

Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting 14th October 2026

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Close

TRUSTEES' REPORTS FOR 2025-2026

Chair's Report.

We've had another excellent year with a growing membership, healthy finances and many opportunities to 'learn, laugh and live' in our local community.

Membership

We welcomed 63 new members between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026, the membership year covered by this report. At the time of writing (9th September 2026) we have 415 members, having recruited 37 new members since 1st April this year.

Membership Fee

We reduced the Membership Fee for the second year running to £10 for 2025/26. This was to spend some of the surplus that had been acquired over the last few years.

Finances See Treasurer's Report below for full details.

Interest Groups

We've had several new groups start, thanks to those willing to take on the role of co-ordinator.

Monthly Meetings

These have been consistently well-attended by an average of 85 members plus guests, providing regular opportunities to hear from a wide variety of external speakers and to connect with one another.

Newcomers' Coffee Mornings

New and potential members have continued to appreciate the chance to meet trustees and find out more about DDU3a in a small group at the Manor House Hotel.

Social Events

For the second year running, members enjoyed a Cream Tea with entertainment by the Bus Pass Buskers at Coal Aston Village Hall in August. The Christmas Party was less popular than other years, but still attended by a good number of members.

Publicity

Our presence at local community events via publicity stalls has been effective in raising awareness and attracting potential new members.

Christmas Tree Festival

We participated once again in this annual event in St John's Church. All our flyers were taken and a further supply needed which would seem to indicate a good amount of interest.

Meeting with MP

In February, Karen and I met with our local MP, Louise Sandher-Jones. She knew of u3a nationally and was interested to hear about the groups and activities we offer here in Dronfield and the surrounding area. She gave DDU3a coverage in her column in the April Dronfield Eye, writing about the importance of trying new things, making new friends and feeling part of something. She also agreed to encourage the backbencher (who was at the time) trying to promote a debate to publicise u3as nationally as a way of helping people manage their mental and emotional wellbeing.

Trips & Visits

Many members appreciated the 2025 programme of 7 good value day trips to places within a 2-hour drive of Dronfield. The York Christmas Market trip was particularly popular.

Remembrance Sunday

We laid a wreath, decorated by 2 members of the Garden Growers group at the town's Remembrance Service.

And Finally

Our u3a relies entirely on volunteers, and I want to thank everyone who has contributed to DDU3a this year. My particular thanks go to the outgoing Committee, whose hard work, much of it behind the scenes, has kept us going.

I am also very grateful to the seven members who have agreed to form the incoming Committee. Their commitment is encouraging and very much appreciated.

But we must be honest about the situation: we still have no Secretary, and it is simply not feasible for seven people to manage all the responsibilities required to run our u3a.

It is deeply concerning that, from a membership of 415, we are unable to fill this essential role. Without a secretary, and further Trustees **the risk of closure remains very real**.

The outgoing and incoming trustees will be discussing this risk at their September and October committee meetings. If you think you can help, please contact me.

Julia Harris - Chair, Dronfield & District u3a

Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to present to you the financial accounts for 2025-26, together with a more general review of financial activity since April 2025.

Attached to this report are

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

At the beginning of 2025-26 financial year, we held surplus funds therefore planned spending on equipment for Publicity and groups was included in the budget.

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

At the close of the financial year the finances were robust and a reduction in the membership fee was agreed by the committee to further reduce the surplus.

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 and advice

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

Meetings are mainly costs incurred for hiring of venues

Speakers A budget is allocated specifically to the Speaker Finder.

Publicity Increased cost due to more printing on new laser printer.

Miscellaneous Expenditure Includes First Aid training for four people

Error Account

This was created to rectify historical errors in the Beacon system for groups and trips. The group balances now represent a true figure and do not have to be manually amended each year.

