

u3a Harborne and Edgbaston
(Registered Charity Number: 1101356)

Using Copyrighted Images

u3a Harborne and Edgbaston has a Copyright Licencing Agency licence which runs from 1 August 2023 until 31 July 2024. This **does not** allow for free usage of **all** items of creativity, but permits u3as to copy certain publications and take extracts from some published works.

Most images found by a Google search will be subject to copyright and cannot be used without permission from the photographer or payment to the copyright holder. u3as are routinely contacted by companies who trawl the web looking for the misuse of these images and they will invariably issue fines. The images may have been found directly on the u3a's web pages or in a link to an old newsletter.

All members need to be vigilant and ensure there is no copyright infringement anywhere on our u3a website and in any usage of other published works. While it is the responsibility of your committee to ensure compliance, u3a H&E will be accountable if breaches have occurred.

Further information and guidance can be found at www.u3a.org.uk. Go to Support for u3as - unless you already have a member log in you will need to create one. Then click on Legal on the right-hand side of the screen, which will take you to Copyright and Licences, where you will find "Copyright and Licences – Keeping It Legal", in particular the following clauses:

3. What is copyright?
- 5.4 Licences
6. Copyright – summary and checklist
7. Copyright FAQs

“Free” Image Resources (From The Third Age Trust)

The images we share should be free of copyright. Below you will find links to some sources of copyright free images.

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page is a great resource, especially for older/ historical images and everything on there is free to use.

Other good resources, especially for more high-res modern photography. Not everything on these sites is free to make sure you are searching correctly:

<https://pixabay.com/>

<https://www.pexels.com/>

<https://unsplash.com/images/stock/public-domain>

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page

<https://www.flickr.com/commons>

<https://www.publicdomainpictures.net/en/>

<https://www.oldbookillustrations.com/>

- illustrations, great for more unusual images

Many museums will have a stock of images & resources available for free for educational purposes only. For example, the Imperial War Museum (IWM) - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/corporate/policies/non-commercial-licence>