Saxon Shore u3a Committee

Chair



Val Johnson - I have lived in Herne Bay for nearly 13 years. I have been the Chair of our u3a since it first began. My job is to chair meetings and to keep our u3a running according to the principles of the organisation. I also contribute to our monthly newsletter.

It is very satisfying to be able to help facilitate an organisation which brings fun and companionship into people's lives.

Secretary



Theresa Shields - Participating in various groups within the Saxonshore u3a has enabled me to get to know some lovely people. I've particularly enjoyed trying my hand at various crafts, gardening, travel and in general learning new things.

Membership Secretary



John Edwards — I have lived in Whitstable most of my life, working all over Kent until early retirement. I have enjoyed being involved with many local organisations and charities during that time and was happy to offer to take on the role of Membership secretary when our u3a was formed. I also act as Administrator of the Beacon Database system that keeps track of all our membership records and also facilitate the Computer group.

Groups Co-ordinator



Linda Griffiths - Having spent many years in education I have enjoyed bringing together u3a members to learn new skills and have fun. I was part of the team that got Saxon Shore up and running and have been the Groups Co-ordinator ever since our u3a started.

Treasurer



Glenda Smart - I have been a member of Saxon Shore u3a since it began but only took up the role of treasurer in March 2020, during the start of the pandemic. I was happy to be able to utilize the skills I have developed whilst running an international organisation. I am looking forward to taking a more active role when our circumstances improve.

Other Members:



Kim Todd - I have lived in Whitstable for the last 6 years and joined Saxon Shore u3a during its first meeting at Swalecliffe Hall. I am a member of a couple of groups which are social, educational and better yet, great fun. I am now in a position where I have the time to help our local u3a continue to grow by recently joining the committee.



Wendy Powell - I have lived in Tankerton for over 20 years and joined our Saxon Shore u3a when it was first launched. A family history group was suggested and being very interested I met with the Group leader and we agreed to get things going together. We haven't looked back but still have an interested group who meet regularly. I have joined other groups too which is what makes u3a so special, members helping members.

I am also an active member of a local WI and served on their Committee for some time including seeking out Speakers for our meetings, something I feel may assist me in my new role with this committee.



David Hutchins - I have lived in Whitstable since 1984 and now consider myself almost a local! I have been a member of the Saxon Shore u3a since it started. I have enjoyed meeting new people and taking an active part in several groups. I have been the Facilitator for the drawing group since May 2021. As a member of the committee I hope to be able support the u3a in its aim to offer opportunities for members to make new friends, pass on skills, gain knowledge, and live life to the full.



Iris Nolan - I joined Saxon Shore u3a when it first started and have enjoyed being a member of various groups and making new friends. Because I like to keep busy, I have volunteered myself for Committee work. I gradually moved to Whitstable about 20 years ago, and I gradually retired from working as an accountant in television production about 10 years ago.



Stephen Jones - Born in Chatham and brought up in the Medway towns. Moved to Herne Bay Three years ago and joined u3a.