

Sperrin U3A

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107553

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-09-21
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

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Website	not applicable.

Activities

Purposes: The Objects of Sperrin U3A are to: (i) to advance education and in particular the education of people not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and/or parental responsibility) residing in the SPERRIN AREA 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, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development, Education/training

Who the charity helps: Older people

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,820	£4,233	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Aitken		
Caroline Hegarty		
Eleanor Hutchinson		
Mrs Alison Kirk		
Pauline Aitken		

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Statement of receipt and payments for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2025	Total 2024
	£	£	£	£
Grant income	-	910	910	1,052
Membership fees	1,770	-	1,770	1,426
Income from events and activities	-	2,140	2,140	1,329
Sundry income	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,770	3,050	4,820	3,807
Payments				
Administration costs	126	-	126	120
IT costs	292	-	292	34
Bank charges	-	-	-	-
Events & activities	105	3,181	3,286	2,674
Affiliation fees & Subscriptions	405	-	405	216
Room Hire	120	-	120	280
Sundry expenses	4	-	4	144
Total payments	1,052	3,181	4,233	3,468
Net receipts/(payments)	718	(131)	587	339

Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025

Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,728	250	2,978	2,639
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	718	(131)	587	339
Transfer between funds	(171)	171	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	3,275	290	3,565	2,978

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2025

Receipts	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Reconciliation as at 31st March 2025				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,728	250	2,978	2,639
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Transfer between funds	(171)	171	-	
Closing cash at bank and in hand	3,275	290	3,565	2,978

Bank and cash balances

Current Account	3,260	290	3,550	2,959
Cash in hand	15		15	19
Total	3,275	290	3,565	2,978

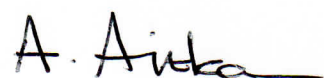
Other assets

IT equipment – estimated value (see notes page 6)	246
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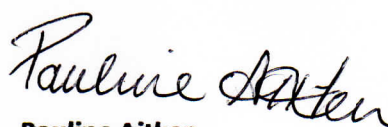
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Approved by the trustees on



Alan Aitken
Chairperson

and signed on their behalf by



Pauline Aitken
Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts

The accounts of Sperrin U3A are prepared on a receipts and payments basis, providing an analysis of the incoming and outgoing cash throughout the year.

Restricted funds

	1 April 24	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 March 25
Summer/Xmas lunches	-	1500	(1671)	171	-
MUDC grant	-	910	(910)	-	-
Ukulele group	-	90	(90)	-	-
Tai Chi	250	550	(510)	-	290
Total	250	3,050	(3,181)	171	290

Other Assets

During the 2023/24 financial year, we received funding from Mid Ulster District Council to purchase a PA system and microphone. During the 2024/25 financial year, we purchased a lap top costing £229. We estimate the residual value of assets to be £246.

Liabilities

As at 31st March 2025 the following amounts were outstanding:

Mid Ulster Council £105 room hire for the Tai Chi Group.

Meadowbank Sports Arena £63 room hire for group meeting (Jan to March 25)

These amounts will be paid from the balance of funds as and when invoices are received.

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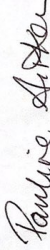
Liabilities
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Alan Aitken
Chairperson



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Treasurer



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Restricted funds

	1 April 23	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 March 24
Christmas Lunch	-	801	(812)	11	-
MUDC grant	-	1,052	(1,052)	-	-
Outings	-	108	(108)	-	-
Tai Chi	175	420	(345)	-	250
Total	175	2,381	(2317)	11	250

Other Assets

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Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,728	250	2,978	2,639
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2024

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£

Reconciliation as at 31st March 2024

Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,464	175	2,639	2,294
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	275	64	339	345
Transfer between funds	(11)	11	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,728	250	2,978	2,639

Bank and cash balances

Current Account	2,709	250	2,959	2,577
Cash in hand	19		19	62

Total

	2,728	250	2,978	2,639
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Other assets

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A grant of £750 was received in 2018 from the Honourable Irish Society for the purchase of IT equipment (laptop computer, data projector and screen.) During the 2023/24 financial year, we received funding from Muid Ulster District Council to purchase a PA system and microphone. We estimate the residual value of equipment to be £200

Liabilities

As at 31st March 2024 the following amounts were outstanding:

Mid Ulster Council £105 room hire for the Tai Chi Group. This is to be paid from the balance of restricted funds as and when invoices are received.

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31st March 2024

The trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of Sperrin U3A for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Sperrin U3A was formed in 2003, and was registered as a charity in 2020 (charity no 107553). The Charity is constituted as an unincorporated association.

