitation Fees
Events
Equipment
Social Events
Total Expenditure

50,542
1,500
2,475
3,490
2,235
300
3,290
670
1,400
6,000
71,902

Prepayments / Debtors

We pay rent in advance for the office at SJI and we have paid a security deposit for our accommodation costs at the Knole. In addition, we incurred Social Fund event costs for the Barnum trip and for the Quiz on 3rd July, which will be charged into 2014/25 to match the income. We have delayed our gift-aid claim this year because of some uncertainty over the level we can claim. However, we will be making a claim within the next few months.

Prepayments / Debtors

Rent in advance (SJI)
Deposit for The Knole
Social Events
Gift aid repayment

This year
1,110
5,000
1,708
8,658
16,476

Last year
555
0
0
0
555

SURPLUS (DEFICIT)

148

Bank Reconciliation 30/06/24

	Per Accounts	Deposits o/s	Barclays 30/6/24
Current account	1 8,876		8,876.24
Savings Account	2 68,590		68,590.12
Restricted Account	3 2,500		2,500.00
Social Account 28/04/24	4 3,129	204	2,925.32

Key Budget Assumptions

- 1 Membership is a currently running a little behind last year and this continues.
- 2 Tight controls are maintained over controllable costs.
- 3 Further accommodation cost increases are no higher than general inflation.

These accounts were prepared by Michael Crich FCMA,

our Treasurer, and have been examined by Robert

McGoun as Independent Examiner.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

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Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

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Signed:

[Signature]

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21/10/24

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Annual Report 2023

Good morning, thank you for attending our AGM, my first as your Vice-Chair.

After a difficult year juggling family matters, Maggie Brown who became your Chair last year decided to resign during this summer after fulfilling the role since last Autumn. I wish Maggie all the best in the future and thank-you for standing up to the Chair's role last year when a lack of a successor candidate became a serious concern to the ongoing viability of our u3A.

I joined the U3A initially during lockdown as part of the Third Age Trust Interest Groups online beginners Italian and Spanish. I also set up an online group 'Lady explorers and travel writers' that I continue to run as Group Leader once a month on Zoom. Once local u3a's starting meeting face to face after the Covid Pandemic, I signed up for and enjoyed both yoga and mindfulness classes with local u3a's in Bournemouth and Poole. Last year, I also met up with **Jennie and Robin** from the Committee to discuss setting up fitness classes and after gaining a greater insight into the Bournemouth u3a, I decided to put myself forward as Vice-Chair and was then co-opted by the Committee.

The Trustees and I – your Committee – see continuing to make our U3A even more friendly, open and inclusive as our key aim. **Dorothee Merton**, our Secretary is always looking to see how we might remove any barriers to members' participation that may appear. We have made good progress but are not complacent.

Our committee meetings have reverted to a more normal pattern and over the last year and we have met regularly every six weeks or so. Thankfully COVID's frequency and severity have reduced during the last year. Unfortunately, there are no vaccinations available to protect the U3A from the impact of soaring energy costs and the cost-of-living crisis.

As Trustees we have a duty to keep our Charity solvent, and to have sufficient reserves to ride out unpredictable financial storms. We are ever mindful of the impact our decisions have on you the members but lacking a crystal ball I am sure you understand that we must always err on the side of caution.

We are very lucky to have had the reassuring presence of **Rod Jackson** as Treasurer at this A.G.M. and having served as Treasurer for the last 7 years, we are going to really miss him now that he has announced his intention to stand down from the Committee this month. Rod Jackson and his wife Mavis joined Bournemouth u3a in 2014. Rod will continue to run his Zoom group "Your All time Favourites" and will continue to support the Committee and the new Treasurer (position currently vacant) as an advisor.

Only five of the current eleven committee members and legal trustees to the Charity, have agreed to submit themselves for re-election this year, and six have given notice for various reasons that they wish to end their term of office. We are hopeful that equally committed and hardworking members will step forward at this A.G.M. and volunteer to ensure the ongoing operation of this u3A.

