



Annual Report of the Executive Committee for the period 1 April 2018 - 31 March 2019

The Executive Committee was as follows:

Chairman	Brian Baxter	Vice-Chairman	Brenda Kember
Treasurer	Bob Allam	Secretary	Cathy Jones
Study Groups' Coordinator (Leisure)	Doreen van Cauter	Speaker Coordinator	Ron Fenn
Study Groups' Coordinator (Fitness)	Neil Hutchison		
Travel & Events Coordinator	Mary Gotts		
Committee Members	Steve Bowler, Nick Photi, and Gill Davis (co-opted February 2019)		

By its Constitution, the **Charitable Purpose** of Ver- Colne Valley U3A is 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, in Ver- Colne Valley and it's surrounding locality.

VCV was granted official registration by TAT on 9 April 2009 and achieved charitable status on 17 March 2014, entered on the Register of Charities with number 1156215. The members of the Executive Committee act as Trustees.

- Our **Membership** currently stands at 460, with almost half that number regularly attending our monthly General Meetings. These Meetings continue to feature Guest Speakers who entertain and inform members on a wide range of topics of interest.

- A total of 60 **Study Groups** were active during the period of this Report, 12 of which are run jointly with neighbouring U3As. We continue to encourage Group growth, but we are pressed at times to find members willing to help get new Groups off the ground.

We also have a continued concern, in order to ensure an **Orderly Succession** within the Committee, that more members should volunteer to serve. This would not only lighten the load of existing Committee Members but would greatly benefit VCV as a whole by providing us with continuity and stability.

- A continuing, attractive and extremely popular feature of VCV activities is our busy and varied programme of **Trips, Events and Holidays**. The year's schedule has been as successful as ever, with monthly outings to places of interest, holidays abroad and theatre visits. Our Summer Barn Dance and Christmas Special General Meeting were much enjoyed by capacity attendances at Greenwood Park.

- The monthly Newsletter forms our major means of **Communication** with members. Increasingly, however, members are recognizing the value of the website as an important source of information about all that is happening and about to happen in VCV. We continue to maintain our status as a "tech-savvy" U3A in that we are able to communicate electronically with a very impressive 92% of our members.

- The Committee offer sincere **Thanks** to all members whose considerable efforts have contributed to the success of VCV over the year. We greatly value our Study Group Leaders, Really Useful Members and our Trips, Events and Holiday teams, but no more than the many others (often unsung) who regularly give their time, energy and enthusiasm to ensure VCV's continued success

