

Ash u3a

AGM

Notice is hereby given of the
26th Annual General Meeting of Ash U3a
Thursday August 27th at 3pm
The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road
Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the 2025 AGM circulated on 3rd August 2026
3. Matters Arising
4. Trustees' Report circulated on 3rd August 2026
5. Treasurer's Report circulated on 3rd August 2026
6. Election of Officers and Committee (list of nominations sent 3rd August 2026)
7. Acceptance of the new Constitution of Ash u3a
8. Any Other Business – Questions need to be submitted one week before the AGM to the secretary in writing.

Eileen Monds
Secretary@ashu3a.org.uk

Minutes of the 25th Annual General Meeting of Ash u3a
held on Thursday August 28th 2025 at 3.00pm
at The Ash Centre, Ash Hill Road

The Chairman welcomed everyone including new members and any visitors.

Apologies for Absence were received from Pam and Ron Jarman, Carole Eldridge, Terry and Catherine Hirst, Don Richardson, Pam and Danny Mathews, Jacky Edwards, Angela Emsden, Susan Kiy, Christine Piper, Monica Locke, Hilary Sills, Judy Hill, Laura Hatch, Anne Everitt, and Gregg Wallis

1. Minutes of the 2024 Annual General Meeting were circulated on 7th August 2025

These had been agreed by the committee meeting in November 2024.

2. Matters Arising.

None.

3. Request for Committee Members.

One member of the Committee has moved away and another has retired after many years. We need one or two willing volunteers.

4. Trustees' Report circulated on 7th August 2025

All committee members are Trustees and the report which had been circulated had shown an encouraging year.

It was proposed by John Burgess and seconded by Ray Pearse that the Trustees' Report be accepted.

There were no abstentions and none against so the Trustees report was accepted.

5. Treasurer's Report circulated on 6th August 2024

The treasurer apologised that the detailed Group account had not been included in the reports. It had been sent to all Group leaders.

A Summary was shown on the screen which showed

- The groups are self-funding
- Income this year is 26% higher than 2024 partly due to a late claim of Gift Aid and partly to extra new members.
- The reserves are to cover any unexpected expenditure (i.e. new computer needed)
- Membership fee has remained at £10
- The response to the pie chart used was positive.

It was proposed by Deborah Lowther and seconded by Carol Ford that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Agreed

6. Election of Officers and Committee

The officers of the committee are Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary and are required by the Charity Commission

Graham Smith has volunteered to be chairman.
He explained he is the group leader of Tai Chi and had been persuaded by a member of that group to put his name forward. He said he is not planning changes. He feels volunteering is important as are education and stimulation. We need to spread the word to others about u3a.

**He is proposed by Meg Wilson and seconded by Diana Wilson
All in Favour.**

**Vivienne Crocker Proposed Debbie Milton as Treasurer and Eileen Monds as Secretary
Seconded by Derek Harding.
Agreed**

The remaining members of the committee will be

Gay Buckingham - Membership Secretary
Adrienne Evans – Venues' Secretary
Margaret Wilson - Publicity
Peter Stratford - Website
Tom Gardener - Beacon
Diana Wilson – Speakers' Secretary

**Proposed: Jim Forsyth
Seconded: Andy Fuller
Agreed**

It was noted that there is no Groups Co-ordinator due to Sally Barnard retiring. Derek wanted to give special thanks to Sally who has held this position for a number of years. She has had a busy role doing all the negotiations between groups and the committee and setting up several new groups. We really need to replace her. Thank you Sally

Any Other Business

The chairman thanked all group leaders, especially those who have been doing this for a number of years, 10/20 years in some cases. All group leaders are to be thanked for what they do for u3a. He also wanted to thank the committee for their time and commitment

Treasurer Debbie Milton thanked Derek Monds for volunteering to step in as Chairman for the 2024-2025 session and lead the Ash u3a and its Committee, thus avoiding the possible folding of Ash u3a.

The Meeting closed at 15:30 and there were 117 in attendance. (Overall 150 members and visitors had attended the afternoon)

Signed

Date

Ash u3a

Report of the Trustees to the AGM on 27th August 2026.

We are pleased to report that Ash u3a has developed and grown over the last year with membership up from 375 to 406 at the end of July. Whilst these numbers look healthy, in order to maintain our activities we will need to continue recruiting due to an the ever changing demographic within the current membership.

We currently have 31 groups with 48 Leaders. Many groups only have one leader which is concerning – there appears to be no succession plan. Over the year we gained Creative Writing but lost Travelogue. We would like to thank the following leaders who have stepped down from their respective groups: Monica Lock, Peter Barker, Penny Thomsett, Ray Baldwin, Peter Churchley, Rod Dengate and Sandra Tilley. We would also like to thank all those who have continued to contribute to the success of their groups.