Pat Ley has stepped down as IT manager and webmaster having worked hard to keep us all in touch particularly as Chair during the pandemic. Our grateful thanks and best wishes go to Pat.

June Matthews gave us great service as Office Manager and who has been in this important role for 10 years and the first port of call for all membership enquiries, we will miss her on the Committee but are pleased that she will continue to volunteer in the office and also take on the

role of Group Leader of Beginners Spanish. After many years of dedication, she is now stepping down from the Office Manager role, and we thank her for all her hard work. **Keith Pitman** has stood down from his role as Newsletter Editor after 5 years or more in the post and will continue to be a member and enjoy his groups.

and thanks also to **Robin Dalziel** who stepped down from the Committee earlier this year as Programme and Venue Co-ordinator due to other personal commitments.

Dorothee Merton has performed the role of Secretary for the last year and also was co-opted to take on Robin's Programme and Venue Co-ordinator role, in addition to becoming a Beacon guru, *Beacon being our financial and membership IT management system*. (I would suggest that each **Group leader** where needed, has a further person responsible for managing group records and communication on Beacon. It is pretty straightforward and saves hours of work). **Dorothee** is our point of contact with the Third Age Trust; the acronym *TAT* is unhelpful: our umbrella organisation provides support, advice and guidance, as well as the various licenses and permissions which help us run smoothly and legally, as well as saving local committees hours of work.

We would not survive and thrive without our dedicated and enthusiastic Group Leaders and those who volunteer in any capacity (the Office, the Coffee mornings, the Gala etc etc): they are all the backbone of our u3A. In thanking them publicly, those who have stood down and those who are continuing.

We have at least 15 or more new groups. Creative Crafts started this month, led by Carolyn and the Age of Enlightenment led by Esther and A History of China and India led by Neil and many others (apologies for those not mentioned). At the last count we had 102 groups with 26 groups currently with waiting lists and we are always looking to facilitate more.

New groups, new opportunities, yet membership continues to be of concern. Pre-pandemic we were looking forward to welcoming our 1,150th member. Unfortunately, numbers fell dramatically during the 2020-2021 academic year and have only just started to creep back up again, but we are still woefully short of that magic 1,150 figure.

We currently stand at nearly 800 members, 46 short of last year's total figure. We are, however, still attracting new members and to date we have had 103 new members this year. This is a wonderful organisation for our generation to be involved in so, please, "get out there and spread the word".

Julie Williams, continues to do a fantastic job as Head of Publicity **John Oram**, continues to be our Social Secretary and a volunteer in the office.

On social media, our Facebook members group has grown to 265 members, and thanks to Mavis Jackson continues to be administrator for this group.

Dorothee is selling tickets for the Christmas lunch and will do so up to Friday 25th of November; if you prefer, cheques can be sent, and tickets picked up at the lunch.

With 102 groups and a finite number of venues we can use, **Jennie Pudney's** role as Programme & Venue Co-ordinator and SJI Representative is critical. She is currently monitoring at first-hand how the various venues are responding to higher energy costs. In particular, Friend's Meeting House where we expect to find out whether this venue can continue to be hired from Autumn 2024

onwards by our u3A. Our Committee is currently looking at alternative venues this term, as a back-up plan should Friend's Meeting House close its doors.

We still have a few *legacy members* who have not embarked onto email – or found a younger member of the family to do so for them - so it remains important for someone to bring a hard copy of the current newsletter to share with members at any u3a events or groups.

I want to stress again the founding principles of the U3A, those of mutual aid and self-help. Like me, I know that most of you joined to explore new interests, re-visit and share previous interests, learn new skills and meet new people. After a while, the bigger picture becomes apparent: membership of a movement of volunteers, all of us with something to contribute. Please make your contribution count during the next year:

- Encourage people you know to join
- Offer support to your group leader to provide back-up and assistance
- Share what you know, can do and enjoy with others
- Look for opportunities to establish new groups
- **And when the time comes**, consider how you might join the Committee and volunteer in any capacity, large or small roles accepted!

