

Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting

8th October 2025

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Close	

TRUSTEES' REPORTS FOR 2024-2025

Chairs Report

We're delighted to have welcomed 57 new members to DDU3a over the last 12 months, bringing our total membership to 380 at the time of writing.

Looking back over the year

- We've enjoyed some excellent talks from knowledgeable, often entertaining Speakers at our Monthly Meetings, with an average of 75/80 members/visitors in attendance
- We currently have 47 Interest Groups, including several new ones reflecting members' diverse interests, whilst a couple have closed
- Many members seemed to have appreciated this year's Trips and Visits
- Thanks to our healthy finances, we were able to reduce the Membership fee to £12 for 2025/2026
- We laid a wreath, made by the Garden Growers group at the town's Remembrance Service
- Our popular Christmas Party featured a Sing-a-long session led by a local couple
- Our Dronfield u3a Christmas Tree was part of the very successful Dronfield Parish Church Christmas Tree Festival
- 80+ members enjoyed a Cream Tea with entertainment at Coal Aston Village Hall in August
- We're delighted that so many members were able to renew online this year, which made life a lot easier for our Treasurer and Membership Team. Special thanks to those who engaged with our offers of support to help with technology to enable them to renew online
- Talking about technology, Citizens Advice have been running Digital Skills training sessions, alongside our Monthly Meetings, which have been well received by Members wanting to learn about using their tablets, smartphones and laptops
- We've introduced a drop-in Coffee Morning at the Manor Hotel on the 1st Wed/month to encourage new/prospective members to meet others in a smaller setting than the main Monthly Meeting
- We've had stalls at several town events to increase awareness of DDU3a; Dronfield Together in November and April, Coal Aston Gala in June, Barlow in July and Gosforth Valley Community Event in September. We were unable to get a place at Dronfield Gala this year.
- Please read our Treasurer's report for full details of our finances.

A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to DDU3a life over the last 12 months, but special thanks must go to our retiring Trustee Audrey Garrett for her commitment and hard work during the last 3 years – thank you Audrey from all of us. I think it's fair to say we are flourishing, but this doesn't happen without a lot of people giving of their time and energy for the common good, which brings me to my final point.

All members of the Executive Committee will resign at the AGM and can only choose to reapply if they are eligible. This year we have only received 9 nominations, when we could have a maximum of 12 voted-in at the AGM and a further 3 during the course of the year. Next year, ie. In October 2026, your Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Groups Manager and two General Trustees cannot stand for re-election as they will have completed their maximum 3-year term of office. This would leave just 3 Trustees, who may/may not decide to stand for election.

If DDU3a is to continue, members need to start thinking **now** about stepping up as a Trustee. How about coming along to observe at a Committee Meeting? No pressure, just to see what's involved. From personal experience, I'd say being a Trustee might sound big, but you would be part of a team and it can be fun. Please speak to one of us, if you would like to know more.

Kind Regards
Julia Harris Chair on behalf of DDU3a Executive Committee
9th September 2025

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present to you the financial accounts for 2024-25, together with a more general review of financial activity since April 2024.

Attached to this report are

1. Audited Accounts
2. Asset Register
3. Details of Groups

At the beginning of 2024-25 financial year, we held sufficient funds to meet both the needs of our planned budget and to maintain the reserve. Some budgets were increased in line with inflation.

Our main income is the annual fee paid by members and boosted by Gift Aid from HMRC.

Increased publicity in 2023-2024 resulted in an increase in membership. This has allowed us to reduce the membership fee to £12 in 2025-2026.

At the close of the financial year the finances were robust.

Explanatory Notes To accompany The Accounts

Central Costs

As a member of the Third Age Trust (TAT), we pay an annual subscription to TAT and for our Beacon Licence. Dronfield and District u3a records financial and membership records on Beacon, which is a secure, GDPR compliant software system designed for u3as.

Other Expenditure

Additional Meetings for Citizens Advice Digital Skills training.

Events mainly the 10th Anniversary party at Coal Aston Village Hall

Licences Includes Zoom, CLA (copyright) expenses and our domain licence.

