

## HOW WE FIT IN.

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### Charity Commission. (CC).

A non-ministerial government department that regulates charities. The Charity Commission for England and Wales issue guidance notes, e.g., CC3 "The essential trustee, what you need to know, what you need to do". The Third Age Trust and Whitley Bay University of the Third Age are registered charities. WBU3a business secretary maintains the CC files.

### Third Age Trust. (TAT).

The Third Age Trust issue objectives and principles updated on their web site. Clarifications are from a paid CEO Sam Mauger, and her support team. WBU3a is under an obligation to consider/adopt this advice as part of our membership of TAT. We wish to follow the u3a way, as it helps us achieve the objectives of our charitable constitution. A capitation fee for each of our members is paid to TAT from WBU3a subscriptions. The business secretary (BS) maintains the files. The TAT web site has a lot of topics, with interest group advisers.

Northumbria network of u3a's is a charity in its own right, and comprises some 50 "local" u3a's in the NE region, Yorkshire to the border. Meetings are 1/4ly at Stannington/Darlington. There is a constitution and AGM. NEu3a's representative, Sandi Rickerby is on the board of the Trust and attends TAT meetings. She feeds back to the regional committee, and they pass info onto Whitby Bay u3a, via our representative. There are network groups for chairpersons, treasurers and business secretaries. Northumbria region has a committee chaired by Mo Brown. Whitley Bay u3a is a member of this network. We have one vote.

Whitley Bay University of the Third Age (WBU3a) is our organisation for north of the Tyne, east of the A19, not including Cramlington, Jesmond or Newcastle u3a's. There is a published constitution for WBU3a charity, and TAT registered as No250; which is managed by the Executive Committee. Our constitution complies with our charitable status and embraces TAT guidance. The annual subscription to join WBU3a pays for CC compliance, TAT advice and regional networking, as well as running a vibrant local organisation for "Learning, Laughing and Living".

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