

Bishop's Stortford U3A Privacy Policy

1. The Bishop's Stortford U3A treats your privacy rights seriously. This privacy policy sets out how we will deal with your 'personal information', that is, information that could identify, or is related to the identity of, an individual.

2. What personal information do we collect?

When you express an interest in becoming a member of the Bishop's Stortford U3A you are asked to provide certain information. This includes:

- your name
- home address
- email address
- telephone number
- your present/former occupation (optional)
- the telephone number of someone we could contact if you are affected by an emergency

3. How do we collect this personal information?

All the information collected is obtained directly from you. This is usually at the point of your initial registration. The information is collected via membership forms, online contact forms or by the organisers of any interest groups you may join or events in which you may wish to participate. The lawful basis for collecting and storing your information is due to the contractual relationship that you, as a member, have with the U3A. In order to inform you about the groups, activities and events that you can access as a member we need to store and process a certain amount of personal data.

4. How do we use your personal information?

We use your personal information:

- To provide our U3A activities and services to you
- For administration, planning and management of our U3A
- To communicate with you about your group activities
- To monitor, develop and improve the provision of our U3A activities

We may send you messages by email, post, other digital methods and telephone to advise you of U3A activities.

5. Who do we share your personal information with ?

We may disclose information about you, including your personal information

- Internally - to committee members and group co-ordinators – as required to facilitate your participation in our U3A activities;
- Externally – with your consent for products or services such as direct mailing for the Third Age Trust magazines – Third Age Trust and Sources;
- If we have a statutory duty to disclose it for other legal and regulatory reasons.
- To assist the technical development and efficiency of our database

Where we need to share your information outside of the U3A we will seek your consent and inform you of who the information will be shared with and for what purpose.

6. How long do we keep your personal information ?

We need to keep your information so that we can provide our services to you. In most instances information about your membership will not be stored for longer than 24 months after your membership has ceased. The exceptions to this are instances where there may be legal or insurance circumstances that require information to be held for longer whilst the issues are investigated or resolved. Where this is the case, member/s will be informed as to how long the information will be held for and when it is deleted.

7. How can your information be updated or corrected ?

To ensure the information we hold is accurate and up to date, members need to inform the U3A of any changes to their personal information. You can do this by contacting the Membership Secretary via the Bishop's Stortford U3A web-site or by using the telephone number shown on the monthly Diary.

Should you wish to view the information that the U3A holds on you, you can make this request by contacting the Membership Secretary – as detailed above. There may be certain circumstances where we are not able to comply with this request. This would include where the information may contain references to other individuals or for legal, investigative or security reasons. Otherwise we will usually respond within 31 days of the request being made.

8. How do we store your personal information ?

We have in place a range of security safeguards to protect your personal information against loss or theft, as well as unauthorised access, disclosure, copying, use or modification. Security measures include technological measures such as Secure Socket Layer (SSL) encryption, which creates a secure connection with your browser when you register and login into our online services. Comprehensive membership information is held on a spreadsheet by the membership secretary only. Contact information (name, address, phone number and membership status) is distributed to Committee Members and Group Co-ordinators once a year to confirm membership status.

9. Availability and changes to this policy

This policy is available on the Bishop's Stortford U3A web-site or on request from any member of the Committee. This policy may change from time to time. If we make any material changes we will make members aware of this via e-mail, the Newsletter and the monthly members' meetings .

10. Contact

If you have any queries about this policy, need it in an alternative format, or have any complaints about our privacy practices, please contact us at <https://u3asites.org.uk/bishops-stortford> or by using the telephone number for the Chairman shown on the monthly Diary.