Meetings are mainly costs incurred for hiring of venues.

Speakers A budget is allocated specifically to the Speaker Finder.

Dronfield & District U3A Income & Expenditure, 1st April 2024 - 31st March 2025

Category	2024-25			2023-24		
	Income	Expenditure	Net Bal	Income	Expenditure	Net Bal
National U3A						
Membership	£ 6,003.60			£ 5,218.80	£ 15.00	£5,203.80
Less						
Per Capita Paid		£1,324.00			£1,240.00	
Beacon - Members Licence		£331.00			£ 310.00	
Derbyshire Network Meetings		£0.00	£1,655.00		£ 0.00	£ 1,550.00
Sub-totals						£ 3,653.80
Dronfield U3A						
Bank Fees		£0.00			£0.00	
Monthly Meetings		£727.30			£ 719.43	
Catering (net of sales)		£321.83			£ 586.10	
Speakers		£507.48			£ 630.00	
Committee Meetings		£296.64			£ 200.43	
Events		£927.91			£ 0.00	
Telephone Expenses		£74.40			£ 71.40	
PayPal commission (net)		£85.70			£ 69.85	
T.A. Magazine Postage Fees		£226.04	£3,167.30		£ 164.50	£ 2,441.71
Sub Totals			£1,181.30			£ 1,212.09
Other Income						
Donations (Gift Aid)		£870.54		£ 790.08		
Donations Other		£0.00		£ 209.53		
Events - 10th Birthday Party		£331.20		£ 0.00		
Group Closures		£0.00		£ 13.80		
Sub-totals		£1,201.74	£2,383.04	£ 1,013.41		£2,225.50
Other Expenditure						
Additional Meetings		£61.80			£ 93.12	
Equipment (General) Purchase		£906.52			£ 112.61	
Group Closures		£30.80			£ 0.00	
Groups General Expenses		£224.43			£ 50.80	
Licences		£251.87			£ 208.08	
Membership Secretary Expenses		£54.50			£ 18.15	
Miscellaneous Expenses		£134.09			£ 119.87	
Non email Members - costs		£162.09			£ 57.90	
Publicity Expenses		£277.57	£2,103.67		£ 767.85	
			£279.37			£ 1,428.38
Sub-totals						£ 797.12
Dronfield U3A Groups	Income	Outgoings	Net		Net	
Groups Funds	£ 3,886.62	£ 3,754.41	£ 132.21		£ 119.68	
Trips Account	£ 4,093.00	£ 2,330.00	£ 1,763.00		£ 51.50	
Sub-totals			£ 1,895.21	£1,895.21	£ 171.18	£ 171.18
Brought forward				£12,049.54		£ 11,081.24
Total				£14,224.12		£ 12,049.54

Auditors Report

The U3A has had another healthy year, with the flow of cash very well managed. The records are in excellent condition and well presented for audit. The treasurer is commended for her efforts.

Steve Bradbury 3/09/2025

Resolutions to be voted on

- a) To approve the minutes of the Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting held on 9th October 2024
- b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of the Dronfield and District u3a for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
- c) To agree the reappointment of Steve Bradbury as Auditor until 31st October 2026

NB – All resolutions require a simple majority in favour.

How to Vote see appendix B

Any Other Business

If any member wishes to raise a point at the AGM not covered by the agenda, please advise the Secretary in writing/email by **5pm** on **1st October** so that suitable time can be allocated for it to be presented. Any submission must include the proposer's name, plus contact details (email/phone number) of the seconder.

To submit a proposal or suggestion online use this form:

[2025 AGM Members Proposal Form](#)

Or contact the secretary at

secretary@dronfieldu3a.org.uk

Phone – 01246 900201

Election of Trustees to the 2025-2026 Executive Committee

(Agenda Item 9)

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee for the year 2025-2026 have been sought in accordance with the Constitution and the following nominees were proposed by the advertised closing date of 9th September 2025.

