

WHITWORTH AND DISTRICT U3A

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THE 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025:

72 members attended the Annual General Meeting.

Apologies for absence:

We had 18 apologies:

Doreen Brown, Sheila Daly, Eileen Garbutt,

Tom and Denise Hobson, Gary Horner, Julie and Andrew Huxley, Gill and Paul Marshall, Pat Myers, Veronica Swinden, Bill Ogden, Lynne Bradbury, Bill Hutton, Lorraine and Mark Bell, Frank Hauxwell.

Resolution 1:

The Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting held on 4th September, 2024 were accepted as a true record.

Proposed by: Judith Faulkner.

Seconded by: Gary Bradbury.

Vote was unanimous by the floor.

Chairs Report:

Thank you ...

Thank you all for attending and we'll attempt to get the business part of the afternoon sorted quickly so we can enjoy the tea and our ukulele band.

Firstly, I'd like to thank Pat for all the work she did for the U3A in the previous years. How she set it up is beyond me.

But what an Herculean task. And how well she performed with grace and panache. we're all indebted to you and reaping the rewards.

I'd also like to thank Lyn B who arranged trips and outings.

I don't know how much effort and work she did, but I know it was a success.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the facilitators of all the groups. Thank you.

So, to introduce you to your Committee:

Beverley our Treasurer has kept abreast of our finances a thankless but invaluable asset to our team. And this year she has had to come to grips with the Beacon computer programme.

We've heard a great deal about Beacon in the past year as Emma our wonderful Membership Secretary has worked alongside Julie Latham 'our new Committee member', to establish a presence on the Beacon website.

Although Emma doesn't acknowledge it, we know and appreciate how much her changing the data over from a manual system to a computer system has taken. Emma.

Julie our newest member and has worked tirelessly this year to get us on board the Beacon website.

And at this point I'd like to thank her and her husband Andy and John Illingworth for their support; advice and education and help with this huge challenge.

I think we're almost completely launched on this system thanks to these kind and generous folk. We can keep a better tally and update our 134 members up from 92 that's 30 members have joined since last August / we are growing and having a successful computer programme which will help to keep our affairs in order.

Nina ... my right-hand girl.

She has held my hand through this first year of my taking the chair and when I've needed support she's been there promptly and efficiently kindly and gently supporting me through this year. What a star. She's not just a pretty face of the biscuit provider at our monthly meetings -I can't say how much I've depended on her. We are here because of Nina: all gratitude to this wonderful woman. And behind the scenes she takes minutes at our monthly committee meetings as well as keeping up our link with the Third Age and Third Age Matters. What a girl!

Helen wow what would we do without Helen She's another star: supporting the amazing facilitators:

Holding our interest groups together: this year she's set up the card group; the history group; the bowling group; the knitting and crochet group and the Outings with Field Naturalists. Without the interest groups we'd have no U3a.

Lynne will continue to as our Speaker Secretary. We had thought she was going to leave us but amazingly she's carrying on as our excellent Speaker Secretary and I'm sure everyone is as grateful as I am that she's been able to change her plans and stay with us as Speaker Secretary. Three cheers for that. What amazing speakers we've had through her endeavours. Whoopee

Irene is our Media Secretary. Sshe collates our newsletter which you receive quarterly. And keeps us informed with emails of events in our calendars. Another star performance from another amazing member of our committee.

Kay has been with the committee since our inception and keeps a calm around the issues we face. And is always there to support the team as we go through our meetings

Dave and Julie are new to our team and already proving their value.

Dave our Vice Chair and substitutes for me when I'm unable to chair meetings and attends meetings in my stead.

Julie has been a force of energy helping in this Herculean task of settling us into Beacon. I can only say we've been very fortunate to have her as a new member of this team.

In the tradition which Pat Matson, Pat set we've attempted to continue your great example and work. And I think it's been a great year.

Our membership is growing. We've reached our greatest figures.

As already mentioned, we have quite a few new groups: bowling group; a new history group; a knitting and crochet group; and a card group this year and fledgling as they are they are growing in numbers.

People join for many reasons as Pat said last year, and then they find warmth and wisdom and company, education and fun and they return.

We hope to continue to offer a lovely atmosphere and welcoming experience to every member in every group experience and offer unbiased non prejudiced education and fun.

We have maintained many of our original groups and are working together, and despite the struggles many have succeeded.

We are a registered charity, solvent.

And able to maintain our self-sufficiency.

Pat stepped down as chair last year and handed over the ship to me.

And for me it's been quite a learning curve and mainly I've really enjoyed it.

