



Tamworth Third Age
Reg.Charity No. 1076113

CONSTITUTION

1 NAME

- 1.1 The name of the group shall be called TAMWORTH THIRD AGE (hereinafter referred to as The U3A)

2 OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 The advancement of education and, in particular, the education of older people and those who are retired from full time work by all means, including associated activities conducive to learning and personal development.

3 POWERS

In furtherance of the Objects but not otherwise, the Committee may exercise the following powers to :

- 3.1 raise funds and to invite and receive contributions provided that in raising funds the Committee shall not undertake any substantial permanent trading activities and shall conform to any requirements of the law.
- 3.2 receive donations, endowments, sponsorship, grants, legacies and subscriptions from persons desiring to promote all or any of the Objects of the U3A and to hold funds in trust for the same.
- 3.3 buy, take on lease or exchange any property necessary for the achievement of the Objects and to maintain and equip it for use.
- 3.4 sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the U3A, subject to any consents required by law.
- 3.5 co-operate with other charities, voluntary bodies and statutory authorities operating in furtherance of the Objects or of similar charitable purposes and to exchange information and advice with them.
- 3.6 support any charitable trusts, associations or institutions formed for all or any of the Objects.
- 3.7 appoint and constitute such advisory committees as the Committee may think fit.
- 3.8 organise and run conferences, lectures, seminars and courses.
- 3.9 publish books, pamphlets, reports, leaflets, journals and instructional matter and to produce films and videos.

3.10 participate in and assist in the development of area and regional groupings of other U3As.

3.11 do all such other lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Objects.

4 MEMBERSHIP

4.1 All persons interested in supporting the objectives of the U3A shall be admitted to membership provided they agree to abide by the Constitution and any conditions of membership properly imposed upon the U3A.

4.2 From time to time the Committee may award honorary membership in exceptional cases.

5 MANAGEMENT

5.1 THE Management of the U3A shall be vested in an Executive Committee consisting of members whose duty it shall be to carry out its general policy and provide for the administration, management and control of the affairs and property of the U3A.

5.2 The Executive Committee shall consist of the following :

5.2.i Honorary Officers – 12 months

- a) Chairman
- b) Vice Chairman
- c) Secretary
- d) Treasurer

5.2.ii Committee

- a) Minimum of four members
- b) Not more than two members co-opted by the committee

6 MEETINGS

6.1 The financial year of the U3A shall end on the 31st December in each year and an Annual General Meeting of members of the U3A shall be convened as soon thereafter as possible for the purpose of receiving the Annual Reports and the Accounts of the U3A and of electing the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, and to consider any other business as may be necessary. At least twenty-one clear days' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing by the Secretary to Members.

6.2 A Special General Meeting of the U3A may be convened by a resolution of the Executive Committee or upon a requisition signed by four or more members of the U3A stating the object of the meeting. A meeting held on such a requisition shall be called by the Secretary of the U3A. The Secretary shall give the other members of the U3A fourteen days' notice of such a meeting. There shall be a quorum when a quarter of the paid-up members are present.

6.3 The Chairman of the U3A shall be the chairman of any Committee or General Meeting at which he/she is present. In his/her absence, present members shall elect a Chairman.

6.4 Should any member accidentally fail to receive due notice of any meeting it shall not invalidate the proceedings of any General Meeting.