The monthly meetings continued to attract around 50 members who listened to a variety of speakers over the year.

The website has gone through a number of revisions with the newsletter and group reports proving particularly successful. Visitor number have been steadily increasing and we are seeing more non-members discovering and exploring the website. We cannot yet say how many of these became new members.

We have also introduced the help and support page where just about everything has been collected together to make it easier to find information.

Changes to legislation and guidance issued by the Third Age Trust meant it was time to renew the constitution. The Committee went through an extensive review of the model constitution provided by the Trust and made the necessary changes for it to meet the needs of Ash u3a. The new constitution was then sent out to all members for comment before submission to the Third Age Trust for approval.

The committee has also reviewed and updated most of the mandatory policies and procedures. These can be found on the help and support page on the website. The only exception is the Financial Policy which is still under review.

To continue to make sure we are fully covered by the insurance policies we are required to maintain risk assessments and attendance registers for all our activities. The group leaders have worked hard over the year to ensure compliance and it is pleasing to report that most groups are now compliant.

A number of Trustees have or are standing down at the AGM: Adrienne Evans, Meg Wilson, Tom Gardner, Diana Wilson and Eileen Monds. We wish to thank all of them for their contribution. Despite the reduced number we do still have sufficient Trustees to meet the requirements of the constitution.

Ash u3a Financial Summary Statement 1 July 2025 – 30 June 2026

This year, the Central Fund's expenditure has exceeded income by approximately £224. The balance brought forward from the previous year is still helping to keep membership fees lower than they would otherwise be. However, the financial forecast shows that the current £10 membership fee is no longer sufficient to cover expected costs, primarily due to rising contingency fund costs as equipment ages. Raising the fee to £11 would be sufficient, provided members who wish to receive the magazine pay for it separately from their membership fee. The fee for the receiving the magazine by post is £4.20.

Annual membership income has risen by 9% over the last year, reflecting an increase in membership from 374 to 406 (an 8.6% rise). Central expenditure has risen by 12% over the same period, primarily due to increased Third Age Trust costs.

The Group's balance report provides information on the balances of each group at the end of June 2026.

We use the 'Receipts and Payments' basis for our accounts as recommended for smaller charities. Under this method, equipment is expensed at the time of purchase rather than depreciated. However, we maintain a full Inventory of Assets for insurance and management purposes, which is available for review.

Debbie Milton
Ash u3a Treasurer
26 July 2026

FINANCIAL SUMMARY **Ash U3A Accounts 01 July 2025 - 30 June 2026**

2024-2025	SUMMARY	Central £	Groups £	Total U3A £
£5,108.43	Bought Forward from 2024-25	2,413.27	2,248.20	4,661.47
£19,678.20	Income	4,656.28	15,206.86	19,863.14
£20,125.16	Expenditure	4,880.10	14,822.25	19,702.35
£0.00	Transfers within Ash U3A	0.00	0.00	0.00
£4,661.47	Balance	2,189.45	2,632.81	4,822.26

-£446.96	Surplus/(Deficit) - excludes B/f from previous year	-223.82	384.61	160.79
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£	CASH ACCOUNT	£
61.05	Physical Cash	94.10
£1,058.04	Current Account	795.50
£3,542.38	Reserve/Savings Account	3,932.66
£0.00	Paypal Account	0.00
£4,661.47	Current Balance	4,822.26

	Income	Central £	Groups £	Total U3A £
£12,989.50	Subscriptions	4060.00	10648.71	14708.71
£500.29	Gift Aid	531.04		531.04
£6.00	Donations	0.00		0.00
£4,115.20	Outings	0.00	2434.00	2434.00
£1,827.53	Meals	0.00	2124.15	2124.15
£74.68	Savings Account Interest	59.24	0.00	59.24
£165.00	Misc	6.00	0.00	6.00
£19,678.20	Total Income - excludes B/f from previous year	4,656.28	15,206.86	19,863.14

	Expenditure	Central £	Groups £	Total U3A £
£2,419.21	Third Age Trust Expenditure	2980.25		2980.25
£147.41	Committee Expenditure	187.52		187.52
£110.00	Email Hosting Website	120.00		120.00
£0.00	Equipment	43.40	0.00	43.40
£5,756.05	Hall Hire	511.39	6836.16	7347.55
£875.14	Speakers Fees	817.00	50.00	867.00
£4,907.20	Outings	0.00	2400.80	2400.80
£1,855.83	Meals	0.00	2093.83	2093.83
£428.42	Library Fees		137.45	137.45
£3,476.00	Misc	153.33	144.01	297.34
£56.70	Tutor Fees	0.00	3160.00	3160.00
	PayPal Charges	67.21	0.00	67.21
£20,125.16	Total Expenditure - excludes B/f from previous year	4,880.10	14,822.25	19,702.35

