



Chiltern University of the Third Age

Annual Report of the Trustees

Year Ended 31 March 2023

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name: Chiltern University of the Third Age
(hereinafter referred to as "Chiltern u3a")

Charity registration number: 1082794

Trustees

The following served during the year:

Helen Beaumont	
David Bender	
Jennifer Susan Harold-Barry	(Treasurer)
Mike Hender	
Jenny Jobson	(Vice-Chair)
Sarah Jones	(Chair)
Ernest Newhouse	(Secretary)
Jean Routly	Appointed 18 August 2022
Christian Scott	
Carolyn Spencer	Resigned 18 May 2022
Linda Walton	
Wallace Wormley	

All the trustees in office at the end of the year were still in office when this report was signed.

Location

Chiltern u3a does not have premises of its own. The majority of its activities take place at the Amersham Community Centre and the nearby Chiltern Lifestyle Centre, Chiltern Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP6 5AH. The latter will accept correspondence addressed to Chiltern u3a.

Bankers

CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4JQ.
HSBC plc, 92 Sycamore Road, Amersham, HP6 5EW

Independent Examiner

Alex Hughes, ACCA, 95 Hundred Acres Lane, Amersham, Bucks. HP7 9BP.

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Constitution of Chiltern u3a was adopted on 6 April 2000 and amended on 16 October 2002, 19 April 2004, 16 May 2012, 21 May 2014, and 24 February 2021.

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees.

Trustees are elected for 2 year terms at the Annual General Meeting and may be re-elected. They are drawn from the membership of Chiltern u3a. When necessary, trustees may be co-opted from the membership.

Risk Management

Risk Assessment procedures and appropriate insurances are in place. Appropriate protective software is installed on Chiltern u3a's IT equipment and users are trained as necessary.

Objectives, Activities and Public Interest

The objectives of the charity are to advance the education of middle-aged and older citizens not in full time gainful employment and living in Amersham and Chesham and the surrounding locality; to provide facilities for leisure time and recreational activities aimed at improving the life-style and social welfare of those citizens.

Chiltern u3a traditionally holds one general meeting each month, at most of which a presentation by a member or an outside speaker is the main item on the agenda. A variety of interest groups meet, generally once or twice a month. These cover a range of academic, exercise, cultural and social matters according to the expressed wishes of the members and the willingness of organisers to come forward. Excursions are also arranged.

The trustees are satisfied that the objectives of the Trust meet the public interest.

Employees

Chiltern u3a does not have any employees.

Achievements and Performance

Following the end of the pandemic, the u3a's activities have largely returned to their customary formats, with minimal use being made of Zoom. Those which took place in the former Amersham Leisure Centre have transferred into the new Chiltern Lifestyle Centre and teething problems are being ironed out. However, the Zoom 'tea parties', held 3 times a week have been continued and have been much appreciated.

It is pleasing to note that the decline in membership, noted in last year's report, has largely been reversed. The membership at the year end was 1344 (Dec 22: 1338) [March 2022: 1245], near to the pre-pandemic level of 1352 at March 2021. At the end of the year there were 94 interest groups, including excursions, [March 2022: 93], ranging from Ancient Cultures to Yoga for Beginners. 4 new groups were formed and 3 were closed.

Plans for Future Periods

The trustees are continuing to make particular efforts to attract new members, particularly from those recently retired. Particular efforts are being made to broaden the range of publicity outlets. They are also concerned about the difficulty of finding people to take on leadership roles in the various activities, which seems to be a common problem in many community groups.

Financial Review

Reserves Policy

Budgeting is based on a policy of maintaining a reserve broadly equivalent to 6 months' expenditure. This year it is significantly larger since, as a result of the pandemic, room hire costs have been significantly reduced.

Fixed Assets

Chiltern u3a has no Fixed Assets apart from computers and similar equipment, which are written off to expenditure on acquisition.

Results for the Period

The accounts for the year are presented with this report.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are required to prepare accounts for each financial period which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity at the end of the financial period and of its surplus or deficit for that period. In preparing the accounts, suitable accounting policies have been used consistently and reasonable and prudent judgements made. The trustees are also responsible for maintaining accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the trust and for preventing and detecting fraud and other irregularities. The trustees are satisfied that Chiltern u3a is a going concern.

Audit

Under the terms of the Charities Act 2011, the size of Chiltern u3a is such that the trustees may choose between an audit and an independent examination. The trustees have determined that the accounts should be independently examined and the corresponding report follows the accounts.

This report was approved by the trustees on 20 April 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

Sarah Jones
Chair

THE FREDERICK WIDDOWSON FUND

Receipts & Payments Account

Year ending 5th April 2023

	2023	
Receipts	£	Payments
Spencer Druce - Net rents	20,994.40	St. Margaret's Church Mus
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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

The Frederick Widdowson Fund

On accounts for the year
ended

5th April 2023

Charity no (if any)

1099291

Set out on pages

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 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that disclosed below *)

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

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.*

Signed:

Carol N.J. Franklin

Date:

01.12.23

Name:

CAROL N.J. FRANKLIN

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

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