I feel privileged and honoured to have been given the opportunity to lead you. Thank you.

I have personally led the new: Up Up and Away group holiday on a mini-ABBA weekend to Alveston Hall in Cheshire.

It was a lot of fun, and I hope for all of us there will be more. Next year we're hoping to plan further excursions with the help of Ellen Smith who we are talking to about the future of fun - thank you Meg for this link.

It has been a remarkable year for me personally at the U3a having never been on a committee ever - never mind chairing one -? it has been what they call an immense learning curve.

It has been challenging but I really have enjoyed so much of it. Thank you for trusting me to be your chair.

Let's hope we continue to develop and learn and support each other in this amazing group.

And finally for continued success we need you to volunteer.

There are so many of you out there and you will all have different life experience you can share with us. Please come forward and offer your help. The committee is changing. Last year we saw Pat and Di and Lyn B stand down. We have replaced them, but we do need people to come through, as people leave us we need more help. Please come and speak to me or any member of this wonderful team, even if you feel unable to offer more than a little time / we would be able to use you in our endeavour to educate and support this group.

Now to business tea and music



Barbara Miller

WHITWORTH & DISTRICT U3A TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Year Ending 31st March 2025

These accounts are from 1st April 2024 to the end of the financial year 31st March 2025.

We have received membership fees totaling £2,011.00. We have received a grant for £630.00 from Grantscape this year, grant money is held over to cover ongoing room hire costs.

Our income for this year totals £5,651.20 which is made up of membership fees, monthly entrance fees, money for arranged trips, raffles and Third Age magazine monies.

Our expenditure was £4,833.05 and this leaves an ongoing balance of £7,850.52 as at 31st March 2025. Our biggest expenditure this year has been £2,155.00 to cover the cost of trips of which there have been many. Other expenditure has included room hire/refreshments, speakers' fees, printing, equipment and social events.

Capitation fees of £472.00 were paid over to the Third Age Trust based on membership at 31st March 2024. A further payment will be made in the new financial year based on membership as at 31st March 2025. A further amount of £76.00 has been paid over to the Third Age Trust to cover the cost of the Third Age magazines which a lot of our members enjoy receiving on a quarterly basis.

The Executive Committee approves and monitors the Treasurer's accounts, cash and cheque handling. The accounts have also been independently checked.

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Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31/3/2025

	This Year	2023-24
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	2,011.00	1,861.50
Monthly Entrance	1,128.00	1,088.00
Trips Income	1,725.00	2,092.50
Grants Income	630.00	1,000.00
Raffles & Fund Raising	77.00	120.00
Third Age Magazine	80.20	-
Refund & Sundries	-	80.00
	5,651.20	6,242.00
Expenditure		
Room/Venue Hire	650.00	547.11
Speakers Fees	653.50	420.00
* Refreshments	56.95	-
Zoom Licence	-	100.73
Printing & Stationery	37.60	52.75
Capitation Fees	472.00	428.00
Computers & Equipment	499.00	-
Trips Expenditure	2,155.00	2,249.00
Third Age Magazine	76.00	-
** Social Events	212.75	-
Sundries	20.25	430.00
	4,833.05	4,227.59
Net Movement in Funds	818.15	2,014.41
Funds brought forward	7,032.37	5,017.96
Total Funds carried forward	7,850.52	7,032.37
Current Assets		
Bank Account	7,794.50	7,031.05
Unpresented cheques	-	-
Available Bank Balance	7,794.50	7,031.05
Cash in hand	56.02	1.32
Funds to take forward	7,850.52	7,032.37

Notes

* Previously included with Room Hire

** Not previously categorised

Resolution 2.

To Approve the annual accounts for 2023/2024

Proposer: John Illingworth.

Seconder: Val Archibold.

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 3.

To allow the Committee to appoint the examiner for the accounts 2025.

Proposer: Lyn Brady.

Seconder: Ricky Preston.

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 4.

To sponsor and elect Julie Latham and David O'Reilly as committee members.

Proposer for Julie: John Illingworth.

Seconder: Helen Jackson.

Proposer for David: Pat Matson.

Seconder: Georgie Donnelly.

Vote was carried by the floor.

Resolution 5.

To elect en bloc all nominated Committee members for the year 2025.

Proposer: George Scaife

Seconder: Joyce Ashworth.

Vote was carried by the floor.

There were no questions from members to address.

Closing comments from the new chair.

Being no further business the meeting closed at 2pm

Nina Gardner.

Secretary.

September 2025

