

u3a's core objective is to encourage older people no longer in full time employment to engage in educational and cultural activities. This is achieved through formation of special interest groups enabling members to share skills and experience with each other. The guidelines for Witney u3a group leaders state that members should share the expenses of the group, in effect be self financing. In the main this works, but there are instances when the capital outlay could prove to be too high for the group members. The Witney u3a Committee could decide to award a grant and the purchased item would then belong to Witney u3a as an asset.

The following criteria would be applied by the committee when deciding whether or not to award a grant;

1. Capital goods would be purchased not consumables
2. A grant would only be awarded if funds were available.
3. The goods would be essential for the existence of the group.
4. The goods would be expected to last for at least 10 years, to benefit future Witney u3a members
5. All Witney u3a members would have access to any asset purchased by a grant.
6. Any goods purchased by a grant should have a safe, accessible storage place.