

**Subject:** Update from the Chairman

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Dear Hope Valley U3A Member,

The HVU3A Committee has been following events within the U3A nationally and monitoring activity within Hope Valley U3A; we feel that the time is right to slightly change our policy regarding meetings. Here are some points for your consideration:

1. **Open Meetings.** We do not feel that the time is yet right to initiate a programme of open meetings; so, the monthly schedule will remain suspended until we feel confident that the risk level is reduced sufficiently to allow for, possibly, modified open meetings at our usual venues. We will review this recommendation at subsequent executive committee 'Zoom' meetings.
2. **Indoor Interest Group Meetings.** Similarly, we do not feel that the risk level is sufficiently low to allow for indoor interest group meetings at any available venue. Again, we will review this recommendation at a later date.
3. **Outdoor Interest Group Meetings.** We are aware that some outdoor orientated interest groups (e.g. the walking group), have been organising meetings as groups of friends. We are happy for these meetings to continue provided that all members take due care and operate within the government's guidance which is - 'when you are outside you can continue to meet in groups of up to six people from different households, following social distancing guidelines.' If your group does meet in these circumstances, we would ask the convenor to make a note of all those U3A members attending the meeting for track & trace purposes and that every member takes responsibility for their own and other members' wellbeing. Should an interest group which usually meets indoors decide to hold an outdoor meeting, then we would ask that group to observe the same guidelines as noted above.

Further advice on managing various aspects of Covid-19 is available by following the link below.

Kind Regards,

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