

HOLYWOOD DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100647

Details

Known as HOLYWOOD U3A

Status Received

Registered 2015-01-13

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

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Activities

Purposes: The Objects of The U3A are : (i) to advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full time gainful employment in HOLYWOOD and its surrounding locality. (ii) The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the above persons in the interests of their social welfare.

What the charity does: The advancement of education,Other charitable purposes

How the charity works: Arts,Cultural,Education/training,Heritage/historical,Sport/recreation

Who the charity helps: Adult training,Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£9,580	£12,309	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Allen Young		
Elizabeth Carson		
Elizabeth Jones		
Joy Montgomery		
Liz Wallace		
Mr Eric Woods		
Mr Jeffrey Barry Gribben		
Mrs Dorothy Brown		
Mrs Norma Cooper		
Ms Agnes Croft		
Ms Patricia Brown		
Paul Weir		

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Income and Expenditure Account for Year Ending 31/03/2025

<u>Income</u>	March 2025	March 2024
	£	£
Bank Opening Balance	8,632.90	8,490.72
Membership Fees	6,980.00	5,620.00
Other Income	2,600.00	
Total Income	<u>18,212.90</u>	<u>14,110.72</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank Charges	12.60	14.00
Beacon Licence	331.00	333.00
Catering	5,091.47	310.28
Committee expenses	87.14	
Equipment	70.00	116.99
IT Equipment (incl cabling etc)	690.00	8.99
IT Mtce, Support, Email Hosting, Zoom etc	359.88	374.45
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00
NDCT-Membership	25.00	25.00
NDCT Accounts Audit	54.00	67.50
Printing/Stationery	214.80	145.65
Room Hire	1,506.50	1,227.00
Speaker	665.00	400.00
Third Age Trust -U3a Direct Mail	1,003.41	934.96
Third Age Trust -U3a Membership Fees	1,328.00	1,316.00
Website	0.00	204.00
Total Expenditure	<u>11,438.80</u>	<u>5,477.82</u>
Closing Bank Balance	<u>6,774.10</u>	<u>8,632.90</u>
<u>Gardening Group-Ring Fenced</u>		
Opening Balance	240.02	320.00
Income	0.00	0.00
Expenditure	<u>240.02</u>	<u>79.98</u>
Closing Bank Balance -Gardening	<u>0.00</u>	<u>240.02</u>
<u>History Group-Ring Fenced</u>		
Opening Balance	994.28	1,398.51
Income	0.00	375.25
Expenditure	595.00	779.48
Closing Bank Balance -History	<u>399.28</u>	<u>994.28</u>
Total U3A Bank Funds Available	<u>7,173.38</u>	<u>9,867.20</u>
Bank Balance at 31 March 2025	7173.38	9933.20
Cheques not cleared through the Bank		
Cheque No 300426	N/A	<u>66.00</u>
Funds Available at 31 March 2025	<u>7173.38</u>	<u>9867.20</u>
Assets Value as at 31 March 2025	£874.25	405.69
Liabilities	£ Nil	£ Nil

Accounts compiled by Liz Carson Treasurer for and on behalf of the Committee Holywood and District U3a, as discussed at Committee Meeting on 7th April 2025; and proposed and seconded at the AGM on 30 May 2025

Holywood District U3A
 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
 01/4/2024 - 31/03/2025
 Account Number 089299 65698884

	Income		Expenditure
Bank Balance @ 01.04.2024		9867.20	
Income			Running Costs
Membership Fees for 2024 - 2025	6980.00		Catering
Cash Received for U3A Dinner June 2024	2600.00		1506.50
			Room Hire
			1328.00
			Third Age Trust U3A M'ship Fees
			1003.41
			Third Age Trust U3A Direct Mail
			690.00
			IT Equipment
			665.00
			Speaker
			595.00
			History Group - Group Expenses
			395.88
			IT (Maintenance, Email hosting, IT Subscriptions)
			331.00
			Beacon Licence
			240.02
			Gardening Group - Group Expenses
			214.80
			Printing and Stationery
			87.14
			Committee Expenses
			70.00
			Equipment
			54.00
			NDCN Accounts Audit
			25.00
			NDCN Membership
			12.60
			Bank charges
Total Income	9580.00		Total Expenditure
			12309.82
			Closing Bank Balance at 31st March 2025
			7173.38

Prepared by North Down Community Network from the information supplied by Holywood District U3A
 We have found that this statement is an accurate reflection of the financial position of the Association @ 31/03/2025. An Audit has not been carried out.

