



Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Charity name: Poole University of the Third Age

Charity registration number: 1019559

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To advance the education of the public in the Poole area, and in particular the education of older people and those retired from fulltime work by all means including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of classes in a wide variety of subjects covering academic, physical & social activities.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees do have regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit, and the contents of this Annual Report demonstrate the value of our work to the public.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Poole u3a has the support of numerous volunteers without whose help it would be unable to function. These include volunteers who help with running the charity, and volunteers who lead our classes.

Other		N/A
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The charity makes a valuable contribution to the mental & physical wellbeing of older people by giving them the opportunity to participate socially in a wide range of mental & physical activities which help to maintain their mental acuity & physical health.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	There were 915 members at the end of August 2024, a slight increase compared to 889 members the previous year.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See the Annual Accounts & Treasurer's Report associated with this Annual Return.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are held to cover at least 50% of budgeted expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£49,017.15
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	No uncertainties.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Membership subscriptions and class fees.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	1. A decline in membership numbers. 2. Large increases in the costs of hiring activity venues.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	A Constitution last updated in October 2018 & derived from Poole u3a's membership of the Third Age Trust.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Unincorporated association.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at the Annual General Meeting in November. Trustees may be co-opted during the year but must then be elected at the next AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	N/A
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	Poole u3a is managed by the trustees meeting about 8 times per year as a committee. Ad-hoc sub committees may be appointed to report on issues of major importance.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None.
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Poole University of the Third Age.
Other name the charity uses	Poole u3a
Registered charity number	1019559
Charity's principal address	The Spire, High Street, Poole BH15 1DF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Alan Jowsey	Chair		
2	Ruaraidh MacKay	Treasurer		
3	Jacqueline Bettess			
4	Sarah Faux			
5	Margaret Riggs			
6	Julia Palmer			
7	Sue Thomas			
8	Denise Brown			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

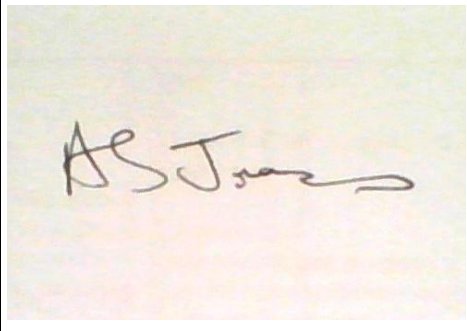
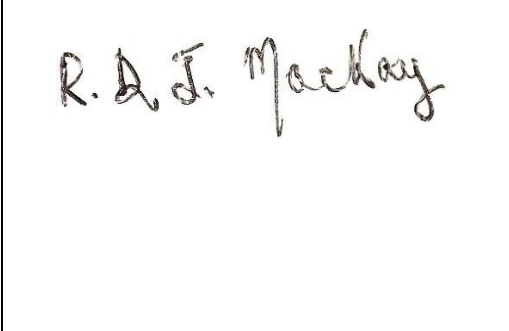
Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Alan Stuart Jowsey	Ruaraidh Donald James Mackay
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	19 th May 2025	

POOLE u3a - INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT – Year ending 31 August 2024

Registered Charity No. 1019559

Income	2022/23	2023/24	Expenditure	2022/23	2023/24
Members' Subscriptions	£53,073.00	£62,782.65	Membership refunds	£359.00	£2,223.00
Gift Aid	£8,561.70	£5,499.76	Venue Hire	£53,735.12	£39,458.93
Donations	£552.12	£335.29	Software licences	£1,151.28	£1,058.32
Savings Bank Interest	£517.17	£1,141.04	Office Rent & Service Charge	£5,701.80	£5,270.60
			Third Age Trust Affiliation Fee	£3,675.25	£3,424.00
			U3A Trust News & CLA Licence	£2,478.00	£1,381.47
			Printing	£1,037.66	£658.98
			Stationery	£62.64	£91.19
			Postage	£436.00	£917.50
			Telephone	£147.48	£82.66
			Equipment/Course Aids	£353.02	£222.72
			Speakers' Fees	£534.00	£149.37
			Leaders' Meetings	£.00	£22.15
			Paypal commission		£380.07
			Sundries	£137.76	£6.79
			Depreciation on Tangible Assets	£437.26	£436.26
Travel Group Income for year	£861.00	-	Travel Group expenditure for year	£1,018.70	-
Total Income	£63,564.99	£69,758.74	Total Current Expenditure	£71,264.97	£55,784.01
			Total Capital Expenditure	£.00	£.00
			Excess /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure - Travel group	-£157.70	£0.00
			Excess /(Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	-£7,542.28	£13,974.73
	£63,564.99	£69,758.74		£63,564.99	£69,758.74

Poole u3a BALANCE SHEET as at 31 August 2024

Liabilities	2022/23	2023/24
Accumulated Reserve Fund	£39,309.18	£49,017.15
Correction of overstated accrued hire charges	£0.00	£0.00
Travel Group Reserve Fund	£1,195.51	£1,195.51
SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS		
Members' Subscriptions Received in Advance	£0.00	£50,746.00
Accrued expenses (Third Age Trust)	£200.00	£4,805.47
Gift Aid repayment	£.00	£.00
	<u>£40,704.69</u>	<u>£105,764.13</u>

Assets	2022/23	2023/24
Cash at Savings Bank	£36,541.25	£37,682.29
Cash at Natwest Bank	£3,096.29	£57,827.02
Cash with Paypal		£9,623.93
Cash at HSBC	£.00	£.00
Cash at HSBC (Travel Group)	£.00	£.00
Tangible Fixed Assets	£1,067.15	£630.89
SUSPENSE ACCOUNTS		
Venue Hire charges Paid in Advance	£.00	£.00
Venue hire refund due	£.00	£.00
	<u>£40,704.69</u>	<u>£105,764.13</u>

Prepared By Rory MacKay 03.11.24
 Rory MacKay
 Honorary Treasurer, Poole U3A

Examined By Colin Merrett
 Colin Merrett
 Independent Examiner

Agreed By ASJ 4/11/24
 Alan Jowsey
 Chair, Poole U3a



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees	Poole U3A		
On accounts for the year ended	31 August 2024	Charity no (if any)	1019559
	Set out on pages 1		

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/08/2023

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) 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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement 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 in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Colin Merrett Date: 3-11-24

Name: Colin Merrett

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address: 23 Wynne Close
Broadstone
Dorset