



Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A
Registered Charity no. 1164889

16th Annual General Meeting

**Hope Church on Wednesday 7th August
2024 starting at 2.15pm**

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies received
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 2nd August 2023
4. Approval of the Chairman's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Approval of the accounts for the year 31st March 2023 to 31st March 2024
7. Election of Committee Members:

The following members have been duly proposed and seconded to serve on the Committee and with your approval will serve for two years:

Jean Graham as Committee member
Jonathan Thornton as Committee member

Reappointment of the following Committee members to serve for a second term of 2 years:

Carol Bradstreet
Terence McKeown
Wendy McKeown

8. Close of meeting

**Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting
of Hoylake, West Kirby & District u3a
held at Hope Church, Hoylake on 2nd August 2023**

In attendance: Officers; Marjorie Hargreaves (Chair), Ruth Lacy (Treasurer), Linda Trim (Vice Chair), Barbara Kirby (Secretary)

Committee members: Mike Waring, Julie Lee, Jean Graham, Jonathan Thornton, Carol Bradstreet, Wendy McKeown, Terry McKeown

1. Chairman Marjorie Hargreaves opened the meeting with a welcome to all attending the 15th Annual General Meeting of our u3a and noted that we were quorate.

2. **Apologies for absence were received from:**

Joan Snook, Norma Canevali, Gill Ormrod, Audrey Ormrod, Vanessa Blackwell, Marion Ferguson, Anne Gunnell, Pauline Frascina, Jo & John McCourt, Brian Crabtree, Barry & Lois Holland, Nancy Fraser.

3. **The minutes of the Special General and 14th Annual General Meetings** had been circulated to all members and was available at the meeting. There were no matters arising from these. Acceptance was proposed by Graham Thwaite and seconded by Jan Williams. They were unanimously approved.

4. **Chairman's Report:**

This had been circulated to the members. In this Marjorie Hargreaves mentioned the increase in membership recorded as 330 in March 2023. The Committee will purchase bank card readers to allow members to use debit cards for renewals and payments for Social events. Her report also referred to the introduction of lifetime membership cards, electronic check-in at the Speaker meetings, and several Social events which had been very successful. Amendments to our Constitution, approved by the Third Age Trust, enables us to retain Committee members. She named individual Committee members and the areas they supervised, thanking them for the hard work they had done over the past year which ensured our u3a was thriving. She gave special thanks to our Treasurer, Ruth Lacy, who is retiring on health grounds, and to the staff at Hope Church for their assistance. Her report concluded with her mixed feelings on stepping down as Chairman and her pleasure that she will continue to be a member of the Committee.

Acceptance of the Chair's Report was proposed by Joanne Walker and seconded by Judith Healey. It was approved unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Ruth Lacy circulated her Annual Report 2022 - 2023 to the year end March 2023. In this she had given an explanation for the accounts, and confirmed that there would not be an increase in the Membership fee given our healthy reserves and that the Committee was working very hard to keep costs down. She said she had been very pleased to have been our Treasurer over the past two years. A question from the floor on the profit and loss totals was answered satisfactorily.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Jenny Lee and seconded by Margaret Shields. It was approved unanimously.

6. Election of Officers and Committee members:

The following members had been proposed and seconded to serve as officers and members of the Committee:

Linda Trim - Chairman,

Julie Lee and Mike Waring - Vice Chairmen,

Elizabeth Webster - Treasurer,

Barbara Kirby - Secretary for a further 2 years,

Marjorie Hargreaves - Committee member,

Hilary Alcock - Committee member,

Ann Thorne - Committee member,

Helen Crelley - Committee member following co-option

Approval of these nominations was proposed by Gai Byrne and seconded by Roy Rodger. It was approved unanimously.

This being the end of official business, Marjorie passed the meeting over to Linda Trim, the new Chair, who thanked Marjorie for her dedication to our U3A. Linda listed the many and varied areas where Marjorie had demonstrated her expertise and enthusiasm, and spoke for the Committee and the members in expressing her appreciation of Marjorie's valuable contribution to ensuring the continuing success of our group. Linda presented Marjorie with a token of our appreciation for her years serving in various roles on the Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 2.30



Chairman's Report 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

Our U3A continues to be popular, with membership at the end of March standing at 329. One less than the previous year, but this figure is deceptive as this year we were very strict and did not include members who had not paid subscriptions by the due date. Membership is in fact growing well as in October 2022 we had 302 members, and anticipate reaching 350 members by July. We are now able to

renew online, so by December 2023, 90% of the renewals were made either online or with the card readers. Our Speaker Secretary, Jules Lee has provided some most excellent speakers over the last year, which I'm sure has aided our membership growth.

