

Dorking & District U3a

Trustees Annual Report for year ending 31 March 2023

Registered Charity 1005743

Reference and Administration details

The Charity has no independent address but for the purposes of this Return it will be:

2, The Street, Capel, Dorking, Surrey RH5 5LE

Charity Trustees

The following people served for the whole year unless otherwise indicated:

Beryl Sinclair	Chair and Newsletter Editor
Tony Parker	Vice Chair
Ianthe Cox	Treasurer and Residential Trips
John Sinclair	Secretary
John Sinclair	Membership Secretary and Equipment
Michael Docker	Webmaster
Deanne Rhodes	Days Out & Monthly Speakers
Linda Willmott	Monthly Speakers
Rosemary Harbridge	Minutes Secretary

Resigned during year:

Geoff Saunders: Secretary

Gareth Baille: Group Co-Ordinator

Hilda Burden: New Members

Structure Governance and Management

Dorking & District U3a is regulated by the Third Age Trust and is an unincorporated association governed by a constitution. The Committee and Trustees are elected by the membership at the Annual General Meeting.

Objectives and Activities

The aims of the U3a are to promote the further education and well-being of middle aged and older members, who are not in full time remunerated employment in Dorking and the surrounding area. Live, Laugh and Learn. Dorking & District U3a supports and encourages more than 60 interest groups, all of which are led by the members. An example of subjects covered are Art Appreciation, Architecture, Music, Bridge, Pilates, Exercise Classes, Walking, Languages and Science, Photography plus many others.

In organising the many activities of the U3a, the Trustees are mindful of the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are grateful to the unstinting efforts of the many volunteers who make the Charity so effective.

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Achievement and Performance

During this financial year emphasis has been on recovery from the effects of the pandemic, endeavouring to encourage the membership to return to face-to-face meetings, outings and residential trips.

Monthly meetings have been held at St Joseph's Church Hall and conducted as a hybrid meeting for those not wishing to physically attend the meeting.

Attendance figures are now increasing.

The first residential trip was to South Devon in May, followed by an autumnal trip to the Peak District in October. Both were well supported and successful.

Day trips happened every two months and were well supported, especially the Christmas Cruise on the Thames and a visit to Chatham Dockyard.

In order to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee in June, a Pimm's and Cake Picnic was held at Buckland Park Lakes. This was attended by nearly 100 members and deemed to be very successful.

A Barn dance was held in September and again was well supported.

The final event of this financial year was a very successful Quiz night.

During the year efforts have been made to revive existing groups and introduce new ones such as Photography, Badminton, Local History and Spanish. We are pleased to welcome back Singing for Pleasure.

A Group Leaders lunch was held in February.

In addition, quarterly Newsletters have been published for the membership.

General Membership is now increasing at a good rate.

Financial Review

The accounts to the end of the financial year in March 2023 show the gradual recovery from the pandemic effect. Although membership subscriptions show a slight reduction on the previous year, partially due to the fact that the subscription rate has not been increased.

Costs have been carefully monitored and show a slight decrease on the previous year, despite the cost-of-living crisis.

The administration balance at the end of March 2023 showed a small increase of 9% from £9,184 to £10,072

The policy of the Dorking & District U3a is to retain general fund reserves equivalent to six months normal expenditure. The Trustees consider the reserves to be sufficient and believe that they have not been duly affected by the pandemic

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The Groups surplus balance reflects the resumption of the group activity and the introduction of new groups.

The Social Events account shows a slight increase over the previous year reflecting increase in activity.

Risk and Internal Control

The Trustees have reviewed the risk to the assets of the Charity and consider the controls against material mismanagement or loss currently in place are adequate

Signed ...  ...

Date...29 April 2023...

John Sinclair - Hon Secretary on behalf of:

Dorking & District U3a

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FINANCIAL YEAR RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
as at 31 MARCH 2023

<u>MAIN ACCOUNT</u>	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
<u>TOTAL SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>	<u>8,952</u>	<u>9,487</u>
Subscriptions to 31 March	5,194	5,995
Subscriptions in advance 2023	3,758	3,492
Gift Aid	1,043	1,253
Miscellaneous	1	56
<u>Total Receipts Main Account</u>	<u>9,996</u>	<u>10,796</u>
<u>PAYMENTS</u>		
Third Age Trust	-4,581	-4,192
Printing/Stationery	-1,910	-1,974
Purchases	-307	-885
Hall Hire	-400	-582
Speakers	-880	-1,274
Catering	-116	
Postage	-316	-373
Website	-268	-58
Zoom	-174	-173
Miscellaneous	-156	-18
<u>Total Payments Main Account</u>	<u>-9,108</u>	<u>-9,529</u>
Net Surplus/Deficit	888	1,267
Balance at start of year 01 April	9,184	7,917
<u>Balance carried forward at 31 March</u>	<u>10,072</u>	<u>9,184</u>
<u>GROUP ACCOUNT</u>		
Receipts	13,123	9,760
Payments	-13,599	-7,933
Net Surplus/Deficit	-476	1,827
Balance at start of year 01 April	4,274	2,447
<u>Balance carried forward at 31 March</u>	<u>3798</u>	<u>4,274</u>
<u>SOCIAL EVENTS ACCOUNT</u>		
Receipts	12,301	1,770
Payments	-11,459	-2,051
Net Surplus/Deficit	842	-281
Balance at start of year 01 April	3,688	3,968
<u>Balance carried forward at 31 March</u>	<u>4,530</u>	<u>3,687</u>
<u>PETTY CASH</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>

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<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
MAIN ACCOUNT	10,072	9,184
GROUPS ACCOUNT	3,798	4,274
SOCIAL EVENTS ACCOUNT	4,530	3,687
PETTY CASH	25	25
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>18,425</u>	<u>17,170</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Subscriptions in advance	3,758	3,492
March expenses to be paid	651	-
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>4,409</u>	<u>3,492</u>

The above accounts have been approved by the Trustees of Dorking & District U3a and signed on their behalf by

.John Sinclair - Hon Secretary.....

Date.....

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DORKING & DISTRICT LTA

Independent Examination Report to the Trustees of Dorking & District LTA

I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts for Dorking & District LTA for the year ended 31 March 2013.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As Trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

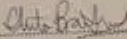
I report in respect of my examination of the Trustees' accounts carried out under section 143 of the 2011 Act, and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable provisions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(c) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept by the Trustees as required by section 120 of the Act, or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records, or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of the accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, other than any requirements that the accounts give a "true and fair view" which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

Date: 30th May 2013

Mrs C E Broadwood FCA
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