

Members Information Part 2

Group fees

Groups generally charge a small fee per session (currently £2.00) and the first session may be free. Some Out and About and Walking groups, who do not have to pay for a venue, may make a small annual charge to cover the cost of planning meetings. Those operating outside St Paul's church may have different fees. The Group Leader will advise about the cost for their group and should be contacted for more information.

If you have an idea for a new group, or even better, would like to run one, please contact our Groups' Co-ordinator: access.coordinator@crawleyu3a.org.uk.

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 usually 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 and there is a book sale. 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 twice a year, Spring, 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.

Our current venues

Venue	Address	Car Parking	Public Transport
Baptist Church	Crabtree Road RH11 7HJ	On site	Buses to Crawley hospital and then a short walk
Crawley Museum	The Tree, 103 High Street, RH10 1DD	In public car parks nearby.	All bus routes service the Town centre. Then about 10 minutes walk.
2 nd Ifield Scout Hut	4 Friston Walk RH11 0AH	On site	Bus route 2
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
Private homes	Various areas	Sometimes	Some are on bus routes
Plot 3 Five Acre Allotment	Northgate	Street parking	No 10 bus to B&Q then short walk.
St Paul's Church	Woodfield Road RH10 8ER	On site	Bus route 100
Three Bridges Cricket Club	Three Bridges Road RH10 1JR	On site	

Further information on Accessibility to these sites is available on request.

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 ad hoc tasks.

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 Isabel Baker on 01293 618685.

Member Support/ Welfare support

Member Support is the point of contact to receive information from Group Leaders or members regarding incapacity/death of any Crawley u3a member. Welfare Support will send cards in case of illness and bereavement and can offer appropriate support on behalf of the committee and u3a. If you or your family wish to raise any welfare or accessibility issue, or if you have concerns about any u3a member who may be struggling, please contact Member Support on membersupport@crawleyu3a.org.uk. We will direct the communication to Welfare Support or the relevant u3a volunteer to deal with your issue.

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, 156 Blackfriars Road, London, SE1 8EN or 020 8466 6139 or email them via events@u3a.org.uk.)

u3a Member Code of Conduct

This Code of Conduct clarifies the standard of behaviour expected as a member of a u3a. u3a members are expected to conduct themselves within the movements “guiding principles”.

- 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 are 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 always treat each other with dignity and respect.

For more information about Crawley u3a please access our web site:

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