We lost a few interest groups during Covid, and it took time to replace them, but now our groups are thriving. We have gone from 37 groups to 47 groups over the past 18 months, opening 2nd, 3rd and even 4th groups of popular full groups so that members are not waiting to join existing groups. We also have some new and exciting groups.

Our new card readers were available to use in October. Data Manager Mike Waring & Treasurer Liz Webster finalized the type of readers to purchase to fit with our needs. Having card readers has helped speed up payments at meetings.

During the last year the Social team organised some successful outings, including a visit to Ludlow, Portmerion, and Southport Flower Show. December 2023 saw our very popular Christmas meal at the Royal Liverpool Golf club, which we are able to offer again this year.

In May we celebrated the Coronation with a very popular free talk at Hoylake Community Centre from Art Historian Ed Williams on Royalty in Art. We also hosted a most enjoyable and delicious Coronation themed Afternoon Tea at the Grange in Meols Drive that month.

In the New Year we hosted the first Group Leaders lunch in a long time. We met at St. Hildeburgh's Church Hall in Hoylake which was a good central location for all our group leaders.

We maintain our website and keep it current. Our Webmaster will shortly begin training to work on the new U3A site builder website.

Since becoming Chairman I have attended several Regional or National training sessions on your behalf.

Six issues of our newsletter have been issued in the last 12 months. They were circulated by email to members providing an email address and by post to non-emailers. Additional copies have been available to pick up at monthly meetings.

I would like to thank all the Committee members, Group Leaders and volunteers who have worked so hard to make our u3a thrive. Without them we could not run our u3a. They are hardworking and dedicated and we could not do anything without them.

Linda Trim.

Chairman

Treasurer's Report
Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A
Year ended 31/3/24

As you can see from the accounts, we made a small surplus of £487 and our closing reserves at 31/3/24 were £21,857.10.

A budget for the year ended 31/3/25 has been prepared and this shows that our costs are expected to be in line with our anticipated receipts.

The committee aims to have sufficient reserves to ensure that our running costs are met and to use any further reserves to improve the U3A for all our members. We currently have a very healthy reserves position and the committee is looking into ways of using some of our reserves to further the aims of the U3A.

During the year we successfully started taking payments by card and on-line. This resulted in a much easier renewals process for both our members and our membership team.

This year we invested in a new computer for use at meetings, new banners to advertise our meetings and two Sum-Up card readers.

The accounts have been independently reviewed and verified by Peter Buglass.

If anyone has any queries, please feel free to email me at treasurer@hwkdu3a.org. And finally, I'd like to thank my fellow committee members for making me feel very welcome and supported in my new role as treasurer.

Elizabeth Webster ACA, CTA
Treasurer
15 July 2024

Hoylake & West Kirby District U3A**Treasurer's Report****31/03/2024**

	12m period to 31/03/2024	12m period to 31/03/2023
Income		
Subscriptions	£ 9,379.00	£ 7,958.00
TAT Magazine	£ 212.70	£ 103.60
Gift Aid	£ 1,209.27	£ -
Books	£ 58.20	£ 58.65
Other	£ 135.97	£ 123.19
Social Group	£ 7,291.00	£ 7,340.15
Garden Group	£ 4,181.00	£ 1,539.26
Total	£ 22,467.14	£ 17,122.85
Expenditure		
Speaker Meeting Hall Hire	£ 4,062.50	£ 3,891.00
Speaker Fees	£ 619.00	£ 175.00
Speaker Meeting Other	£ 446.99	£ 223.73
Newsletter	£ 464.72	£ 594.77
TAT Capitation	£ 1,280.00	£ 1,124.00
TAT Magazine	£ 126.84	£ 542.20
Committee Costs	£ 255.16	£ 567.57
Committee Room Hire	£ 217.63	£ 270.00
Zoom/Email	£ 182.88	£ 143.88
Beacon	£ 320.00	£ -
Membership Costs	£ 186.36	£ 149.29
General Meetings	£ 180.85	£ -
Equipment	£ 977.15	£ 1,294.17
Sum Up Fees	£ 151.49	£ -
Other	£ 176.87	£ 162.41
Social Group	£ 8,749.74	£ 6,498.92
Garden Group	£ 3,581.77	£ 5,563.78
Total	£ 21,979.95	£ 21,200.72
Net Income / (Expenditure)	£ 487.19	£ (4,077.87)
Net Core Income / (Exp)	£ 1,346.70	£ (894.58)
Net Social Income / (Exp)	£ (1,458.74)	£ 841.23
Net Interest Group Income / (Exp)	£ 599.23	£ (4,024.52)
Net Income / (Expenditure)	£ 487.19	£ (4,077.87)
Balance Sheet		
Bank	£ 21,798.00	£ 21,161.73
Cash	£ 59.10	£ 208.18
Bank & Cash	£ 21,857.10	£ 21,369.91
Reserves	£ 21,857.10	£ 21,369.91