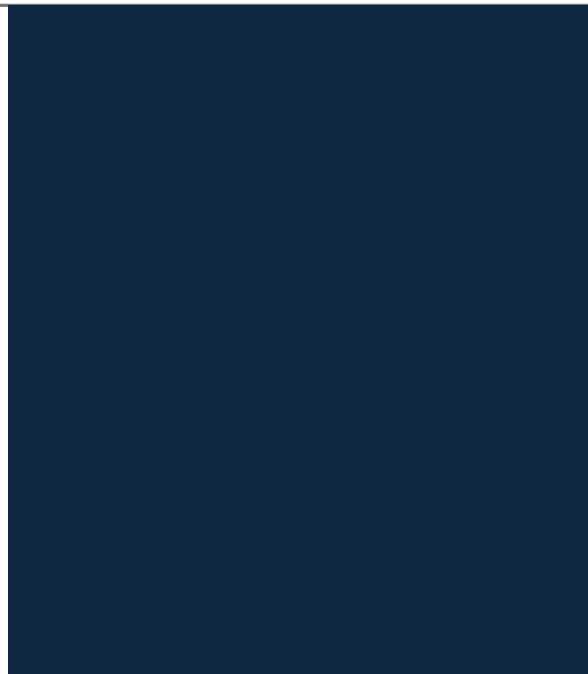




Silhill U3A

Annual Report for the year
ended 31 March 2025



Annual Report of the Trustees of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees of the Silhill U3A are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2025.

The management of the Silhill U3A is vested in a committee, consisting of members whose duty it is to carry out its general policy and to provide for the administration, management and control of the affairs of Silhill U3A.

The Committee consists of not less than 5 members and not more than 10 members being:

- Honoray Officers (Trustees) – who are the Chair, Vice-Chair, Business Secretary and Treasurer who are elected for a two year period;
- Members – not less than 1 member and not more than 4 members who are elected for a three year period; and
- Co-opted members – may appoint up to 2 co-opted members who are elected annually.

Committee during the year

Members of the committee during the year were

Honoray Officer	Chair	Mike Nelson-Smith
Honoray Officer	Vice-Chair	Adrian Holbrook
Honoray Officer	Business Secretary	Linda Hornby
Honoray Officer	Treasurer	Judith Hetherington
Member	Membership Secretary	Linda Griffiths
Member	Speaker Secretary	Kath Hall
Member	Liaison Officer	Wendy Westley
Member	Webmaster	Geoff Williams
Member	Gardening Co-Ordinator	Marcia Legg
Member	Events Co-Ordinator	Chris Cronnin

Aims and Activities

The objectives of Silhill U3A are:

- To advance the education of the public and in particular the education of older people no longer in full time gainful employment in Solihull and its surrounding locality.
- The provision of facilities for leisure time and recreational activities with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons in interests of their social welfare.

These aims are achieved by the following activities:

- Programme of monthly meetings with guest speakers on a variety of topics.
- Interest groups established and led by members.
- Provision and maintenance of our website.

Annual Report of the Trustees of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2025

Chair's Report for the Year

This year has seen the transfer from the old Site Builder web site to the Siteworks platform and we are indebted to Geoff Williams and Marylou Jeffs for all their hard work, which has resulted in a much more user friendly and informative web site.

Geoff is standing down this year, after many years of service as Webmaster, and his position is being taken over by Marylou Jeffs and Bryan Pooley, with assistance from Derek Giles and Alan Faulkner on the sound and other systems in the Church.

Linda Griffiths has worked tirelessly to support the committee as Membership Secretary and Bryan Pooley has very kindly agreed to take over this role.

Adrian Holbrook has adopted a much more structured approach to the Vice Chair, which ensures effective communication with the group co-ordinators. These activities and events remain the most popular aspect of U3A for many of the members.

The core meetings continue to be well attended, with a good variety of speakers found by Kath Hall. Wendy Westley has worked constantly in her liaison role and on the desk at core meetings.