Position	Number of Vacancies	Nominees
Chair	1	Julia Harris
Vice-Chair	1	
Treasurer	1	Ed Green
Secretary	1	Karen Grad
Membership Secretary	1	Angela Richards
Groups Manager	1	Terry Goodyear
Minutes Secretary	1	
Trustees	4	Yvonne Bramall Steve Wood Marion Clyde Andy Baldwin

Those nominated above are all entitled to serve on the Executive Committee under the terms of the Constitution and currently stand uncontested, so there is no requirement for a vote.

Appendix A

**Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting
10am - 9th October 2024
Held at the Civic Centre Dronfield**

Abridged Minutes

86 members and 3 guests attended the meeting.

1. Welcome and appointment of Chair for the meeting

Proposed and seconded that Julia Harris act as chair for this meeting. Carried unanimously.

2. Apologies

4 received

3. Receive and approve the minutes of the 2023 AGM held on 11th October 2023.

Minutes approved unanimously. (R1)

4. Matters arising from the minutes:

None

5. Receive the Report of the Trustees for the year 2023-2024

The meeting accepted the trustees report. No questions raised.

6. To consider the resolutions put to members in their AGM Notification packs

R2. To approve Dronfield & District Annual Accounts 1st April 2023 – 30th March 2024.

Approved

R3. To agree the reappointment of Steve Bradbury as auditor until 31st October 2025.

Approved

7. To consider any other pre-notified business.

None

8. To give notification of the next AGM.

This will be at 10 am on Wednesday 8th October 2025.

9. Election of Trustees to the Executive Committee 2024-2025

Eleven members were nominated and volunteered to serve on the committee for the next year.

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Julia Harris	Trustees	Audrey Garrett
Secretary	Karen Grad		Yvonne Bramall
Treasurer	Ed Green		George Lee
Membership Secretary	Angela Richards		Steve Wood
Groups Manager	Terry Goodyear		Marion Clyde
Minute Secretary	Rod Brennan		

10. Any Other Business: None

APPENDIX B: VOTING FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS

We are asking members to vote on the resolutions before the meeting, voting will close at **5pm on Monday 6th October**. There will be **no** voting at the meeting itself on 8th October.

You can vote either online or by post.

Whichever method you use, you will need your membership number.

You are being asked to vote on three resolutions.

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- b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of Dronfield and District u3a for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025
- c) To agree the re-appointment of Steve Bradbury as auditor until 31st October 2026

Each member must vote separately and may **vote only once** for each resolution. Duplicate votes will be treated as void. No voting is permitted at the meeting.

HOW TO VOTE ON THE RESOLUTIONS

EITHER:

Click on this link to vote online [2025 AGM Online Voting Form](#)

OR:

Complete the 2025 AGM Postal Voting Form on page 10 and return to

The Secretary, Dronfield and District U3A
c/o The Peel Centre, High Street, Dronfield S18 1PY

**Voting Closes at 5pm on Monday 6th October 2025.
Any votes received after that date will be deemed void.**

Any queries concerning Online or Postal Voting should be referred to the Secretary:

Email: secretary@dronfieldu3a.org.uk

Telephone: 01246 900201

Post: Dronfield and District u3a, c/o The Peel Centre, High Street, Dronfield, S18 1PY

2025 AGM POSTAL VOTING FORM

Name: _____ **Membership Number:** _____

Tick **ONE** box for each Resolution

Resolution a) To approve the minutes of the Dronfield and District U3A 2024 Annual General Meeting held on 9th October 2024 The Minutes are in Appendix A of the 2025 AGM Notice. Contact the Secretary if you have any questions about them.	
Yes, I approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM	
No, I do not approve the minutes of the 2024 AGM	
I abstain	

Resolution b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of Dronfield and District U3A for the year 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025 The Accounts are included in the Treasurer's Report in the AGM Notice. Contact the Secretary if you wish to report an error or a correction to them.	
Yes, I approve the Accounts	
No, I do not approve the Accounts	
I abstain	

Resolution c) To agree the re-appointment of Steve Bradbury as Auditor until 31 October 2026	
Yes, I approve the re-appointment	
No, I do not approve the re-appointment	
I abstain	

Please make sure your **name** and **membership number** are included
 Return this completed form to:
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