Ed Green (DDu3a Treasurer) 4.8.26

Dronfield & District U3A Income & Expenditure, 1st April 2025 - 31st March 2026							
Category	2025-26			2024-25			
<u>National U3A</u>	Income	Expenditure	Net Bal	Income	Expenditure	Net Bal	
Membership	£5,257.00		£5,257.00	£6,003.60		£6,003.60	
Less							
Per Capita Paid		£ 1,544.00			£ 1,324.00		
Site Works Subscription		£ 50.00					
Beacon - Members Licence		£ 386.00			£ 331.00		
u3a Network Meetings		£ 70.72	£2,050.72		£ 0.00	£ 1,655.00	
Sub-totals			£3,206.28			£ 4,348.60	
<u>Dronfield U3A</u>							
Monthly Meetings		£ 645.90			£ 727.30		
Catering (net of sales)		£ 210.46			£ 321.83		
Speakers		£ 700.00			£ 507.48		
Committee Meetings		£ 274.32			£ 296.64		
Events		£ 445.99			£ 927.91		
Telephone Expenses		£ 82.40			£ 74.40		
PayPal commission (net)		£ 101.78			£ 85.70		
Magazine Postage Fees		£ 316.00	£2,776.85		£ 226.04	£3,167.30	
Sub Totals			£429.43			£ 1,181.30	
<u>Other Income</u>							
Donations (Gift Aid)	£ 1,029.18			£ 870.54			
Donations Other				£ 0.00			
Events	£ 385.00			£ 331.20			
Group Closures				£ 0.00			
Sub-totals	£1,414.18		£1,843.61	£1,201.74		£2,383.04	
<u>Other Expenditure</u>							
Additional Meetings		£ 161.88			£ 61.80		
Equipment (General) Purchase		£ 2,583.45			£ 906.52		
Equipment DCC Grant purchase		£ 0.00			£ 30.80		
New Groups Room Hire		£ 14.80			£ 224.43		
Licences		£ 295.52			£ 251.87		
Membership Secretary Expenses		£ 53.17			£ 54.50		
Miscellaneous Expenses		£ 403.15			£ 134.09		
Non email Members - costs		£ 177.38			£ 162.09		
Publicity Expenses		£ 634.25			£ 277.57		
			£4,323.60			£ 2,103.67	
Sub-totals			-£2,479.99			£ 279.37	
Dronfield U3A Groups	Income	Outgoings	Net		Net		
Groups Funds	£ 4,945.70	£ 3,977.55	£ 968.15		£ 132.21		
Trips Account	£ 5,082.00	£ 5,517.00	-£ 435.00		£ 1,763.00		
Sub-totals			£ 533.15		£ 1,895.21		£ 1,895.21
Brought forward			£14,224.12				£ 12,049.54
Total			£12,277.28				£ 14,224.12
Dronfield & District U3A Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2026							
			2025-26				2024-25
Income & Expenditure Totals c/d			£12,277.28				£ 14,224.12
Represented by							
Cash			£41.55	Cash			£44.65
Bank			£7,135.01	Bank			£9,652.38
Error Account			£612.38	Error Account			£0.00
Groups Funds			£1,064.11	Groups Funds			£672.59
PayPal			£4.73	PayPal			£0.00
Trips Funds			£3,419.50	Trips Funds			£3,854.50
Total			£12,277.28	Total			£ 14,224.12

Other Information

Asset Register	Value 31/03/2025		Additions		Value 31/03/2026
Laptop Computer	£97				£0
Projectors	£93				£0
Projector case & lead	£29				£0
Sundries: Electrical Equipment	£54				£0
Banner, bunting & tabards	£38				£0
Projector Screen	£29				£0
Keyboard & mouse	£12				£0
Laminator	£17				£0
Hybrid project purchased 2021	£291				£0
Hybrid project purchased 2022	£108				£38
Christmas Tree	£117				£88
Card Table	£150				£120
Video Transmission System	£205				£164
Laser Printer	£379				£303
Battery Charger			£20		£16
Projector & Bag			£720		£720
Walling Equipment*			£200		£200
Pickleball Bats & Balls*			£75		£75
Croquet Equipment			£669		£669
Gazebo, Flag etc.			£650		£650
Bridge Boxes			£60		£60
Red1 Pad2 Tablet			£181		£181
TOTAL	£1,619		£ 2,575.00		£3,284

Depreciation at 20% - from original price, new items depreciated if bought in calendar year 2025