Thank you for all you do and continue to do.

Stephanie Gardiner

Vice-Chair

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR TO 30th JUNE 2023

<u>2021/22</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2022/23</u>
37,919.40	Membership Fees	46,210.00	40,256.53	Accommodation	42,931.10
14,118.00	2019/20 Deferred Income	-	831.78	Publicity	1,390.10
839.01	Short Tennis/Badminton/Computer	1,056.00	4,740.10	Newsletter/Brochures-Printing/Post	4,082.18
6,870.18	Gift Aid Repayment	8,372.58	3,817.98	Office Costs	3,616.75
-	Miscellaneous Income	183.45	1,624.68	IT Costs	2,185.58
-	Events	815.00	85.59	Other Events	284.70
14,000.00	Grants	-	397.30	Annual Fees	433.07
2,302.00	Donations	3,080.31	3,112.00	U3A Head Office Membership	3,192.00
159.05	Bank Interest	201.65	50.26	Equipment	54.90
4,796.40	Social Events	6,043.45	211.76	Capital Equipment	1,687.70
			4,256.85	Social Events	5,150.49
			21,619.21	Surplus (Receipts less Expenditure)	953.87
<u>£81,004.04</u>		<u>£65,962.44</u>	<u>£81,004.04</u>		<u>£65,962.44</u>
				Analysis - Office costs	
			1,844.25	Office Rent	2,127.50
			865.68	Telephone	809.92
			186.35	Photocopier	204.88
			525.70	Office Sundries	162.47
			396.00	Postage	311.98
			<u>3,817.98</u>	Total Office Costs	<u>3,616.75</u>

BOURNEMOUTH U3A
BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE 2023

<u>2021/22</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>		<u>2022/23</u>		<u>2021/22</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>		<u>2022/23</u>
10,496.83	1 Barclays Current Account		29,660.76					
35,144.95	1 Barclays Savings Account		35,270.01		-	5 Accruals		700.89
13,466.44	1 Restricted Income		-			Restricted Income b/f	13,466.44	
3,739.56	1 Social Fund		4,706.02		-	Surplus/(Deficit)	- 13,466.44	
135.04	1 Petty Cash		80.05		13,466.44	6 Balance carried forward		-
62,982.82	Total Bank & Cash		69,716.84		13,466.44			
812.50	2 plus Advance payments		555.00			Balance brought forward	40,027.78	
63,795.32			70,271.84		31,875.01			
10,895.10	3 less income in advance		15,785.00		-	Surplus/(Deficit)	14,420.31	
52,900.22			54,486.84		8,152.77	Balance carried forward		54,448.09
594.00	4 Stock Postage stamps		662.14		40,027.78			
<u>£53,494.22</u>			<u>£55,148.98</u>		<u>£53,494.22</u>			<u>£55,148.98</u>

Prepared by Rod Jackson FCCA Treasurer

Audited by Bob Hucklesby C.I.M.A.

<u>Note 1</u>	<u>Bank and Cash</u>	<u>Funds at 1/7/2022</u>	<u>Accruals/ Deferrals Transfers</u>	<u>Surplus/ (Deficit)</u>	<u>Funds at 30/6/2023</u>	<u>Note 3</u>	<u>Deferred Income</u>	
	Current Account	10,496.83	4,569.40	14,594.53	29,660.76		2023/24 Advance Subscription	14,477.00
	Savings Account	35,144.95		125.06	35,270.01		2023/24 Advance Donations	1,308.00
	Restricted Funds	13,466.44		(13,466.44)	0.00		Total Advance Receipts	<u>15,785.00</u>
	Social Account	3,739.56	73.50	892.96	4,706.02			
	Petty Cash	135.04		(54.99)	80.05	<u>Note 4</u>	<u>Stock</u>	
	Balance 30/6/23	62,982.82	4,642.90	2,091.12	69,716.84		Postage stamps	848@68p 576.64
	Postage Stamps	594.00	1,088.00	(1,019.86)	662.14		Postage stamps	90@95p 85.50
	Accruals/Deferrals	(10,082.60)	(5,848.29)	0.00	(15,930.89)			<u>662.14</u>
		53,494.22	(117.39)	953.87	54,448.09	<u>Note 5</u>	<u>Accrual</u>	
							YMCA	100.00
	<u>Note 2</u>	<u>Advance Payments</u>					Pejuenate	17.39
		Rent in advance		555.00			Durmast Garden entry etc	496.00
							Annuniation Church	87.50
								<u>700.89</u>
	<u>Note 6</u>	<u>Restricted Income</u>						15,930.89
								Accommodation
								Phone
								Social - Durmast Garden
								Social - Quiz 30/6/23

