

Registered Charity Number
1179593

Thrapston and District U3A

Report and Accounts

31 March 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report to the members of the charity

Report of the Independent Examiner to the trustees
on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024

I report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Jonathan Essam
Chartered Accountant

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The date upon which my opinion is expressed is :-
22 April 2024

**Thrapston and District U3A
Chair's report for year ended 31 March 2024**

Report to the Members, Trustees & the Charity Commissioners

Our committee year effectively starts at our AGM on the third Friday in May and at the start of this year there was a shuffle in the committee formation with a change to the Chairmanship and Vice Chairmanship, with the Vice Chairman also taking over the role of Speaker seeker. Our established committee members continued to bring much enthusiasm to their roles.

Our first duty was to Chair the Northants Network meeting at Northampton on 9th June 2023.

Released from the shackles applied by Covid restrictions, we took full advantage of a fascinating programme of nine live Speakers at our monthly meetings covering a range of interesting topics.

Our next challenge was Thrapston Charter Fair, the annual public event held on 24th June 2023, a very sunny Saturday. Each year, this event brings many visitors and a great deal of joy to the town. The High Street closed to traffic and people throng the town centre for many tempting attractions. Naturally, it is a great chance to show off our U3A activities from our gazebo staffed throughout the day. Our presence extols the benefits of joining our U3A group. Although not its prime function, our tombola at the event raises a few pounds as well as being a fun thing to do.

For our meeting date in August, we set aside our usual format of a speaker at the Plaza and made our own entertainment at the Middle Nene Sailing Club, where our knowledge was challenged with a quiz. Our Social Committee had worked tirelessly to prepare a delicious buffet lunch and there was a raffle, all provided at very modest cost to members.

On 16th September 2023, we took to the streets with an organised Treasure Hunt, as part of a national initiative by the U3A to raise awareness of the movement, enjoyed by over 30 participants in groups and as individuals, with fine weather again.

New members coffee morning meetings were held at the Kings Arms in November and at Hermitage House care home in February 2024, both of which were well attended. Committee members were on hand to answer any questions that could have arisen.

Later in December 2023, in conjunction with Rushden & Higham U3A, several members made an arranged coach trip to the south coast for the ever-popular annual Tinsel & Turkey weekend.

The Christmas social was held on 15th December at The Plaza, with a take on the TV panel show "Blankety Blank" providing the entertainment. Our ever-enthusiastic social team worked to ensure that everyone had a good time. The tables were beautifully decorated and the food mouth-wateringly delicious. Mulled wine and other non-alcoholic refreshments were also available, along with a free-to-enter raffle.

Our Webmaster continues to update and guide us on requirement for the website and we are managing the updating of email addresses by expertise within the existing committee.

Membership renewals re-commenced in January with the annual subscription held at £20 per member and £2 per member for attendance at the Plaza meetings. Our membership currently stands at 219 people.

Our Newsletter Editor does a splendid job producing a bright, interesting well illustrated edition every month in an easy-to-read format. It is vital to our smooth functioning as a proactive group besides being a wonderful record of our activities.

Approved on behalf of the Trustees on 3 May 2024 by:

Paul Ollett - Chair

**Thrapston and District U3A
Receipts and Payment Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024**

		<u>2024</u>		<u>2023</u>	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Annual membership fees	1	5,046		4,903	
Monthly attendance fees		105		72	
Plaza Fees		1,426		769	
Newsletters		54		90	
Sale of equipment		30		389	
Activity groups	2	6,316		5,197	
Theatre visits	3	-		-	
Outings	4	-		-	
Social events	5	1,238		1,238	
Grants		-		1,000	
Miscellaneous	6	666		1,206	
			14,881		14,864
Payments					
Hire of venues		672		576	
Speakers		635		893	
Refreshments		142		16	
Postage and stationery		50		168	
Newsletters and printing		115		81	
Membership Secretary		28		-	
Publicity		160		10	
Internet and webpage		370		309	
Travel		-		42	
Capital spend	7	261		472	
U3A capitation		864		900	
Direct mail U3A		483		499	
CLA License		64		60	
U3A Network		75		-	
Miscellaneous	6	574		1,672	
Activity groups	2	5,911		3,966	
Theatre visits	3	-		-	
Outings	4	-		-	
Social events	5	1,226		1,218	
			11,630		10,882
Net surplus / (deficit)			<u>3,251</u>		<u>3,982</u>
Cash funds last year			13,478		9,496
Net surplus / (deficit) for year			3,251		3,982
Cash funds this year			<u>16,729</u>		<u>13,478</u>

**Thrapston and District U3A
Statement of Assets and Liabilities
as at 31 March 2024**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
	£	£
Cash Funds		
Bank	16,729	13,478
Cash in hand	-	-
Net funds	<u>16,729</u>	<u>13,478</u>
Other assets		
Equipment	<u>720</u>	<u>902</u>
Liabilities		
Accruals	<u>390</u>	<u>390</u>

Approved on behalf of the Trustees by:-

Paul Ollett - Chair

3 May 2024

Thrapston and District U3A
Notes to the accounts
as at 31 March 2024

	£	£	£
Note 1 Membership Fees			
£20.00 pa April 2023 - January 2024	620		
£10.00 pa October 2023 - January 2024	30		
£20.00 pa for February 2024 - January 2025	4,396		
	<u>5,046</u>		
Note 2 Activity Group	Income	Spend	Surplus/ (deficit)
Art	123	74	49
Computer Skills	38	16	22
Line Dancing	165	189	(24)
Making Music	1,298	1,056	242
Photography	110	166	(56)
Science & Technology	287	174	113
Singing for Fun	290	414	(124)
Stitchers	150	158	(8)
Tai Chi	1,006	1,008	(2)
Tai Chi 2	855	700	155
Table Tennis	746	750	(4)
Table Tennis Thursday	638	324	314
French Encore	420	504	(84)
Spanish	190	378	(188)
	<u>6,316</u>	<u>5,911</u>	<u>405</u>
Note 3 Theatre Visits			
	-	-	-
Note 4 Outings			
	-	-	-
Note 5 Socials			
Summer Event	577	513	64
Christmas Event	661	713	(52)
	<u>1,238</u>	<u>1,226</u>	<u>12</u>
Note 6 Miscellaneous			
Charter Fair Tombola	289	-	289
Summer Event Raffle	158	39	119
Treasure Hunt u3a Day	33	-	33
Amazon Smile	19	-	19
It Refund	22	-	22
A Hodgson Funds sent in error	145	145	-
Audit Fee	-	390	(390)
	<u>666</u>	<u>574</u>	<u>92</u>
Note 7 Capital Spend			
Printer	-	250	(250)
Archive materials	-	11	(11)
	<u>-</u>	<u>261</u>	<u>(261)</u>