

# Newsletter **E**xtra

## S.E. Northumbria Region U3A Chairs' and Business Secretaries' Network and Northumbria Region U3A Treasurers' Network

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### Finances

Some discussions have included **the impact** of Covid-19 on our **Membership numbers** which could be reduced in the coming year. Emails have circulated thoughts about the Third Age Trust **50p increase** in annual subscriptions from 2022  
**Trust U3A** may also have some impact on our U3As

### Keeping U3As running

Good governance

Coronavirus may have stopped our face to face network meetings but it didn't stop us meeting!

### ZOOM

has certainly been a useful tool in communications.

In addition, we've been learning.

**Learning** how to use Zoom and develop our learning of it.

**Inclusion**: Members who cannot physically attend meetings can now do so. Great stuff!

What about...

- Meeting with other informal networks in the UK?
- Meeting with U3A members abroad?

# U3A

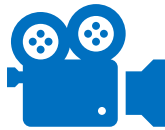
Learn, Laugh, Live!



We found that for many members, lockdown was an opportunity to learn something new and sometimes about themselves.

## **Third Age Trust Newsletter and Newsletter Express**

**Have you signed up for these?  
Several projects have been organized throughout lockdown to support learning.  
Photography  
Creative Writing  
Diaries  
Video clips – see You Tube  
History projects**



Coping strategies  
In sharing our coping strategies to keep our U3As active, we discovered that we had all implemented similar measures to support our members.  
Communication was vital and especially to retain members' interests in the U3A



The U3A hot line!

**You Tube fitness video too much?  
Suggest virtual tours of museums or watch a play from the National Theatre.**

## 'I watched the birds in the garden'

**Coming up! Joint Zoom meeting  
July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.30-12.10**

The music  
sounded  
amazing

### Membership renewals

This is a concern for us all, of course. However, our U3As had planned ways to ease methods of payments. Questions had been raised about possibly reducing the yearly subscriptions for membership or extending the number of months in which to renew.

### Online Learning

Our U3As have offered a panoply of opportunities to learn from items posted on our websites or from the other online sources.

As U3A Trustees, we have had to make decisions with our committees about holding

### A.G.M.s during government restrictions.

ANSWERS?

Virtual meetings.

Voting by email

1. *Put in writing your decisions (minutes) to hold your A.G.M. and committee meetings by video. Conferencing/phone /email*

2. Amend the constitution:- Should another unforeseen emergency arise, there is power in the governing document to arrange meetings using e.g. Zoom

### The FUTURE

- ✓ **Planning in place**
- ✓ **Risk assessments**
- ✓ **Hygiene and social distancing arrangements**
- ✓ **Tours booked**
- ✓ **Groups eager**
- ✓ **Meetings arranged**
- ✓ **Friendships renewed**

**Just a few items on the menus for our U3As when we restart the new NoRm**

***I never thought the day would come when I walked into a bank wearing a mask and gloves and demand money!***