£10,462 grant income has been utilised to subsidise accommodation costs, £1,777 for equipment (Gazebo & Laptop) and £1,227 for promotion events.

Bournemouth U3A

AGM Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending 30th June 2023

- **The Full Year results show a small surplus of £954 which was £20,665 worse than previous year.** However the 2021/22 Accounts included £14,118 of deferred income from 2019/20 and £14,000 from grants. Therefore, the £954 surplus is a substantial improvement of £7,452 over the 2021/22 deficit of £6,498, if this one off income is excluded.
- Despite a budgeted shortfall of £2,650 on Membership Income, due to careful financial management we were able to turn the £12,769 budgeted deficit into the surplus of £954, a £13,723 improvement. This is due to members' generous donations of £3,080, tight control over Accommodation costs saving £3,507, Newsletter economies £1,833, IT contingency savings £2,814, and Other Events cutbacks and Office costs savings of £1,375 and £974 respectively.
- **Our reserve position has improved to £54,448 at 30th June 2023.**
- **Bank and Cash Balances plus stamps at 30th June 2023 totalled £70,376. This includes 2023/24 online membership subscriptions of £14,477 and donations of £1,308 which had been paid into the bank before 1st July.**

2023/24 and Future Prospects

- **Our current full year forecast for 2023/24 shows a deficit of £5,028, as budgeted.**
- Membership whilst still significantly below the 1100+ pre-covid levels has stabilised at around the 850 level .
- At 30th September our membership totalled 776, on par with the same period in 2022/23. To achieve our full year target we need 74 more members in the remainder of the financial year.
- **Reserves at the 30th June 2024 at the end of 2023/24 are forecast at £49,369 which would cover 70% of our annual expenditure of £70,520.** The Committee consider this level of reserve to be necessary as, due to the uncertain future of Friends Meeting House, our venue costs could increase significantly in the years to come.



Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name: BOURNEMOUTH USA

On accounts for the year ended

30 JUNE 2023 Charity no (if any) 800397

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 06 2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: R. Hucklesby

Date: 17/10/2023

Name: MR ROBERT JAMES HUCKLESBY

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

England & Wales - Charity number 800397

Accounts

Annual Report 2022

Covid caused a significant reduction in our membership numbers and we remain significantly below pre Covid levels. Pre Covid we had approx 1100 members, we now have around 800. Fortunately, we were successful in obtaining two grants in 2022; we received £9000 from the National Lottery and £5000 from the Dorset Community Foundation Fund. This has been a great help to us and we continue to look for similar grants until we, hopefully, get back to a more secure financial position.

The committee and volunteers worked hard to advertise our u3a last year, using the money we received from the grants. We had a stall at a weekend festival, plus another stall at a local Fayre during the summer. We also paid for quite a large advertisement in a local Post Office, hoping to attract new members. This was in addition to promotional events held at local libraries. We also challenged our members to spread the word to try and recruit friends and family. We added a question to our Membership Application Form 'where did you hear about us' and found the latter to be the most successful!

