

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE NETWORK OF u3as
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2025 AT 10am
AT ST PETERS RAVENSHEAD

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Rosie Allen, Network Support Officer Arnold u3a, Paco Saucedo, Treasurer, & West Bridgford, Margot Gale, Network Contact & Beeston, Jean Hogg Officer, Southwell, Carole Harrison, Mansfield, Peer Support Groups, John Butler Ravenshead & Facebook, Terry Moore Ravenshead, John Lewis (Bingham) Council Rep. & John Perry, E Mids PR Adviser, Bingham. Also representatives from Arnold, Ashfield, Beeston, Bingham, Calverton, Cotgrave, Eastwood, Edwalton & Gamston, Forest Town, Hucknall, Mapperley, Rainworth, Retford, Sherwood, Southwell, Stapleford, and Wollaton u3as The meeting was chaired by Rosie Allen, in the unavoidable absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair.
<u>ITEM 1</u>	<u>WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCEP</u> Apologies were received from Chris Niven, Chair, Maria Gabrielczyk, Vice Chair, Sue Blackley, Secretary, Barry Appleby, Council Rep, James Bartlett, Dukeries, Roz Bott, Ruddington, Ian Lloyd, Soar Valley. Janet O'Neill, Eastwood, & Claire Wilkie, Sherwood,
<u>ITEM 2</u>	<u>AGREE MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DATED 23.10.24.</u> The minutes were agreed with no matters arising.
<u>ITEM 3</u>	<u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair said that though she was standing down she was staying on the committee and looked forward to continuing to support u3as in Nottinghamshire. • The last year had been another successful one for the Network. • The Workshop held for Group coordinators and Leaders in June was a popular success and much appreciated., • The Officers were thanked for the work they do particularly Peter Edge, who was the Webmaster for many years and Carole Harrison who has organised the Peer Support Groups, who have both stood down. • The members were thanked for their support and the Network looks forward to another busy year. CHAIRS REPORT ATTACHED.
<u>ITEM 4</u>	<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> PS circulated the accounts prior to the meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subs will stay at £15 for the coming year. • Having moved to a new bank only 2 years ago to avoid charges, the account needs to be moved again for the same reason. The Co-op Bank is being looked at. • The report was accepted.
<u>ITEM 5</u>	<u>ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u> The following elected officers have agreed to stay on: Rosie Allen Support Officer Margot Gale Network contact. Paco Saucedo Treasurer Sue Blackley Secretary Jean Hogg Officer Chris Niven Officer Nominations were received for: John Butler as Chair Terry Moore as Webmaster Veronica Perry as an Officer. All members were unanimously elected.
<u>ITEM 6</u>	<u>DATE OF THE NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER 2026 AT 10AM AT THE CENTRE, ST. PETER'S, RAVENSHEAD, NOTTS. NG15 9FD</u>

Chair..... Secretary..... Dated 22.10.2025

Following the AGM, members were addressed by Sheila Crawley, newly elected Vice Chair of the Third Age Trust. Sheila outlined the involvement in u3a that had led to her standing for the position and her subsequent election. She explained how, when she was Chair of Ashbourne u3a, membership doubled, largely driven by the use of Social media. She sees the most important part of the role as supporting the Chair, and being a link between the Council and the Board. The changes to the TAT structure are taking time to settle down but small steps are being taken in the right direction.

The talk was recorded by John Butler who will send it out to all u3as, as well as a link to Sheila's Social media presentation.

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A longer than usual Coffee break was held, after the AGM, to allow time for members to talk.

1. RA reminded members of the u3a Festival to be held 1-3 July 2026. Information can be found under the Events tab on the national website and everyone was encouraged to sign up to the Festival Newsletter.
2. Small group discussions were held.
 - What do you want to see on the website?
 - i. A page about PSGs with a link to contacts, and reports
 - ii. A facility listing all Interest groups in the Network
 - iii. Individual u3a websites should have a link to the Network site
 - iv. Newsbites
 - v. Links to items on national website, eg national events
 - What events would you like to see?
 - i. All said how good the Groups workshop had been and would like more
 - ii. Social media workshop
 - iii. Other forms of marketing
 - iv. Social events
 - How do you let new Committee members know about the various PSGs?
 - i. Committee Whatsapp group

Proposed dates of future meetings (subject to confirmation from St Peter's Centre)

Wednesday January 28th

Wednesday April 22nd

Wednesday July 22nd

Wednesday October 7th - AGM