



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

**Special General Meeting**

**To be held on Wednesday 6th August 2025 at Hope Church, Hoylake at 2.15pm immediately followed by the Annual General Meeting.**

**SGM AGENDA**

The proposed new constitution has not yet been formally approved by the Third Age Trust or the Charity Commission, therefore the new constitution item will need to be adjourned to a date fixed by the committee of which appropriate notice will be given. Instead, we seek member's approval to the following amendment to the Constitution.

**Resolution:** It is proposed that the Constitution of Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A (adopted 3.12.2015) section 7. Executive Committee & Officers Paragraph VI, be amended to include:

**"If insufficient nominations are received to fill vacancies for Officers and/or Committee members, a majority decision can be taken by the Committee to ask retiring officer(s)/member(s) to remain in the post until the next AGM."**

**Reason for request:** Hoylake & West Kirby & District U3A, working under its current Constitution, faces the challenge of a number of Executive Committee members having to stand down at the end of the Annual General Meeting if no volunteers come forward to take over their critical roles. Therefore, the Executive Committee is requesting that this resolution be approved which will allow continuity of service to be maintained. This resolution has been approved by The Third Age Trust, and if approved by the members will come into force with immediate effect.

**17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday 6th August 2025 at approximately 2.30pm immediately following the SGM  
AGM AGENDA**

1. Chairman's opening remarks
2. Apologies received
3. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 7th August 2024
4. Approval of the Chairman's Report
5. Treasurer's report and approval of the Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Committee members:  
The following members have been duly proposed and seconded to serve on the Committee.  
As no other nominations have been received, we ask your approval to appoint or re-appoint the following members:
  - Terry McKeown as Chairman
  - Liz Webster for her 2nd term of office as Treasurer
  - Barry Holland and Peter Wright as Committee members.
  - Helen Crelley, Ann Thorne to be re-elected for their 2nd term of service.
  - Secretary - vacant.
7. Chairman's remarks
8. Close of meeting

**Minutes of the 16th Annual General Meeting  
of Hoylake, West Kirby & District u3a  
held at Hope Church, Hoylake on 7th August 2024**

In attendance: Officers; Linda Trim (Chair), Liz Webster (Treasurer), Barbara Kirby (Secretary), Mike Waring (Vice Chair), Jules Lee (Vice Chair).  
Committee members: Jean Graham, Jonathan Thornton, Wendy McKeown, Terry McKeown, Ann Thorn, Helen Crelley, Hilary Alcock.

1. Chairman Linda Trim opened the meeting with a welcome all attending the 16th Annual General meeting of our u3a.

2. **Apologies for absence** had been received from;

Linda Walker, Roy Roger, Sheila Zuydem, Fioretta Evans, Glyn Evans, Rita Hughes, Graham Barlow, Hazel Brown, Carol Bradstreet, Jean Dickson, Jo McCourt, John McCourt, Marjorie Hargreaves, Cath Johnson.

3. The minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting had been circulated and was available at the meeting. There were no matters arising from these. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Sue Burke and seconded by Lorely Hutson. They were unanimously approved.

4. **Chairman's report:**

This had been circulated to the members. In it Linda noted that our membership was steadily increasing and she anticipated that we would reach 350 by July 2024. She mentioned that on the advice of Liz Webster, our Treasurer, and Mike Waring, the data manager, we had purchased card readers to assist with Membership and Social events payments. The number of Interest Groups now stood at 47 which included some exciting new groups. Her report also referred to successful visits to Ludlow, Portmerion and the Southport Flower Show with an additional mention of meals to celebrate the Coronation and Christmas. Linda thanked Jules Lee for engaging so many entertaining and often inspirational speakers which was felt contributed to our increased membership numbers. As Chair, she has been kept busy attending national and regional training sessions. Marjorie Hargreaves produced our newsletter at two-monthly intervals and our Webmaster, Jonathan Thornton, is presently working on the new u3a site builder website. Linda concluded her report by thanking the Committee and volunteers for their dedicated hard work in enabling our u3a to survive and flourish.

Acceptance of the Chairman's report was proposed by Sue Bebell and seconded by Audrey Bottle. It was approved unanimously.

5. **Treasurer's report:**

Liz Webster had circulated her Annual Report for the year ending 31/3/2024. In her summary to the meeting she referred to a small surplus of £487 and our closing reserves of £21,857.10. There are sufficient reserves to meet our running costs and further reserves would be used to improve our u3a for all our members. She noted how both the card readers and introduction of payments on-line had made membership renewal much easier for membership and social teams. Purchases in a new computer, advertising banners, and two card readers had proved to be beneficial to the smooth-running and success of our u3a. Liz ended her report by thanking her fellow Committee members for their welcome and support.

Acceptance of the report was proposed by Graham Thwaite and seconded by Margaret Nichols. It was approved unanimously.

**Election of Committee members:**

The following members have been duly proposed and seconded to serve on the Committee for two years;

Jean Graham as Committee member,

Jonathan Thornton as Committee member.