Accommodation for our Groups is by far our largest cost and the main area where we can make significant savings. We currently run over 100 Groups and finding appropriate accommodation at a cost we can afford remains a challenge. We successfully negotiated a contract with our main venues for 2021/2022, however, securing these venues at a favourable cost in future remains a major challenge to us.

Our Chair, Pat Ley, resigned at the AGM due to personal reasons. Two Committee members also resigned due to a change in their personal circumstances. Fortunately we have managed to replace them, leaving us with a strong Committee to lead us through 2023.

Maggie Brown

Chair – Bournemouth u3a

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

<u>2020/21</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
7,298.00	Membership Fees	37,919.40	-	Accommodation	40,256.53
-	2019/20 Deferred Income	14,118.00	135.00	Publicity	831.78
-	Short Tennis/Badminton/Computer	839.01	2,833.06	Newsletter/Brochures-Printing/Post	4,740.10
1,203.75	Gift Aid Repayment	6,870.18	2,260.50	Office Costs	3,817.98
16.90	Miscellaneous Income	-	1,039.74	IT Costs	1,624.68
-	Monthly Meetings	-	-	Monthly Meetings	-
-	Grants	14,000.00	-	Gala	-
695.00	Donations	2,302.00	-	Group Leaders	-
-	Other Events	-	-	Other Events	85.59
17.48	Bank Interest	159.05	-	Travel	-
-	Social Events	4,796.40	253.40	Annual Fees	397.30
			2,478.00	U3A Head Office Membership	3,112.00
			-	Equipment	50.26
			-	Capital Equipment	211.76
			-	Social Events	4,256.85
			231.43	Surplus (Receipts less Expenditure)	21,619.21
<u>£9,231.13</u>		<u>£81,004.04</u>	<u>£9,231.13</u>		<u>£81,004.04</u>
				Analysis - Office costs	
			1,370.25	Office Rent	1,844.25
			786.11	Telephone	865.68
			230.23	Photocopier	186.35
			357.05	Office Sundries	525.70
			226.60	Postage	396.00
			-	Donation	-
			<u>2,970.24</u>	Total Office Costs	<u>3,817.98</u>

BOURNEMOUTH U3A

BALANCE SHEET at 30th JUNE 2022

<u>2020/21</u>	<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2021/22</u>	<u>2020/21</u>	<u>LIABILITIES</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
5,343.59	1 Barclays Current Account	10,496.83	445.50	5 Accruals	-
35,141.42	1 Barclays Savings Account	35,144.95			
	1 Restricted Income	13,466.44		Restricted Income b/f	-
2,190.01	1 Social Fund	3,739.56		Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>13,466.44</u>
129.74	1 Petty Cash	<u>135.04</u>		Balance carried forward	13,466.44
42,804.76	Total Bank & Cash	62,982.82			
500.00	2 plus Advance payments	812.50	31,643.58	Balance brought forward	31,875.01
43,304.76		<u>63,795.32</u>	-	T/F from Social Fund	-
12,964.25	3 less income in advance	10,895.10	231.42	Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>8,152.77</u>
30,340.51		<u>52,900.22</u>	31,875.01	Balance carried forward	40,027.78
1,980.00	4 Stock Postage stamps	594.00			
		<u>53,494.22</u>	<u>32,320.51</u>		<u>53,494.22</u>
32,320.51					

Prepared by Rod Jackson FCCA Treasurer

Audited by Robert Hucklesby C.I.M.A.

<i>Note 1</i>	<i>Bank and Cash</i>	Funds at 1/7/2021	Accruals/ Deferrals Transfers	Surplus/ (Deficit)	Funds at 30/6/2022	<i>Note 3</i>	<i>Deferred Income</i>	
	Current Account	5,343.59	(3,391.65)	8,544.89	10,496.83		2021/22 Advance Subscription	10,035.10
	Savings Account	35,141.42		3.53	35,144.95		2021/22 Social Advance Receipts	860.00
	Restricted Funds	0.00		13,466.44	13,466.44		2020/21 Gift Aid Refund	<u>10,895.10</u>
	Social Account	2,190.01	1,010.00	539.55	3,739.56			
	Petty Cash	129.74		5.30	135.04			
	Balance 30/6/17	42,804.76	(2,381.65)	22,559.71	62,982.82	<i>Note 4</i>	<i>Stock</i>	
	Postage Stamps	1,980.00		(1,386.00)	594.00		Postage stamps	900@66p
	Accruals/Deferrals	(12,909.75)	2,381.65	445.50	(10,082.60)			594.00
		<u>31,875.01</u>	0.00	21,619.21	53,494.22			

