

Pocklington & District u3a

DRAFT - Minutes of AGM

Thursday 14th May 2026 10am
Burnby Hall, Pocklington

Present: 52 members Quorum required: 33

1. Welcome and introduction from outgoing chair: Simon Eggleston

2. Approval of minutes from AGM May 2025: Proposed by Neil Barrett. seconded by Rosemarie Kennedy. Approved by majority.

3. Amendment to Constitution: withdrawn from today's agenda as there is much work to be done on this by the committee in the year ahead.

4. Outgoing Chair's report: Simon reported that we currently have 775 members although 20% have not yet renewed for 2026. There are 62 groups and in past year we have lost 3 groups, and gained 3 different groups, which is healthy turnover.

He thanked group leaders, organizers of whole u3a events including music, games, and discos; and Christina Burn, and Ralph Volk (now left) for work on membership admin. Thanked Jean Kay and her team for providing refreshments at drop-ins. Thanked Chris Smith for her continuing work on the website.

5. Accounts for year ending 31st March 2026: David Hebden as outgoing treasurer gave us the following figures: Balance in bank currently = £12,989.

Income = £11,687 (an increase of £2,758 on 2025). Expenditure = £9,877

2026 subscriptions so far = £9,000 (increase of £3,000 on 2025).

After much ongoing work £877 of tax relief has now been credited.

Expenditure: 60% to Third Age Trust. 40% spent locally. About £10,000 savings have been made.

David introduced Richard Antcliff as the new Treasurer and explained that Richard has already begun modernizing the way we keep accounts, updating the technology, and the website.

David Fothergill (Leader of Jazz appreciation group) asked if group leaders had followed up on members who have not yet paid. *Action: another email will be sent to group leaders, and Christina will send a final email to lapsed members.*

6. Appointment of examiner of the accounts: David explained that Richard Antcliff examined the accounts before he became the new Treasurer.

7. Election of officers for the forthcoming year:

Chair: Les Smith. Proposed by Simon Eggleston, seconded by Rosemarie Kennedy, majority approved.

Vice Chair: Neil Barrett. Proposed, seconded, and approved.

Treasurer: Richard Antcliff. Proposed, seconded, and approved.

Additional member of committee: Simon Graham. Proposed by Neil Barrett, seconded by Simon Eggleston, majority approved.

8. Re-appointment of current President: Simon Eggleston explained that this is a committee matter, and that Moira Laverack has been unanimously voted in to continue in this role.

9. Election of Committee Members: already covered in clause 7. Above.

10. Address by new chair: Les Smith began as he means to go on, with background research on sources from The Who to Ecclesiastes. He explained that he gained much from his previous term as Chair in 2024 and pledged to do things differently this time, and will be 'less bossy', and 'send fewer emails but spend more time talking with people'. He has four main points to focus on in the coming year:

1. Community – not just about growing our numbers, but also reaching out to people who would benefit from joining u3a but either don't know of its existence or are unsure if it is for them.

2. Social – u3a is an important part of many peoples' lives so we must find more, and varied, social activities too appeal to more.

3. Constitution – our constitution was adopted in March 2005, has been revisited five times since, but last time was eight years ago. The overdue process of review will begin with our committee meeting next Tuesday. Outcome will be presented to another general meeting of members for approval. It is likely to look considerably different to the current model.

4. Groups – we have 775 members. There are 62 groups, we are grateful to the 51 members leading them. Members of the committee belong to 27 different groups, and the committee will continue to value our groups as a priority. In his capacity as Group Coordinator Les has visited 42 groups so far and intends to visit the remaining 20 when he is invited.

11. Any other business: There was no other business, or proposal and questions from members.

12. Date of next AGM: Thursday 6th May 2027 at 10am is provisional. To be confirmed.

P. Fothergill 14th May 2026

Pocklington & District U3A**Combined Income & Expenditure and Capital Account**

	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2024-25</u>
Opening Balance 1st April	11,831.08	12,935.65
<u>Subscriptions</u>		
Cash & Cheques	2,224.00	2,424.00
BACS	4,680.00	3,082.00
Sum-Up (Card Payments)	2,496.00	2,544.00
PayPal (web-site)	1,410.00	780.00
	<u>10,810.00</u>	<u>8,830.00</u>
Cash Subs to Petty Cash		72.00
Cash Credited		10.00
Total Subs received	<u>10,810.00</u>	<u>8,912.00</u>
Other Funds Received	877.89	17.00
	<u>11,687.89</u>	<u>8,929.00</u>
	11,687.89	8,929.00
	23,518.97	21,864.65
Expenditure		
Capitation to 3rd Age Trust	2,968.00	2,512.00
3rd Age Trust Magazine Postage	1,965.72	1,911.92
Beacon	742.00	757.00
	<u>5,745.09</u>	<u>5,180.92</u>
Meetings & Hall Hire	479.59	1,706.64
Printing & Stationery	917.23	847.44
Postage	474.64	346.28
Broadband, Web-Site & Wi-Fi Costs	420.00	552.00
Equipment Purchase & Repair	1,629.13	1,102.88
Sundry Payments		62.00
	<u>9,665.68</u>	<u>9,798.16</u>
PayPal Charges	63.65	
SumUp Charges	42.11	80.00
Paid from Petty Cash	126.43	155.41
		0.00
	<u>9,897.87</u>	<u>10,033.57</u>
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	13,621.10	11,831.08
Closing Balances 31st March		
Main Account	13,325.83	2,269.57
Subscriptions Account	295.27	9,144.66
PayPal Account	0.00	285.55
Cash Held	0.00	131.30
	<u>13,621.10</u>	<u>11,831.08</u>
	13,621.10	11,831.08
Represented by		
Advance Subs 2025/26	9,027.16	6,696.70
PDU3A own Funds	4,593.94	5,134.38
	<u>13,621.10</u>	<u>11,831.08</u>
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