



ST HELENS U3A MEMBERS COMPANIONS AND CARERS POLICY STATEMENT

U3A membership is open to everybody in their third age, namely those who are either in part-time employment or no longer in full-time employment.

U3As are self-help, co-operative organisations, and therefore it is important that individuals are able to take full responsibility for their own participation in U3A interest groups and events. Should the situation arise where a member no longer feels confident that they can participate fully without needing help, it will be necessary for that person to be accompanied by a companion/carer who will be covered by liability insurance provided by The Third Age Trust whilst in attendance. Even if other members are willing to help, they cannot be allowed to take responsibility for another member's care, as this could be deemed to be outside the insurance cover if any injury or damage resulted.

The Insurance Policy states the following:

Should a member not be able to participate independently in u3a activities a carer/companion is essential as it is not acceptable for insurance reasons for the responsibility for care to be left to fellow members unless there is a specific arrangement in place with an individual member who may well be a friend.