

At its heart, the U3A believe that continuing to learn, develop your interests, make friends and try something new, is a life-long passion.

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**"Rise above the storm and you will find the sunshine."**



To everyone who has renewed their membership with Culm Valley U3A. Your support at this challenging time is very much appreciated.

Official lockdown in the UK began on 23 March 2020 and we are now in the middle of June. I hope everyone is well and still managing to stay active, optimistic and motivated. For those living on your own, I hope you have someone with whom you can create a support bubble. The offer I made when all this started still stands, if you need help with anything please do get in touch and the Steering Committee will do all we can to help.

### Phone calls

I am hoping that by now everyone has received a phone call from a member of the Steering Committee. There were a few occasions where messages were left or we attempted a call a number of times but with no joy in making voice to voice contact with an individual. In a very few cases it seems that we have the wrong phone number and no means of contacting that individual except by post.

Thank you for your feedback about how you feel we are doing as a Steering Committee and thank you too for all your encouragement and support in what are very unusual, and sometimes challenging, times.

## **Important information**

In the last few weeks it has become increasingly apparent that we will probably not be back together again in time for the required election of Officers and the AGM.

Because we believe it is important to keep things moving forward, and in line with other U3As across the country, we are planning to use the technology at our fingertips to assist with both the election and the AGM. This is a wonderful opportunity to explore and learn how modern technology allows us to overcome barriers to inclusion and participation.

Unfortunately it does mean that the 7 members without access to the internet or email will not be able to join the AGM. If those without access to the internet are part of a “Support Bubble” which has internet and email access then it might be possible for you to join us if you choose to.

Everyone for whom we have an email address and who has access to the internet will be able to access the AGM.

To ensure you can participate in the nomination and election of officers it is important that you are a paid up member of Culm Valley U3A. If you are yet to renew your membership for 2020/21 please contact Sue Greenhough, Membership Secretary phone Sue on 07841 349810 or email her at [s.dgreenhough@btinternet.com](mailto:s.dgreenhough@btinternet.com).

## **Election of Officers and AGM**

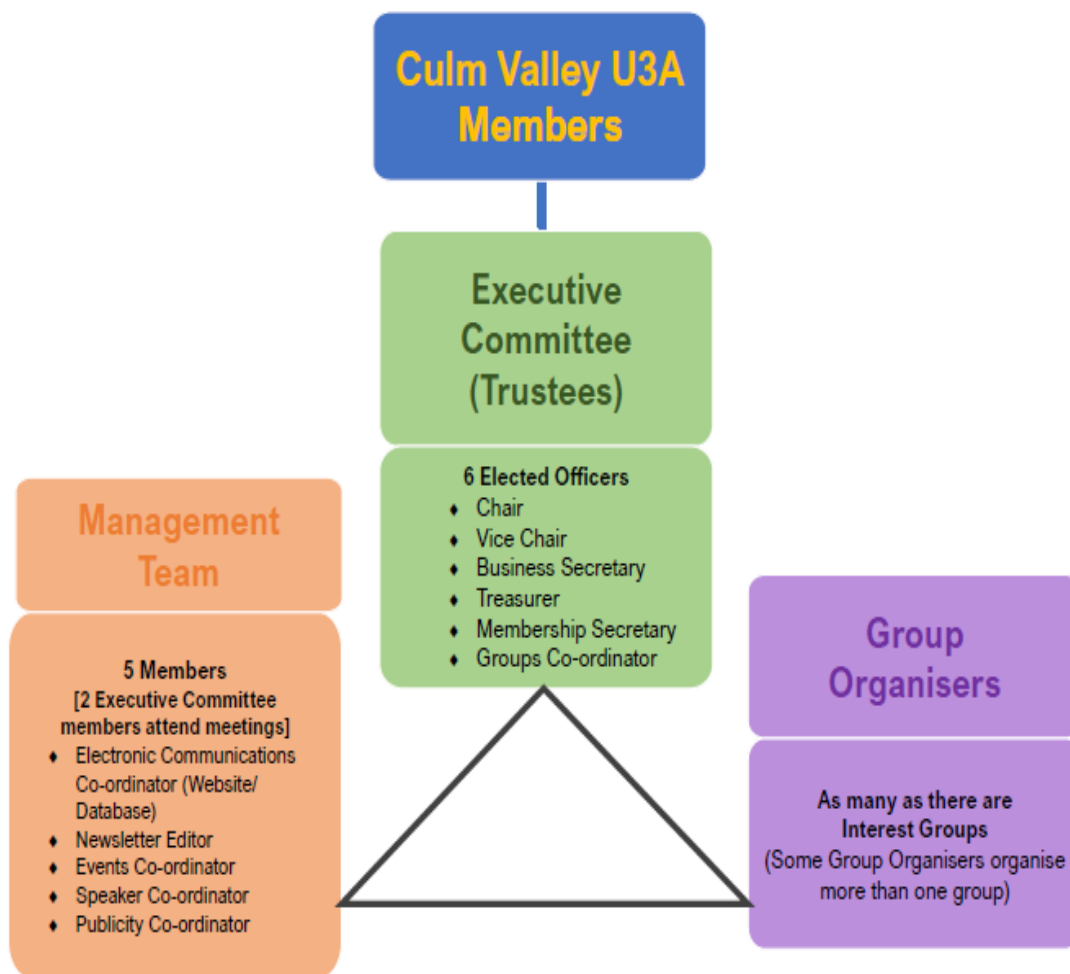
At the beginning of July 2020 a letter will go out, by post, to all on the Culm Valley U3A database. The letter will explain what is going to happen with regards to the election of officers and the AGM. The letter will also have specific dates by when things should happen and identify who to contact with nominations for the Executive Committee and election; and who to contact if you would like to attend the online AGM. Please keep the letter somewhere safe and accessible, as it will be the only correspondence entered into by post. We hope that as many as possible will feel able to participate in both the election and the AGM.