Treasurers Report and Reserves Policy

It has been a busy and successful year for Silhill U3A. The interest and activity groups have been busy. The interest groups have organised a number of interesting activities which have been well supported. Our membership continues to grow from 184 in the prior year to 194 at the year end.

Silhill U3A continues to be in a strong financial position with General Activity reserves at the year end of £2,205 and Interest Group reserves of £1,798. Our aim is to keep a level of reserves that will cover six months of day to day expenses. This refers to the direct level of expenses incurred and does not include the self-funding elements of the various interest groups. The Trustees have therefore agreed not to increase next years subscriptions.

Approved by Silhill U3A on 3 July 2026 and signed on its behalf by:

Mike Nelson- Smith
Chair

Judith Hetherington
Treasurer

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Silhill U3A

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Silhill U3A (“the Charity”) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (“the Act”).

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Suzanne Plater
FCCA

Accounts of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2025

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2025

	Notes	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Receipts			
Subscriptions		3,296	4,289
Sundry Income		567	-
Interest Groups Income	4	44,915	60,002
Christmas Lunch		2,852	3,822
		51,630	68,113
Payments			
Hall hire		(1,335)	(1,309)
Speakers fees		(627)	(1,217)
Third Age Trust Membership Subscription and Magazine Distribution		(1,219)	(1,201)
Refreshments		(186)	(207)
Printing, Postage and Stationery		(545)	(396)
Sundry Expenditure		(39)	-
Interest Groups Expenditure	4	(44,703)	(58,154)
Christmas Lunch		(2,858)	(3,822)
Transfer Tennis Group Funds to Dorridge U3A		(1,017)	-
		(52,529)	(66,418)
Net (Expenditure)/Income		(899)	1,695
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Funds Brought Forward		7,944	6,249
Total Funds Carried Forward		7,045	7,944

Account of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of Financial Activities as at 31 March 2025

	Notes	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	3	7,170	7,944
Prepayment		390	-
		7,560	7,944
Current Liabilities			
Accruals		(515)	-
		(515)	-
Net Current Assets		7,045	7,944
Funds			
General Activity Funds		2,205	2,299
Interest and Activity Groups Funds	4	1,018	1,750
Gardening Group Funds	4	3,695	3,157
Table Tennis Funds	4	-	611
Arts Group	4	39	39
Family History Group	4	88	88
		7,045	7,944

These accounts were approved by Silhill U3A on 3 July 2026 and were signed on its behalf by:

Mike Nelson-Smith

Chair

Judith Hetherington

Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

1. Basis of Preparation

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to the accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing documents and the Charity's SORP.

Each of the Interest Groups manage their own funds.

2. Accounting Policies

a) Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income. Income for interest groups is recognised on a receipts basis, all other income is recognised on an accruals basis.

b) Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised when the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty. Expenditure for the interest groups is recognised on a cash basis, all other expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

c) Activities Profits and Losses

All activities are costed on a break even basis, in the event there is a profit or loss on an activity these are transferred to or from the relevant activity fund reserve as summarised in note 4.

3. Bank Balance

	31 March 2025 £	31 March 2024 £
Main Account	2,039	2,299
Interest and Activity Account	1,436	2,488
Gardening Group Account	3,695	3,157
	7,170	7,944

Account of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2025

4. Interest and Activity Groups Income and Expenditure

	31 March 2024 £	Amounts Received £	Amounts Paid £	Transfer £	Profit/Loss £	31 March 2025 £
Gardening Group Activities	2,016	34,435	(33,897)	-	488	3,042
Gardening Group Reserves	1,141	-	-	-	(488)	653
Interest and Activity Group Activities	896	8,150	(8,882)	-	(164)	-
Interest and Activity Group Reserves	854	-	-	-	164	1,018
Table Tennis Group	611	2,330	(1,924)	(1,017)	-	-
Arts Group Reserves	39	-	-	-	-	39
Family History Group Reserves	88	-	-	-	-	88
	5,645	44,915	(44,703)	(1,017)	-	4,840

The Reserves balances represent the accumulation of profits and losses from events; the other balances represent funds which are committed for future events.