

TADLEY & District U3A

Registered Charity No 1150232

MINUTES OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Thursday 17th July 2025 at 11am at Tadley Community Centre

Executive Committee Members Present: - Colin Hewit, Mike Batson, Haddasa Davis, Steve Sharpe, Jackie Cassidy, Carol Phipps, Sue Geater, Gail Biggs, Diane Carter, Andy Imms

AGENDA ITEM
Apologies for absence –
<u>Opening Remarks</u> Colin Hewit (Chair) thanked members for their attendance. He noted that the period under review was the year April 2024 to March 2025. Minutes of the last AGM are available on the Web site. Minutes of the 12 th AGM held of July 2024 were accepted. Acceptance of Minutes, Mike Batson, Seconded, Clive Radley.
<u>Report for 2024/2025</u> There was a concern earlier in the year for new committee members, but there has been a good response to our requests for new committee members/supporters. All groups are working well.
<u>Group Co-ordinator's Report</u> A number of new groups have been established which shows what a diverse group of people are part of our U3A. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Welsh Group has been established and is extremely well attended.• A creative Writing Group is working well.• A new Pilates Group has now been established and is running out of the Scout Hall in Southdown Road.• Many thanks to the Group Leaders for keeping all our groups running.• Some Groups have closed temporarily whilst the Group Leaders are on holiday, it would be ideal if other members of the group could step in during this time. A big thankyou to Andy Imms and Jim Gault for all their hard work on transitioning our website to the new platform. Tickets are now available for the U3A Afternoon Tea and Pimm's on Sunday 3 rd August at Heath End Village Hall, at 2:30. Our Guitar Group will entertain you with 50's and 60's music.
<u>Member's Report</u> There are currently 661 members, 350 of which renewed on line. There has been the usual drop off in renewals over the year. We now use PayPal which is trusted for renewing memberships. The majority of users did not have any problems with the system but we continue to address what issues some of our members had.

Using BACS to pay for membership fees has made a significant difference in the time it takes to process renewals.

We are looking at some new ideas, for example Computer Skills and dealing with AI.

We would like to encourage new members and new ideas.

There should normally be 1U3A Magazine per household but sometimes if the couple have joined at different times and they have both ticked to have the magazine so we will need to change the set up for 1 magazine per household.

Treasurer's Report

Charity Account

Income for the year left us with a deficit of £5051.46. This has mainly been the extra cost of hall hire, hence the need to increase the membership fee this financial year; although with a carried forward figure of £21310.54 we are in a secure financial position.

Income from the groups was £11052.77 (slightly down on last year) against an increased cost of £18583.73 being due to rises in hall hire costs

Social Account

It has been another busy year. Huge thanks to Linda Mead for organising so many interesting trips.

Funds are good at the present, £18k in the Social Account with a healthy working balance.

There were concerns post Covid that prices/costs would be higher, concerns which proved to be valid.

HMRC gift Aid – drop of £1,490 this year. The previous year high figure was due to the fact that we were catching up after Covid.

25% of membership fees can be claimed for Gift Aid.

Acceptance of Accounts

Acceptance of Accounts were signed off by Juliet Adams BA(Hons)_ATT

Proposed: Mike Batson

Seconded: Clive Radley

Chairman's Charity

Seeability has been chosen for our charity this year.

Motion: -

David Gent – Motion 1

Where nominations for U3A Committee Members exceed the number of vacancies available then new Committee Members should be elected by the membership of the Tadley and District U3A.

Reasons: - To ensure that the membership are able to be involved in the Election of Committee Members.

Concerned that the constitution has not been followed currently.

Secunder: - Stephen Mead

The Committee's recommendation: -

Is to reject the motion as a vote on committee members, officers are already taken at each AGM
There was a show of hands and the Motion was rejected.

Stephen Mead – Motion 2

Motion: -An Increase in the annual U3A subscription should be discussed and agreed by the U3A Membership following advice by the U3A committee before implementation.

Reasons: - To ensure that the membership are able to be involved in setting the annual subscription.

Secunder: - David Gent

There was a show of hands and the Motion was rejected.

The Committee's response

The committee has sole responsibility for ensuring that our U3a is financially stable. Membership fees constitute the largest part of our income. The size of the membership fee is only agreed after much discussion, debate and review of financial data in committee. It is inappropriate that such a decision could be overturned with possible impact on our U3a's financial viability.

Committee members are also Trustees of our U3a. Trustees are financially liable for shortcomings in our U3a. It is unlikely that a committee member would choose to remain on the committee should U3a's financial viability be put at risk with a decision on fees that goes against our recommendations.

Election of Officers:

Chair, Mike Batson

Vice Chair, Colin Hewitt

Treasurer, Steve Sharpe

Secretary, Pam Hastie

Proposer, Mike Cassidy, Secunder David White

Election of Executive Committee Members:

Jackie Cassidy, Carol Phipps, Diane Carter, Sue Geater, Gail Biggs, Sue Thomas, Andy Imms

Proposer: Jenny Batson

Secunder: Marilyn Sharp

Questions: -

Closing Remarks: -

Haddasa will be retiring and moving to Norfolk. Thanking her for her role as Committee Secretary.

AOB: -

None

Date of next AGM: TBC

Signed.....

Dated.....