*Depreciation at 33.3%

Found to be correct in accordance with the books and records supplied
Audited by Andrew Baldwin Independent Examiner

A. J. Baldwin

Prepared by Edna Green, Treasurer

09/06/2026

GROUP BALANCES END OF YEAR 2025-26

Group	Balance 1st April 2025	Change in year	Balance 31st March 2026
Art Activities	£110.21	-£57.50	£52.71
Art Appreciation	£49.20	-£25.00	£24.20
Geography	£4.50	£88.40	£92.90
History	£126.25	£33.26	£159.51
Social Studies	-£12.50	£88.10	£75.60
Spanish Conversation	£41.82	-£47.84	-£6.02
Croquet	£150.01	-£27.90	£122.11
Walking	£75.90	£150.00	£225.90
Garden Growers	£67.20	£0.00	£67.20
Games Café	£60.00	£190.00	£250.00
	<u>£672.59</u>	<u>£391.52</u>	<u>£1,064.11</u>

Groups are self financing this report relates only to those who deposit money with the Treasurer.
A negative balance may show briefly until funds are transferred to the Treasurer.

Ed Green (DDu3a Treasurer) 27.08.26

Auditor's 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.

Andy Baldwin 19/08/2026

Resolutions to be voted on

- a) To approve the minutes of the Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting held on 8th October 2025
- b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of the Dronfield and District u3a for the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026
- c) To agree the reappointment of Andy Baldwin as Auditor until 31st October 2027

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 **7th 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 a seconder.

To submit a proposal or suggestion online use this form:

[2026 AGM Members Proposal Form](#)

Or contact the secretary at

secretary@dronfieldu3a.org.uk

Phone – 01246 900201

Election of Trustees to the 2026-2027 Executive Committee

(Agenda Item 7)

Nominations for members of the Executive Committee for the year 2026 -2027 have been sought in accordance with the Constitution and the following nominees were proposed by the advertised closing date of 15th September 2026.

Position	Number of Vacancies	Nominees
Chair	1	Trevor Wainwright
Vice-Chair	1	
Treasurer	1	Samantha Andrews
Secretary	1	
Membership Secretary	1	Jill Marshall
Groups Manager	1	Malcolm Pottinger
Minutes Secretary	1	Elaine Ward
Trustees	5	Penny Bradbury Stephen Alexander

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

Appendix A

**Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting
10am - 8th October 2025
Held at the Civic Centre Dronfield**

Abridged Minutes

80 members and 3 guests attended the meeting, with 3 apologies.

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

3 received

3. Receive and approve the minutes of the 2024 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 2024-2025

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 2024 – 30th March 2025.

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 14th October 2026.

9. Election of Trustees to the Executive Committee 2025-2026

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

Position	Name	Position	Name
Chair	Julia Harris	Trustees	Marion Clyde
Secretary	Karen Grad		Yvonne Bramall
Treasurer	Ed Green		Andy Baldwin
Membership Secretary	Angela Richards		Steve Wood
Groups Manager	Terry Goodyear		
Minute Secretary			

10. Any Other Business: None

11. Meeting closed at 10.15am

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 12th October**. There will be **no** voting at the meeting itself on 14th 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.

- a) To approve the minutes of the Dronfield and District u3a Annual General Meeting held on 8th October 2025
- b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of Dronfield and District u3a for the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026
- c) To agree the re-appointment of Andy Baldwin as auditor until 31st October 2027

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 [2026 AGM Online Voting Form](#)

OR:

Complete the 2026 AGM Postal Voting Form on page 11 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 12th October 2026.
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

2026 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 2025 Annual General Meeting held on 8th October 2025 The Minutes are in Appendix A of the 2026 AGM Notice. Contact the Secretary if you have any questions about them.	
Yes, I approve the minutes of the 2025 AGM	
No, I do not approve the minutes of the 2025 AGM	
I abstain	

Resolution b) To approve the statutory annual accounts of Dronfield and District U3A for the year 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026 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 Andy Baldwin as Auditor until 31 October 2027	
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:
 The Secretary, Dronfield and District U3A
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