Prepared by;

Signed:  Deborah Milton (Treasurer)

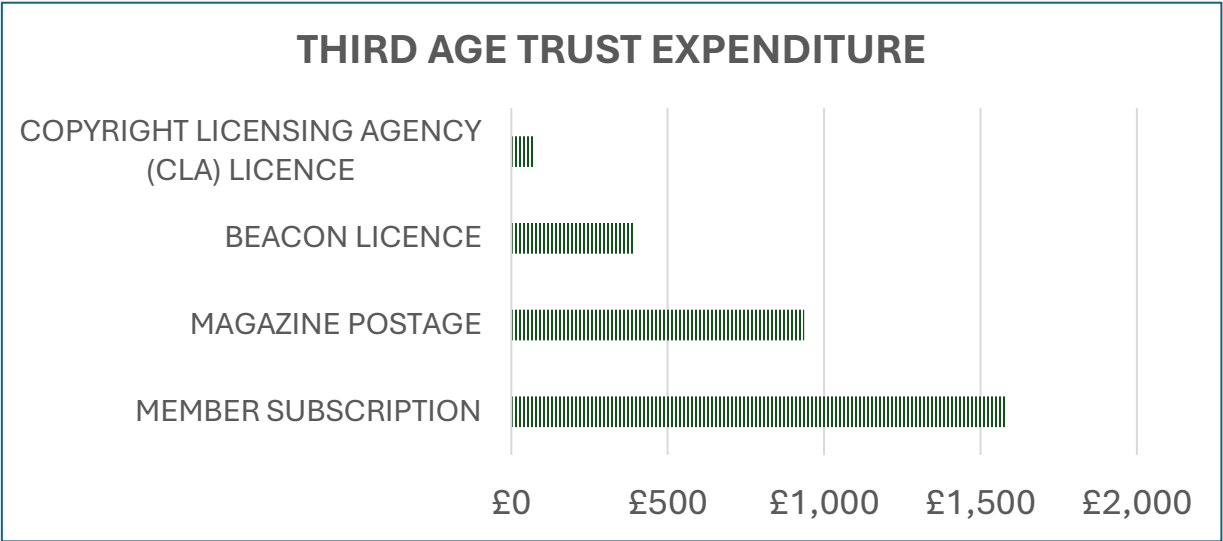
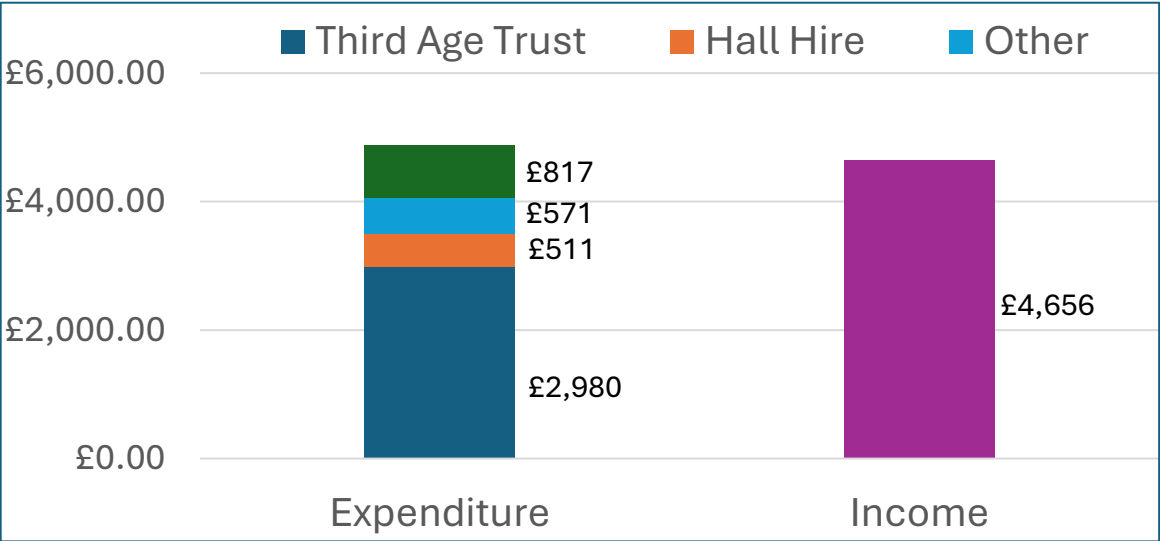