Note 2 *Advance Payments*

Rent in advance
Social Deposit Manston

462.50

350.00

812.50

Bournemouth U3A

AGM Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending 30th June 2022

- **The Full Year results show a healthy surplus of £21,619 which is £21,388 better than last year.** However the underlying financial position is less positive. £14,118 of the surplus was deferred income from 2019/20, £14,000 from grants (£9,000 from the Lottery Fund and £5,000 from the Dorset Community Fund) and £2,302 from generous donations from U3A members.
- **Without these adjustments our underlying financial position shows a deficit of £8,801 in the year.**
- On a more positive note the grants and donations have improved our reserve position to £53,494 although £13,466 are restricted funds which are controlled by the details of the grants. This should secure Bournemouth U3A's future for the next year or two until we are able to grow membership back to pre-covid levels.
- **Comparison to prior year is not particularly meaningful as due to Covid no face to face Interest Groups ran during 2020/21.**
- **Total Income for the full year totalled £81,004 compared to only £9,231 in 2020/21.**
- **Membership income** for the full year totalled £37,919. 750 full paying members renewed, with a further 17 paying £17 for the Summer term. With Group Leaders there were 826 members at the year end. This compares to the 725 members who paid £7,298 in 2020/21. This compares to the 1,028 full paying members prior to Covid.
- **Deferred Income** of £14,118 brought forward from 2019/20 is included in the Accounts.
- **Donations & Grants** of £16,302 has been received including the Lottery Grant of £9000, the Dorset Community Grant of £5,000 and members' donations of £2302. This compares to donations of £695 in 2020/21.
- A **Gift Aid refund** of £6,870 was received which compared to £1,204 in 2020/21.
- **Club/Event and Meetings** income of £839 has been received.
- **Social Events** - Income from Social events run in the year totalled £4,796. There was no income in 2020/21. The surplus from social events totalled £540 including £289 from the concerts.

Total Expenditure for the year totalled £59,385, whereas only £9,000 was incurred in year ending 30th June 2021.

- **Accommodation costs of £40,257**, have been incurred with no costs in 2020/21.
- Full year **Publicity** expenditure of £832 was incurred of which £482 was charged against Grant restricted funds.
- **Printing & Postage** for the Newsletter and Brochures totalled £4,740 in the year compared to £2,833 in 2020/21 when no brochure was published.
- **Office Costs** totalled £3,818 in the year, £1,557 more than previous year when we had a rent holiday.
- **IT costs** of £1,625 were incurred in the year £585 more than the previous year.
- **Annual fees** of £397 were incurred, £237 of which was PAT testing.
- **Head Office membership** of £3,112 was incurred which covers 778 at £4 per members. This compared to the £2,478 (708 @ £3.50) in 2020/21.
- Only £86 was spent on **Events**, as the GLs' lunch and Gala were cancelled.
- **Capital Equipment** totalled £212 including £178 on a new printer.
- **Social Event** - Full year expenditure totalled £4,257 with a further £350 paid in advance for the Marston trip- see below. There was no Social event expenditure in 2020/21

Year End Funds

- **Year End Reserves** totalled £53,494 at 30th June 2022 of which £13,466 are restricted funds and £40,028 general reserves.
- **Restricted Funds** - £2,000 of the Lottery Grant is reserved for marketing and promotion and £2,000 for IT costs with the balance of £5,000 to subsidise accommodation costs for Interest Groups running at a deficit. The balance of £4,466 from the Dorset Community Fund is to encourage more local residents to join our groups to help alleviate loneliness and combat depression.
- Bank and Cash Balances plus stamps at 30th June 2022 total £63,577, as £10,035 2022/23 online membership subscriptions had been paid into the bank before 1st July.