Signed: Nave Killingbeck
 Independent Examiner For and on behalf of
 North Down Community Network

Dated: 18th June 2025

Signed: Elizabeth Bowser
 Holywood District U3A

Dated: 19 June 2025

HOLYWOOD DISTRICT UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

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Accounts

Date	Description	Price	Depreciation at March 2023	Value at April 2023	Depreciation at March 2024	Value at April 2024
<u>Purchased April 2021- March 2022</u>						
16/02/22	Used Macbook Pro Laptop (Serial No C02SM5PWGTFL)	£575.00	£107.81	£323.44	£80.86	£242.58
16/02/22	Refurbished iPhone 7	£89.00	£66.75	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
28/02/22	Square Card Reader	£38.95	£29.22	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
<u>Purchased April 2022- March 2023</u>						
09/10/22	Proper PB 114 Adjustable Trolley for Laptop	£52.02	£13.01	£39.01	£9.75	£29.26
07/02/23	Headset	£31.99	£8.00	£23.99	£6.00	£17.99
07/02/23	Projector Stand	£49.99	£12.50	£37.49	£9.37	£28.12
<u>Purchased April 2023- March 2024</u>						
26/10/23	Water Heater Boiler	£85.00	N/A	N/A	£21.25	£63.75
26/10/23	Pump Flask	£31.99	N/A	N/A	£8.00	£23.99
TOTAL ASSETS		£953.94	£237.29	£423.93	£135.23	£405.69

TOTAL LIABILITIES = NIL

As discussed and agreed at U3A Committee meeting 8th April 2024


For and on Behalf of the Committee, Holywood and District U3a

Elizabeth Carson

Treasurer Holywood and District U3A

3rd April 2024

of the Association @ 31/03/2024. An Audit has not been carried out.

Signed: 

**Independent Examiner For and on behalf of
North Down Community Network**

Dated: 29th May 2024

Signed:

Dated:

Hollywood District U3A

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Annual report

Hollywood District u3a Trustee's Annual Report 1st April 2023- 31st March 2024

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Public Benefits

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Such activities enable our members to engage with other members and to be more involved in community life. This involvement improves their sense of well-being and lessens their potential to feel isolated and lonely.

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With our age profile we endeavour to make our activities accessible and support health needs of older people and those with disabilities.

Membership is open to everyone who is retired or semi-retired with no age limit.

Our annual subscription is £20 which covers the membership fee to The Third Age Trust, the Third Age Matters Magazine and general administration costs.

Governance

We, the Trustees of Hollywood District u3a, confirm that in our governance, we have given due regard to the Charity Commission's Guidance and its statutory Public Benefit Requirements under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

We believe we have taken the steps that are required by monitoring the reports on membership, finance, and activities at our monthly committee meetings.

Issues and needs continued to be identified and resolved at our monthly committee meetings.

Main Activities and Achievements

1. Communication via Zoom.

Since Covid Zoom has remained a useful tool for our meetings, the monthly meeting is now available as a hybrid meeting allowing members who cannot attend in person to utilise zoom instead.

Some groups have continued to use zoom for their meetings as this suits the circumstances of their members better e.g. the Creative Writing Group.

2. Website

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Our Webmaster and Groups Coordinator update the site with monthly newsletter which provides information about our monthly General Meeting and group activities for the coming month.

3. Beacon

Beacon is a National u3a online system where our members' details and our accounts are held securely fulfilling GDPR requirements.

It enables Committee Members and Group Leaders to email all our members easily and securely.

This is managed by our Beacon Administrator.

There are a small number of members who do not use emails and these have been kept informed via post; telephone; in person by committee members and by friends who are also members and do have email contact.

4. AGM

An AGM is held annually at the monthly meeting in April The 2023 meeting was held on 28th April in the Queen's Hall Holywood.

5. General Meetings

General Meetings are held on the last Friday of each month in the Queen's Hall Holywood. At these meetings there is an opportunity for coffee and chat followed by a talk by an invited speaker.

