

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts - (Ken Johnson)

This is my third year as your Treasurer and I'm very grateful to Keith Lawrance for again reviewing the accounts and for his guidance so they can be signed off as an accurate record.

The accounts are in a similar format to previous years with the addition of receipts and payments on behalf of various new groups.

As a Registered Charity, we claimed Gift Aid from HMRC on the full amount of the Annual Subscriptions for all tax-paying members who have given us permission – this is a valuable means of increasing our funds to promote events.

We were also successful in applying for funds from the National Lottery Community Fund receiving £1800.00.

Beacon Licence - We pay a licence fee per member for using the Beacon Membership Database, which was developed by U3A, and have paid for usage up to March 2024.

Capitation – We also pay to U3A Head Quarters an amount for each member – unless they pay it through another U3A they belong to.

TAM – The U3A Magazine is delivered to all members who have asked for a copy and is paid for by us – although any member who does not wish to receive a copy should contact Alan Kingsmill or Rita Dael our membership secretary's

General Meetings & Talks - We have made good use of the URC Hall for meetings and events again including yet another successful U3A Day where many new members joined.

Social Events - Thanks to the very active Social Committee we were able to organise many events including the Summer Lunch, Skittles, Beetle Drive, Quiz Night, Thursford Christmas Spectacular, many trips including France, Bletchley, Portsmouth, and shortly a Christmas outing to Rochester. There is also a holiday organised to Berlin for next year.

Our U3A accounts are still in a healthy position with adequate funds – for this reason the membership subscriptions remain unchanged again – however we will have to monitor this situation with the current financial climate.