



Scunthorpe and District u3a

Information for new members

Welcome to Scunthorpe and District u3a. We are delighted you have joined us. This information sheet is to help you get started and make the most of your membership. We are here to help, so don't hesitate to get in touch with any of the committee at a monthly meeting or through the website.

Don't forget, the more you put in, the more you get out of the u3a! To précis Eric Midwinter u3a founder 'Being pragmatic, in any group activity, some will do more than others. The danger is the some may become the very few and the others become the almost all. Everyone in u3a should be an involved member, not a customer being served'

Membership

The membership year begins on 1st April and information about paying is included in the February and March Newsletters.

Being a member allows you to attend all monthly meetings and as many interest groups as you want.

Monthly meetings

We have a monthly meeting on the fourth Friday of the month (except in December when it is the second Friday) which is held in St Paul's Church Hall, Ashby. There is no charge for members.

Doors open from 1.45 with a drink and biscuits with the talk beginning at 2.15. There is some car parking by the church hall for use by the less mobile. Others are asked to use one of the public car parks within a few minutes walk, offering free parking for two hours.

There is ramped access to the church hall as well as a disabled toilet.

Details of talks for the next few months are enclosed with this pack and can also be found on our website. This also has write ups of previous talks.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/scunthorpe/events>

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Interest Groups

We have over twenty interest groups. These usually meet once a month. You are welcome to join as many or as few as you want. They are a good way of getting to know people and socialising. There may be a small charge for some groups to cover the cost of room hire.

A list of groups is included in this pack and there is more information on the website. Group leaders can be contacted by clicking on the blue bird icon on the dedicated page for that group.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/scunthorpe/groups>

We have some groups run jointly with North Lindsey u3a, which are marked by an asterisk*. We also have a reciprocal arrangement with North Lindsey u3a that our members can join their interest groups if there is space. See their website for details.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/north-lindsey/home>

Newsletter

The newsletter and website are our main methods of communication. The newsletter is sent out monthly by email and comes out in the middle of the month, before the monthly meeting. It is sent out as a bulk mailing from this email address.

uacomms4@gmail.com

If you don't receive your copy, check your spam, just in case it gets sent there by mistake. It also has information about interest groups and what is happening.

The contact email for the newsletter editor is

newseditoru3a@gmail.com

The newsletter is also on the website. Personal emails or telephone numbers are removed from the website copy to stop spammers getting access to them.

Website

<https://u3asites.org.uk/scunthorpe/welcome>

The website has information about monthly meetings and interest groups. Each interest group has a dedicated page with information about the group and a blue bird contact icon on the top right hand corner. Use this to contact the group leader for information.

The website has a contact page, which can be used for any messages or queries which will then be forwarded to the relevant person.

<https://u3asites.org.uk/scunthorpe/contact>

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Emails

Most of our communication is by email, so please do notify the membership secretary if you change your email address. It would also be really helpful if you could make a point of responding to emails sent out about interest groups, trips etc.

Whatsapp group

We have a whatsapp group designed to help members keep in touch and is particularly popular with the lunch group and and theatre visits. If you want your name added to the group, please contact David Holmes via the contact page on the website, with your name, email and telephone number so he can add your name.

Remember you need a smartphone to be able to use this app. Please only download the app from Apple Store or Googleplay, as other sites may not be secure.

Other sources of information - Third Age Trust

Being a member of our u3a also gives access the The Third Age Trust who is the national representative body for u3a. Their website has lots more information.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/>

They offer on line learning events as well as workshops which you can join. Have a look here for ideas

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/events/educational-events>

They also produce a monthly newsletter. Either read on line, or sign up to receive your email copy.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/newsletter>

There is also Third Age Matters, a magazine which is published five times a year.

<https://www.u3a.org.uk/news/publications>

You can sign up to this when you pay your renewal membership each year. Gordon Green, our membership secretary has details.

You may also enjoy these two videos all about the u3a and the benefits and fun it gives.

Life in the Third Age

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PihMj-Qov-Q>

Do Something Brilliant today

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DgICh7ZyQDE>