



Crawley u3a

Members Handbook 2021

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<https://u3asites.org.uk/crawley/home>

Crawley u3a Committee

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Equipment storage and loans	Peggy Miller	01293 521950

Group costs

Groups charge a small fee per session (to a maximum of £1.50) and the first session is free. The Group Leader will advise about the cost for their group. Out and about and walking groups, who do not have to pay for a venue, charge £3 per annum to cover the cost of planning meetings.

Please contact the Group leader for more information.

If you have an idea for a new group, or even better, would like to run one, please contact our Groups Coordinator Peter Beckley.

Our venues

Venue	Address	Car Parking	Public Transport
Baptist Church	Crabtree Road RH11 7HJ	On site	
Crawley Library	Southgate Avenue RH10 6HG	Small pay car park on site Town centre car parks	Short walk from Crawley station and bus station
Friary Hall	Haslett Avenue RH10 1HR	Town centre car parks	Next to Crawley Bus Station Short walk from Crawley Rail station
Furnace Green Community Centre	Ashburnham Road RH10 6QZ	On site	Bus route 2
Holy Trinity Church Tilgate	Titmus Drive RH10 5EU	On site	Bus route 2
St Andrews Church, Furnace Green	Weald Drive RH10 6NU	On site	Bus route 2
St John's Church Hall	Church Walk RH10 1HH	Pay car park on site Other town centre car parks	Short walk from bus station and Crawley station
St Paul's Church	Woodfield Road RH10 8ER	On site	Bus route 100
Three Bridges Cricket Club	Three Bridges Road	On site	
The Hawth Car Park	Hawth Avenue RH10 6YZ	On site	Short walk from squareabout served by bus routes 3,4,5,20, 84, 400

Monthly meetings

These are held on the second Friday of every month except August at the Friary Hall from 2.30 to 4.00pm. Each month there is a guest speaker on a wide variety of subjects. Information is provided about the u3a locally and nationally and refreshments are available for a small donation. There is no cost for the monthly meetings.

Coffee mornings

These are held three times a year and are a social occasion for members to get together to chat! There is no formal structure. Refreshments are provided. There is a raffle (all prizes are provided) and a book sale. Outside organisations may attend with displays, advice and occasional demonstrations. Non members who plan to join the u3a are also welcome to attend. There is no charge for these events.

Seasonal outings

These are held three times a year, Spring, Summer and Autumn and involve a coach trip with official guides to different places of interest. They are available to all members of Crawley u3a. The cost depends on the venue.

Really Useful Group (RUGs)

The group consists of members of Crawley u3a who are happy to help out occasionally. They "meet and greet" at meetings, sign members in on the register, help with refreshments, attend stands at publicity drives to give out to the public information on this wonderful organisation and any other adhoc tasks to help out.

This is not a regular commitment, just occasional. Your name goes on a list and when help is needed a note goes out to everyone and if you can help you respond, either way is useful. It is a great way to meet other members of our branch. If you would be willing to join this group, please contact Jean Elmer on 01293 409061.

Welfare Support

A team of two members who are the point of contact to receive information from Group Leaders or members regarding illness/incapacity/death of any Crawley u3a member and who can offer appropriate support on behalf of the committee and u3a.

Contact via any group leader.

Sussex u3a Network - SUN

The SUN network provides a variety of Study Days. The programme of study days covers a wide range of topics, including the arts, humanities, science and current affairs. These popular events are intended to enrich our members' knowledge of the topics covered. Study day tutors are usually professionals in their field. The cost is now £8 for u3a members & £10 for all other applicants.

For a list of Study days please visit <https://u3asites.org.uk/sussexu3anetwork/home>

The Crawley SUN representative, Maggie Berrill is able to help put members attending meetings in touch with other local members to share transport. Please contact Maggie on 01293 515271, magberrob@hotmail.com

The Third Age Trust

This is the national u3a organisation which also runs national study days, workshops and events. Their Event links now go directly to the Eventbrite webpage which has information and online booking for that event. <https://u3a.org.uk/>

The Third Age Trust, 52, Lant Street, London SE1 1RB or 020 8466 6139 or email them via events@u3a.org.uk.)

Equipment

Group Leaders are able to borrow items of equipment for use by their groups. Please contact Peggy Miller 01293 521950 for more details.

U3a Member Code of Conduct

u3a members are expected to conduct themselves within the movements “guiding principles”. They are also expected to treat each other with dignity and respect.

The member Code of Conduct clarifies the standard of behaviour expected as a member of a u3a.

- Members are expected to know, follow and promote the Principles of the u3a Movement at every opportunity.
- Members must always act in the best interests of Crawley u3a and the u3a Movement, strive to uphold its reputation and never do anything which could bring Crawley u3a or the u3a Movement into disrepute or expose it to undue risk.
- Members expected to use Crawley u3a’s resources responsibly and only to further its stated charitable objects/purposes.
- Members are expected to reflect the current organisational policy of Crawley u3a, regardless of whether it conflicts with their personal views.
- Members are expected to abide by Crawley u3a’s procedures and practices.
- Members are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect at all times.

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