These talks are varied, informative and interesting and have included topics such as:

- Walks around Strangford Lough
- PSNI and scams and Internet Safety
- Chasing Eclipses of the Sun
- The Air Ambulance Service
- The life of singer Bridie Gallagher.

6. Interest Groups

There are a variety of interest groups run by and for our members. These meet regularly throughout each month, some weekly and others just once or twice a month. Currently these are:

- Amblers
- Book club
- Outdoor Bowls
- Canasta
- Coffee and Chat
- Creative Writing
- Exploring the Short Story
- Gardening Group
- Local History
- Loose Ends
- Out and About
- Points of View.
- Thai Chi
- Yoga
- Bird Watching
- Film Club

The committee also organised in partnership with the staff of Holywood Library 3 6 week sessions on 'Learn to love your ipad/i phone'

7. Newsletter

A monthly Newsletter detailing General Meetings and Interest Groups and messages from Group Leaders to their members is posted on our website. Members have said they found this Newsletter very clear and informative.

8. NIREC

Northern Ireland Regional Committee organises meetings where Trustees from the 25 other u3as in Northern Ireland meet up to share ideas and support each other. They also organise speakers and training courses for Trustees.

9. Greater Belfast Network Group

Chairpersons from neighbouring u3as meet to share ideas and information.

In summary

As this year ends it is beneficial for the Trustees of Holywood District u3a and its members to reflect over the past year to assess what we aim to achieve and how successful we have been in providing benefit to our Members.

We have had very positive messages of support to the Chairperson and Trustees. It has also been encouraging that we now have 332 members.

As Chairperson I would like to say a big thank you to the Trustees for their dedication and commitment during the year.

Also thank you to Valerie Cobain, Trustee for Northern Ireland for all her support during the year.

In the future we hope to extend our membership and start new groups and partnerships to provide us with fresh learning opportunities.

We will also continue to promote u3a throughout our local community and extend the meaning of our strapline 'learn, laugh, live'.

Joy Montgomery.
Chairperson

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Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Hollywood District U3A

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended **31 March 2024**, as attached.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (NI) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 62 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission NI under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination of the accounts of the **Hollywood District U3A** and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission NI, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Maeve Killingbeck – Independent Examiner
For and on behalf of North Down Community Network
29th May 2024

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	£	£
Bank Opening Balance	6,848.05	7,745.47
Membership Fees	6,980.00	3,530.00
Other Income	570.00	
Total Income	<u>14,398.05</u>	<u>11,275.47</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank Charges	10.50	
Beacon Licence	315.00	331.00
Catering	334.88	
Committee expenses		66.16
IT Equipment (incl cabling etc)	232.33	
IT Mtce, Support, Email Hosting, Zoom etc	223.87	1,298.09
Miscellaneous	420.00	
National AGM Costs		
NDCT-Membership	25.00	25.00
NDCT Accounts Audit	40.50	27.00
Printing/Stationery	142.66	55.36
Regional AGM Costs		
Room Hire	1,330.09	409.85
Speaker	480.00	250.00
Third Age Trust -U3a Direct Mail	918.50	841.96
Third Age Trust -U3a Membership Fees	1,264.00	924.00
Website	170.00	199.00
Total Expenditure	<u>5,907.33</u>	<u>4,427.42</u>
Closing Bank Balance	<u>8,490.72</u>	<u>6,848.05</u>

Gardening Group-Ring Fenced

<u>Opening Balance</u>	320.00	0.00
<u>Income</u>	0.00	320.00
<u>Expenditure</u>	0.00	0.00
Closing Bank Balance -Gardening	<u>320.00</u>	<u>320.00</u>

History Group-Ring Fenced

<u>Opening Balance</u>	1,692.51	1,886.01
<u>Income</u>	517.00	176.50
<u>Expenditure</u>	811.00	370.00
Closing Bank Balance -History	<u>1,398.51</u>	<u>1,692.51</u>

Total U3A Bank Funds Available	<u>10,209.23</u>	<u>8,540.56</u>
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Bank Balance at 31 March 2023	10259.23
Cheques not cleared through the Bank	
Cheque No 300399	<u>-50.00</u>
Funds Available at 31 March 2023	<u>10209.23</u>

Assets Value as at 31 March 2023	£423.93
Liabilities	£ Nil

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- Origin of place names in East Belfast

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