**Hitchin u3a Website and Cookie Policy**

**1. WEBSITE PUBLISHING**

**1.1 Web Content.** Items for inclusion on the Hitchin u3a website, whether text or photos or both, should be sent via the Group Leaders or direct to the Web Editor.

1.1.1 There is no restriction on the content other than it should be relevant to Hitchin U3A or one of its Interest Groups. It should not include adverts or contentious information.

1.1.2 In case of any doubt, material may be referred to the Chair for a final decision.

1.1.3 Personal information such as telephone numbers and home addresses will only be published in exceptional circumstances and only with the prior approval of the Committee and the person concerned.

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1.2.3 The responsibility for copyright compliance of any material published on the website rests with Hitchin u3a. If it has taken reasonable care and weighed up the risks, the insurance will cover the Trustees.

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