

## **Dogs in Walking Groups Policy The Deepings U3A**

### **Statement**

The Deepings u3a is a learning co-operative and membership charity which enables members in their third age to share educational, creative and leisure activities.

Members of the u3a are covered by The Third Age Trust and The Universities of the Third Age in terms of Insurances for Public and Products Liability.

### **Action**

The Deepings u3a Walking Groups are walking groups, not dog walking groups.

Each walking group will collaboratively decide if dogs can join their walks. Any new member joining a group will follow the decisions made by the group until the group reviews its decision.

If a walking group has decided to allow dogs to join their walk, members must still contact the Group Leader to request their permission to take their dog on each walk. Two dogs will be allowed at a maximum and they must be kept on a lead at all times.

Service dogs will be allowed on walks with their members.

The walking group's policy on dogs will be reviewed annually and may be changed by the walking Group Leader in consultation with the committee, if it is felt it is not working.

This policy was adopted on: 9 September 2022

Review Date: September 2023