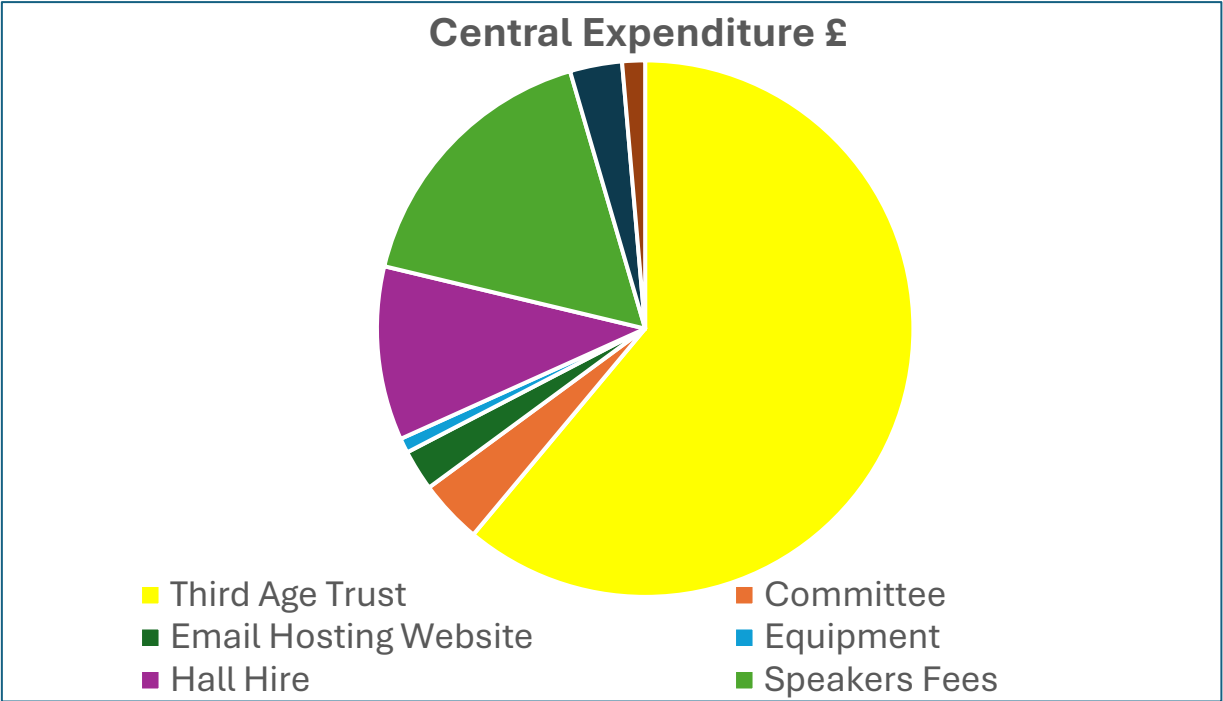
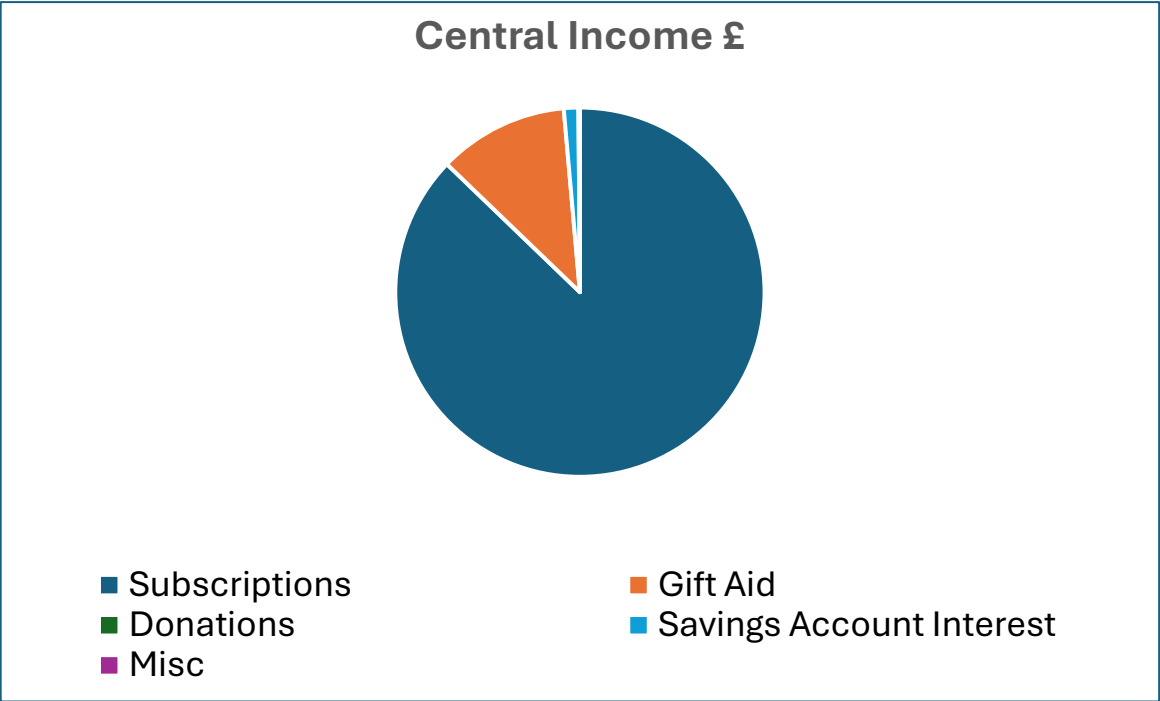
Date: 15/7/2026

