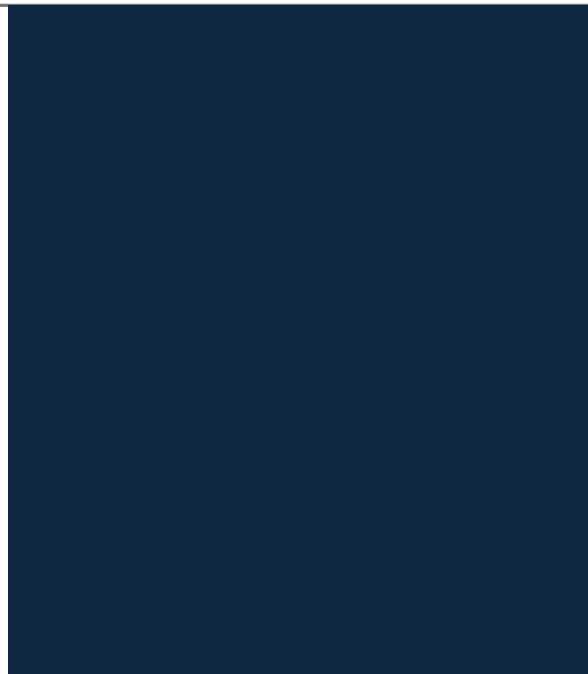




Silhill U3A

Annual Report for the year
ended 31 March 2026



Annual Report of the Trustees of Silhill U3A for the year ended 31 March 2026

The Trustees of the Silhill U3A are pleased to present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

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 and up to the date of signing of the accounts 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	Bryan Pooley
Member	Speaker Secretary	Kath Hall
Member	Liaison Officer	Wendy Westley
Member	Webmaster	Bryan Pooley/Marylou Jeffs
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.

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Chair's Report for the Year

This has again been a very busy year with a rich and varied programme organised by the interest group leaders. These include visits to Normandy beaches, hearing a concert at St Paul's Cathedral, visiting Concord at Manchester Airport, a guided tour of Oxford Colleges, visiting the costume department at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, eating afternoon tea on a steam train in Staffordshire and having an interesting tour around a Sherborne recycling plant.

The Gardening Group has also visited a number of places including Hergest Croft Gardens, Aston Pottery, Baddesley Clinton, Hidcote Manor Gardens. Kiftsgate Court Gardens, Wightwick Manor and Morton Hall. The group's annual holiday this year was visiting a number of gardens in Wales which was a great success.

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

There are a number of Committee members standing down this year including Adrian Holbrook, Wendy Westley and Chris Cronin. I would like to thank them for all their hard work in each of their roles. I am also not seeking to be re-elected and have enjoyed my time as chair and would like to thank all the committee members for supporting me during my time as chair.

Treasurers Report and Reserves Policy

It has been a busy and successful year for Silhill U3A. The interest and activity groups have organised a number of successful and well supported events. Our membership continues to grow from 194 in the prior year to 199 at the year end.

Silhill U3A continues to be in a strong financial position with General Activity reserves at the year end of £2,127 and Interest Group reserves of £1,956. 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. Based on expected increase in costs the Trustees have agreed to increase next years subscriptions from £16 to £20.

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 2026.

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 2026

Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2026

	Notes	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Receipts			
Subscriptions		3,248	3,296
Sundry Income		527	567
Interest Groups Income	4	25,805	44,915
Christmas Lunch		2,496	2,852
		32,076	51,630
Payments			
Hall hire		(1,129)	(1,335)
Speakers fees		(582)	(627)
Third Age Trust Membership Subscription and Magazine Distributions		(1,413)	(1,219)
Refreshments		(56)	(186)
Bank Charges		(35)	-
Printing, Postage and Stationery		(385)	(545)
Sundry Expenditure		-	(39)
Interest Groups Expenditure	4	(23,115)	(44,703)
Christmas Lunch		(2,592)	(2,858)
Transfer Tennis Interest Group Funds to Dorridge		-	(1,017)
		(29,307)	(52,529)
Net Income/(Expenditure)		2,769	(899)
Reconciliation of Funds			
Total Funds Brought Forward		7,405	7,944
Total Funds Carried Forward		9,814	7,045

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Statement of Financial Activities as at 31 March 2026

	Notes	31 March 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Current Assets			
Cash at Bank	3	11,202	7,170
Sundry Debtor		38	-
Prepayment		-	390
		11,240	7,560
Current Liabilities			
Accruals		(105)	(515)
Subscriptions received in advance		(1,320)	-
		(1,425)	(515)
Net Current Assets		9,814	7,045
Funds			
General Activity Funds		2,127	2,205
Interest and Activity Groups Funds	4	2,054	1,018
Gardening Group Funds	4	5,506	3,695
Arts Group	4	39	39
Family History Group	4	88	88
		9,814	7,045

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

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Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2026

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 2026 £	31 March 2025 £
Main Account	3,515	2,039
Interest and Activity Account	2,181	1,436
Gardening Group Account	5,506	3,695
	11,202	7,170

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4. Interest and Activity Groups Income and Expenditure

	31 March 2025 £	Amounts Received £	Amounts Paid £	Profit/Loss £	31 March 2026 £
Gardening Group Activities	3,042	15,905	(14,290)	(6)	4,651
Gardening Group Reserves	653	-	-	202	855
Interest and Activity Group Activities	-	9,900	(8,825)	5	1,080
Interest and Activity Group Reserves	1,018	-	-	(44)	974
Arts Group	39	-	-	-	39
Family History Group	88	-	-	-	88
	4,840	25,805	(23,115)	157	7,687

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