The charitable purposes of Sperrin U3A are:

- The advancement of education
- The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities to enhance the lives of Sperrin U3A's retired and semi-retired members through shared learning opportunities and activities, the reduction of social isolation and overall improvement in members' physical and mental health

The trustees have read the Commissions Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance, and have regard to this when running the charity.

Over the course of this year, we have facilitated:

- 7 meetings of the walking group, organising walks for members in a range of places in mid Ulster and
- An outing to Blessingbourne House & Fivemiletown, and a boat trip on Lough Neagh
- 10 book club meetings
- 88 bridge group sessions
- 28 Tai Chi group meetings
- Christmas and Summer lunch for members
- 8 presentations by speakers on a range of subjects at our monthly meetings
- 5 meetings of the genealogy group
- 2 meetings of the Ukulele Group which was established in March
- 1 Quiz Night
- Members also took part in an archaeological dig in Moneymore organised by Queen's University

Financial Review

During the year the charity has generated funds of £3,807 (2023: £2,612) and had expenses of £3,468 (2023: £2,267). The net surplus of £339 (2023: £343) has been added to the reserves of the charity to leave a balance of £2,978 (2023: £2,639) to carry forward. Reserves are represented by unrestricted funds of £2,728 (2023: £2,464) and restricted funds of £250 (2023: £175). The restricted fund balance at the year-end consists of contributions held for the Tai Chi group as at 31st March 2024.

Trustees Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the receipts and payments account and statement of assets and liabilities in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the assets and liabilities of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Alan Aitken
Chairperson

14/5/24

Date

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Statement of receipt and payments for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Grant income	-	-	-	720
Membership fees	1,215	-	1,215	1,020
Income from events and activities	-	1,300	1,300	2,060
Sundry income	97	-	97	285
Total receipts	1,312	1,300	2,612	4,085
Payments				
Administration costs	92	-	92	414
IT costs	75	-	75	90
Bank charges	92	-	92	163
Outings and events	280	1,357	1,637	2,485
U3A affiliation fees & Subscriptions	305	-	305	224
Room Hire	50	-	50	200
Sundry expenses	16	-	16	173
Total payments	912	1,357	2,267	3,476
Net receipts/(payments)	402	(57)	345	610

Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023

Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,074	220	2,294	1,684
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	402	(57)	345	610
Transfer between funds	(12)	12	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,464	175	2,639	2,294

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31st March 2023

Receipts	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
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Reconciliation as at 31st March 2023

Opening cash at bank and in hand	2,074	220	2,294	1,684
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	390	(45)	345	610
Closing cash at bank and in hand	2,464	175	2,639	2,294

Bank and cash balances

Current Account			2,577	2,231
Cash in hand			62	63
Total			2,639	2,294

Other assets

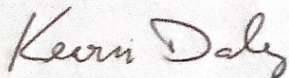
IT equipment – estimated value (see notes page 6)			40	50
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Liabilities

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Approved by the trustees on

and signed on their behalf by



Kevin Daly
Chairperson



Jan Keenan
Treasurer

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Notes to the accounts

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Restricted funds

	1 April 22	Receipts	Payments	Transfer	31 March 23
Christmas Lunch	-	775	(787)	12	-
Tai Chi	220	525	(570)	-	175
Total	220	1,300	(1,357)	12	175

Other Assets

A grant of £750 was received in 2018 from the Honourable Irish Society for the purchase of IT equipment (laptop computer, data projector and screen.) We estimate the residual value of the equipment to be £40.

Liabilities

As at 31st March 2023 the following amounts were outstanding:

Room-hire - Mid Ulster District Council - £180. This was paid in full in April 2023

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- Outings to Crumlin Road Gaol, the Van Gogh Immersive Exhibition in Belfast, and The Guildhall, Derry
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- 31 Tai Chi group meetings
- Christmas lunch for members
- 6 presentations by speakers on a range of subjects at our monthly meetings
- 5 meetings of the genealogy group

Financial Review

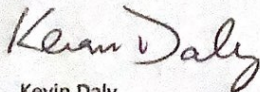
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Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Kevin Daly
Chairperson

Date 9.5.23

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Independent Examiner's report to the charity trustees of Sperrin U3A

I report on the accounts of Sperrin U3A for the year ended 31st March 2023.

Respective responsibilities of the charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of examiner's statement

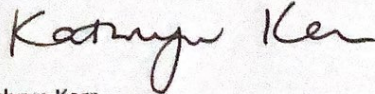
I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the 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 as required by section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That 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 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 for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Kathryn Kerr
57, The Dales
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BT80 8TF

Date 9.5.23