I have examined these accounts and, from the information given to me, find them to be correct.

Signed:  Maria Nixon (Examiner)

Date: 15/7/2026

Ash u3a Central Income and Expenditure 1 July 25 – 30 June 26



GROUPS BALANCE REPORT AS AT 30 Jun 2026		
Groups Account (via Bank)	£	Comment
Art & Painting for All	203.29	£18 per session, May hall hire paid. £108 to be paid from balance - 4 sessions in June & 2 in July
Badminton	169.01	£30 per session, June hall hire paid, £120 to be paid from balance - 4 sessions for July
Family History	31.40	£15.30 per session (inc. discount) from Sept 25, June hall hire paid, 1 session for July to be paid from balance
Healthy Walking	68.54	Balance to be used for next summer outing or picnic
Line Dancing	339.30	£15.30 per session (inc. discount) from Sept 25, June hall hire paid. £76.50 to be paid from balance for 5 sessions in July. The group's subs for the Autumn term will be reduced to lower the balance.
Photography	233.26	£18 per session, May hall hire paid. £36 to be paid from balance for June & July hall hire. Balance to be reduced by not charging fees for Autumn term and possibly the following term too.
Rambling	167.73	Balance transferred from Walkers' Outings Reserve - to be used for future recce visits
Science & Technology	51.81	£18 per session, May hall hire paid. £36 to be paid from balance - 1 in June & 1 in July,
Scottish Country Dancing	269.65	£15.30 per session (inc. discount) from Sept 25, June Hall Hire paid. No sessions in July. Fees in September will be adjusted to reduce balance.
Singing for Pleasure	206.07	£13.50 per session. May hall hire paid. £54 to be paid from balance - 2 sessions in June & 2 in July
Social History	105.59	£18 per session, May hall hire paid. £18 to be paid from balance for June because July's meeting cancelled. Balance includes money for a
Table Tennis	312.00	£18 per session, May hall hire paid. £162 to be paid from balance - 4 sessions in June & 5 in July
Tai Chi & Sabre Tai Chi	148.31	£15.30 per session (inc. discount) from Sept 25, June hall hire paid, No more sessions left to pay until end of term. Fees for the autumn term will be reduced to reduce balance.
Theatre Visits	232.55	The balance includes £163 paid before 1 July for next theatre visit. Should be reduced because the surplus is due to discounts on previous bookings which will be deducted from the next booking.
Walkers' Outings Reserve	0.00	This group to be discontinued - Balance moved to Rambling group on 31 December 25
Yoga	0.00	
Total Groups Account (via Bank)	2538.71	

Groups Account (NOT via Bank)	Balance £	Comment
Between the Lines Book Group	25.30	Balance to be used for future library fees
Book Circle	34.80	Balance to be used for future library fees
Book Worms	26.50	Balance to be used for future library fees
Total Groups Account (NOT via Bank)	94.10	

2026 Ash u3a Committee Nominations

Name	Proposer	Secunder
Graham Smith Chair	Sally Barnard	Terry Hirst
Debbie Milton Treasurer	Carol Ford	Ali Woolford
Michelle Smith Secretary	Adrienne Evans	Judith Hill
Peter Stratford Trustee	Angie Childs	Jill Gilbert
Gay Buckingham Trustee	Audrey Leftwich	Rosemarie Coleman
Shelagh Kidd Trustee	Monica Lock	Susan Kiy