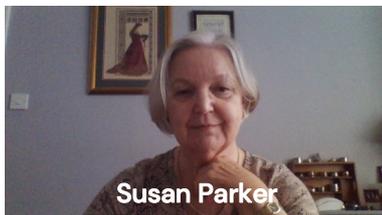


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Introduction to the first issue of our bi-monthly Newsletter

The purpose of our newsletter is to provide useful information to our Networks, u3as and their Members within the South West Region.



Susan Parker

Message from Trustee for the South West

Happy Christmas - Seasons Greetings - Happy Holiday

My very Best Wishes to you all for Christmas and the New Year.

I don't think I have ever been so busy, in retirement, as I have since I took over from Jill Nichols as Trustee South West, and I have done it all from home.

Jill will be a hard act to follow with her willingness to visit us around the region and the support that she has given to us all. I can only thank her from the bottom of my heart and wish her the happiest of relaxing Christmases.

The last nine months have been hard for us all but in true u3a spirit you have found ways to keep in touch, with Zoom, (who knew it meant anything other than to speed somewhere 9 months ago) to letters, emails and phone calls but we have done it and now we look forward to being able to meet again as we move into 2021, all be it in a slightly different way for a time.

Have a Happy Christmas and a Wonderful 2021.

Take Care,

Susan



What's New

- ◆ **Trustee Induction video now available to view on our website**
- ◆ **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) being produced to accompany video**
- ◆ **A number of lecturers have offered to provide Zoom talks, covering a wide range of topics, to u3as in our Region. Details of talks and speakers can be found in the Zoom Speakers List**
- ◆ **Members are invited to volunteer to join newly formed Teams to work together across the region on the following subjects:**
 - ◆ **Public Relations (PR)/Media/Publicity**
 - ◆ **Shared learning Projects (SLPs)**

Anyone interested should contact their Network representative in the first instance.

Network / Link	Name
Avalon Network	Val Warren
Bath & Wiltshire Network	Gordon Pardy
Bristol, Yate & Sodbury	Lindsay Gough
Cotswold Link	Jeremy Furtado
Devon Link	Frances Berry
East Devon Network	June Brown
East Dorset Network	Val Warren
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North Devon Link	Gillian Kerr
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West Somerset Network	Pamela Young

[SOUTH WEST REGION WEBSITE](#)

The South West covers the counties/areas of Bristol, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, Somerset, Wiltshire, Gloucestershire, Isles of Scilly and the Channel Islands, so is the largest geographical Region in England.

Here in the South West we have 133 u3as, some large, some very small; most of them also come together to meet with other local u3as in one of 15 Networks where they can share ideas, can help each other solve problems and can organise joint activities.

Individual u3a/Network contributions are welcome for publication on the South West Region Website and should be sent to the [Webmaster](#) using the link on the contact page.



Six members of the Honiton u3a Strollers Group met in August at Escot Park and were delighted to find the perfect spot, known as The Meeting Place, for a 'Socially Distanced' rest.

Feedback and suggestions on the content of the Newsletter and Website would be most welcome.

South West Region website URL: <https://u3asites.org.uk/south-west/home>

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