2022/23 and Future Prospects

- **Our current full year forecast for 2022/23 shows a deficit of £15,542, £2,774 worse than budget.**
- Our hoped for bounce back in membership from the 826 in 2021/22 to the budget of 900 in 2022/23 and the 1100+ prior to Covid looks difficult to achieve although membership at 30th September is up by 32. However we will be advertising in the local media and online, using Grant funding, to try to boost membership.

- **Reserves at the 30th June 2023 at the end of 2022/23 are forecast at £37,521**

Future Prospects

- There is continued pressure from our venues to increase charges to cover their own inflationary costs. It is likely therefore that our deficits will increase in future years if we are unable to grow our membership. This obviously is not an acceptable situation.
- **Thanks to the support from the Dorset Community Foundation and Lottery Fund we can however be confident that we have sufficient reserves to cover us to the end of 2023/24.**

Bournemouth U3A

AGM Treasurer's Report

For the Year Ending 30th June 2022

- The Full Year results show a healthy surplus of £21,619 which is £21,388 better than last year.
- Membership fees represented 47% of income, Grants & donations 20%, Deferred Income 17%, Gift Aid 8%, Social 6%, Other 2%

Deferred Income	£14,118 from 2019/20
Grants -	Dorset Community Fund £5,000
	Lottery Fund -£9,000
	Members Donations £2,302
	Thanks to the singing groups for profits from 2 concerts and legacies and donations from members from £10 to £1,000.

- Special thanks to Pat Ley who was instrumental in obtaining the two grants which have assured Bournemouth U3A's future for another year.
- Without these adjustments our underlying financial position in 2020/21 showed a deficit of £8,801.
- Membership income for the 2021/22 totalled £37,919. (equivalent to 758 full paying members)
This compares to the 725 members who paid £10 in 2020/21 and the 1,028 paying £48 prior to Covid in 2019/20.
Current year forecast for 2022/23 is 774 a loss of 25% of our membership.
- Total Expenditure amounted to £59,385 of which
Accommodation costs were 68%, H.O. membership 5%, Social events 7% and other costs 20%
- Year End Reserves totalled £53,494 at 30th June 2022 of which £13,466 are restricted funds and £40,028 general reserves.

2022/23 Forecast and 2023/24 Prediction

- A Deficit of £15,543 is forecast for the current year and a loss of £19,411 is predicted for 2023/24.
- Reasons for the expected deficits
 - Failure of membership to bounce back to pre-covid levels.
 - Venues increasing Accommodation charges due to inflationary pressures.
- Reserves are forecast to reduce to £38,000 by 30th June 2023 and to £18,000 by the following year.

Suggested actions required to combat losses

- Increase membership - Advert to be placed in Echo & online for new members - This month
- Introduce a £40 membership fee for the 2 Spring and Summer terms.
- Obtain Grant Funding
- Persuade leaders running small uneconomic groups to run from home where possible.
- Discontinue groups with significant deficits
- Introduce termly Direct debit mandates from those finding £60 in one go too expensive?
- A Chair and shadow Chair are urgently required
- A fundraiser is required to find and apply for grants and look out for other ways to raise funds
- Many thanks to:
Dorothee Merton (Secretary) and Robin Dalziel (Accommodation) who have joined the Committee.
Tina Reidy and Peter Craven who are assisting the Treasurer with book-keeping & Gift Aid

Section A Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/members of

On accounts for the year ended Charity no (if any)

Set out on pages

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 30 06 2022.

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

Independent examiner's statement ~~[[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (insert name of applicable listed body)]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~either then that disclosed below~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed: Date:

Name:

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body

(if any):

Address:

Section B Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.