## **New Structure**

The Steering Committee recently discussed and agreed the following new structure for the governance and management of Culm Valley U3A. The new structure means that the Executive Committee will consist of only 6 elected officers.

Part of the reason for this change in structure was because a number of members had offered to help in the past, but did not want to be trustees with any legal responsibilities. The Management Team will be made up of non-elected members who are happy to offer their time, experience and talents to support Culm Valley U3A. More about the Management Team will be communicated in due course. Please consider helping on the Management Team or standing for one of the roles on the Executive Committee.

You can find more about the new structure on the Committee page of the website here:  
<https://u3asites.org.uk/files/c/culm-valley/docs/cvu3agovernanceandmanagement2020.pdf>



## Recycling etc ...

If you are collecting anything as part of our recycling efforts, please be informed that the only items that can now be collected locally in aid of Ellie's Fund are as follows:

- ◆ **Crisps Packets** - clean, dry, and packed flat
- ◆ **Oral Care Products** - toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes, brushes from electric toothbrushes etc.
- ◆ **Bread Bags** - clean, dry, and packed flat
- ◆ **Pet Food Pouches** - clean, dry, and packed flat
- ◆ **Writing Implements** - all types of plastic writing Implements

Please note **Biscuit wrappers** of any kind, are **no longer** being collected locally. No other items can be recycled as part of this scheme.

If you find that your house is being taken over by bags full of packets for recycling you can take them to one of the following collection points:

15 Fore Street, Uffculme. Tel 01884 841433 for bread bags, crisp packets, oral care products, writing implements (NO pet food pouches)

or

We've already raised over £62,000 from our recycling efforts - that's more than 20 days of research into brain tumours - however, each day of this vital work costs £3000. Can you help us to raise this every month?



Kingwood Childcare and Pre-school, Denner's Way, Uffculme. Tel: 01884 841435 for bread bags, crisp packets, oral care products, writing implements, and pet food pouches.

You can read more about Ellies Fund and their recycling project

[https://www.yorksbtc.org.uk/Support-Us/Recycling-in-Yorkshire/Recycling-in-Yorkshire-\(1\)](https://www.yorksbtc.org.uk/Support-Us/Recycling-in-Yorkshire/Recycling-in-Yorkshire-(1))

Thanks to Angie Cheshire for the updated information.

**Stay well and stay safe.**