

## GUILDFORD AREA U3A ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

### 1. Governance

The Guildford Area U3A, Registered Office, The Black Cottage, Newlands Corner, Guildford GU4 8SE; is registered with Charity Commissioners, no.296975 and constituted by a formal Constitution approved by the Charity Commission.

The Charity has been administered during the current year by a Management Executive Committee comprising:

Chairman:	Caroline Sawers	Vice Chairman:	Justin Jackson
Secretary:	Sonia Ashworth MBE	Treasurer:	Martin Barker

Other members of the Committee were: Julie Beattie, Irene Black, Ann Elms, Jeff Harkman, Sandi Layton, Roger Philo, Jane Robertson, Ann Watson and Sue Watson. Marian Shepard was co-opted from November 2017. Changes to the membership of the Management Committee became effective from the AGM in November 2017. Jennifer Margrave and Michael Brooks were co-opted from June 2018. However, Ann Watson retired in November 2017, and Marian Shepard in July 2018, The Management Committee met on six occasions during the year.

### 2. Activities

The University of the Third Age is an educational self-help organisation. In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's Guidance and advice, particularly, on public benefit. The focus of our activity remains the provision of education on a self – help basis. To this end we draw upon the expertise and knowledge of our members as a way of stimulating study groups and recreational activities which can then be provided for a minimal outlay. Our success therefore relies upon the contribution and commitment of our volunteer study group leaders. All members, who are predominantly over the age of sixty, are invited to participate in one (or more) of our study groups.

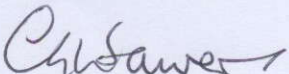
Over 109 groups are organised in the following subject areas: Arts and Crafts, Discussion, Drama, Games and Indoor Pursuits, History, Languages, Literature, Music, Sciences, Social Sciences, Sport & Outdoor Leisure and The Arts, in over 17 venues. The thanks of the members are extended to the co-ordinators of these subject areas. In a few groups involving physical activities, it has been our policy to ask members to make a small supplementary payment to ensure that tuition is given by a qualified paid instructor, with their own professional insurance, in a safe environment.

A new GU3A website and operating system was launched successfully to replace the old site.

### 3. Membership and Finances

The Guildford Area U3A achieved another successful year. The number of members has decreased slightly over the past twelve months with membership on 31 July 2018 standing at 1749 (down on the 2017 figure of 1753). Although we always expect to lose members during the year for various reasons, we were pleased to welcome many new members during this period.

The annual subscription for 2018/19 was not increased for a third year and remained at £22. However, a proposal will be put forward to the membership to increase subscription fees for 2019/2020 by £3 at the AGM, to cover increasing venue hire fees and to cover our payments for the new membership management system, Beacon, at 50 pence per head.

Signed  CHAIRMAN Date: 16 October 2018

For and on behalf of the Management Committee