

Barnsley and District u3a

Honorary Membership Scheme

Occasionally Barnsley u3a may recognise a benefit in formalising a relationship with someone who has brought national credit to the Barnsley area. Such people are likely to have enhanced the name of our town as a result of their exploits in their chosen field of activity. Such activity might include work within the Arts, Entertainment, Sporting arenas or in public life more generally.

In the above instances the person may be offered Honorary Member status.

Any decisions on who should be offered Honorary Membership can only be made by a recorded decision of the Bu3a Executive Committee.

It is not anticipated that Bu3a would choose to have more than three Honorary Members at any one time but exceptionally this limit could be reconsidered by the Executive Committee.

An annual check will be carried out in order to determine the desire of the Honorary Member(s) to continue with their membership.

Who qualifies to be an Honorary Member?

- They will have achieved a level of national recognition in their specialist field of activity.
- Their name will be held in the highest regard in the public arena.
- Their membership will bring positive publicity to Bu3a.
- They will satisfy the basic requirements of u3a membership.

What would it cost?

- Honorary Membership will be free (BU3A will cover the national capitation thus ensuring they are covered by insurance at any members-only event),

What access will they have to BU3A activities?

It is not anticipated that an Honorary Member will join in with any regular group activity, which would otherwise require full membership to be paid. However the following are available:

- Attendance at one annual members-only event, eg Annual Dinner
- Buzz (posted or collected by an active member)

How would their membership be monitored?

- Beacon system can accommodate Honorary Members as a discrete category
- Annual contact from BU3A to determine the member's wish to continue with their membership

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