The following Committee members are reappointed to serve for a second term of two years;

Carol Bradstreet, Terence McKeown Wendy McKeon

Approval of the nominations was proposed by Sue Bebell and seconded by Pat Lynch. They were passed unanimously.

Before the close of the meeting, Linda asked that Ron Burke come to the stage to receive our thanks and a token of our appreciation for all the years he had contributed his highly entertaining cartoons to our Newsletter.

There being no other business, the AGM closed at 2.30pm

### **Chairman's Report**

As interim chair it gives me great pleasure to introduce the report for the 17th AGM of Hoylake, West Kirby & District U3A.

I want to thank our previous chair Linda Trim, for the hard work and commitment she demonstrated in her role.

Our membership continues to grow and flourish; Mike Waring and the membership team were pleased to be able to report that membership increased from 329 members in March 2024 to 365 members in March 2025, and that despite the dip we always get when subscriptions are renewed, our current membership is 393. This is as a direct result of the hard work and dedication of your committee members, Group Leaders and our special volunteers; they are the catalyst of our u3a.

I continue to be amazed at the diverse range of group and social events which are developing, to meet the needs of our members. The last 3 social trips, which are available to all members completely sold out. The Interest groups are increasing; we had 41 Interest Groups in March 2024 which increased to 51 by March 2025. However, 2 groups closed, so the total currently stands at 49. Helen and the team are working to start up new groups continually. The only thing that seems to hamper new groups starting is some members reluctance to be the contact person in the group.

The monthly Speaker meetings continue to be very popular and forms the core of the u3a ethos of lifelong learning - and provides some fun and light refreshments. They also provide you with an opportunity to meet other U3A members and provides you with an opportunity to discover new group activities and take part in social events - particularly the Christmas Lunch!

Our u3a cannot exist without Trustees, Committee and volunteers. I should like to thank them all on your behalf for all the hard work they have done and the support they have given to me this year.

The heart of the u3a is our members, I would like to personally thank you for your involvement in the life of the u3a, I hope the guiding principles of learn, laugh and live continue to be with you.

Terry McKeown.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Our Income was £23,788 and expenditure £22,850 leading to a small surplus for the year of £938. Our closing reserves were £22,795. I would like to express my gratitude to Mr Neil Jones (treasurer for Heswall u3a) who has independently reviewed these accounts.

Our aim as a committee is 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 have a very healthy reserves position which has enabled us to reduce our membership fee from £25 to £20 this year. We have also been able to support groups financially and fund meetings for group leaders and new members. The committee will continue to monitor reserves and ensure they are used to further improve our u3a.

If you have any queries regarding these accounts please do not hesitate to contact me at [treasurer@hwkdu3a.org](mailto:treasurer@hwkdu3a.org).

Elizabeth Webster ACA CTA

**Hoylake & West Kirby District U3A****Financial Statements****31/03/2025**

	12m to 31/03/2025	12m to 31/03/2024
<b>Income</b>		
Subs	£ 8,358	£ 9,379
Third age magazine	£ 246	£ 213
Gift aid	£ 2,988	£ 1,209
Books	£ 83	£ 58
Other	£ 41	£ 136
Social group	£ 6,684	£ 7,291
Garden group	£ 5,387	£ 4,181
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 23,788</b>	<b>£ 22,467</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Speaker meeting hall hire	£ 3,875	£ 4,063
Speaker fees	£ 695	£ 619
Speaker meeting other	£ 458	£ 447
Newsletter	£ 425	£ 465
TAT capitalisation	£ 1,320	£ 1,280
TAT magazine	£ 216	£ 127
Committee expenses	£ 297	£ 255
Committee room hire	£ 183	£ 218
Zoom/email	£ 275	£ 183
Beacon	£ 330	£ 320
Membership costs	£ 111	£ 186
General meetings	£ 225	£ 181
Equipment	£ 399	£ 977
Sum Up Fees	£ 223	£ 151
Group costs	£ 1,101	£ -
Other	£ 146	£ 177
Social	£ 7,201	£ 8,750
Garden group	£ 5,368	£ 3,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 22,850</b>	<b>£ 21,980</b>
<b>Net Income / (Expenditure)</b>	<b>£ 938</b>	<b>£ 487</b>
Net Core Income/ (Exp)	£ 1,436	£ 1,347
Net Social Income / (Exp)	£ (517)	£ (1,459)
Net Garden Income / (Exp)	£ 19	£ 599
	<b>£ 938</b>	<b>£ 487</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>		
Bank	£ 22,704	£ 21,798
Cash	£ 91	£ 59
<b>Bank &amp; Cash</b>	<b>£ 22,795</b>	<b>£ 21,857</b>
Core Reserves	£ 20,188	£ 18,752
Garden Reserves	£ 1,501	£ 1,482
Social Reserves	£ 1,107	£ 1,624
<b>Total</b>	<b>£ 22,795</b>	<b>£ 21,857</b>

Under Charity Law the Trustees are responsible for agreeing the accounts. I have completed my examination, which is a spot check of items and confirm no material matters have come to my attention. Examiner Neil Jones