

Carlton & Gedling u3a

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16th July 2026 at the Carlton Pentecostal Church

1) REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

The Chairman, Mark Reynolds, made his report – see attached. Its acceptance was proposed by Coleen Bee and seconded by Mike Johnson, and passed by vote.

2) COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP 2026-2027

The proposed new committee is given on the attached document. Special mention was given to other people not on the committee but who are performing essential work – Graeme Bunting (Webmaster) Janet Allen (Speaker Seeker) and Pat Downing (Meet & Greet Organiser). The committee was accepted; proposed by Maggie Martinez, seconded by Janet Allen, and passed by vote.

3) TREASURER'S REPORT 2025-26

Finances were assessed as a surplus of £3,486 during the last financial year, the main expenses being the Third Age Trust membership, TAT magazine, cost of meetings, newsletters, and Beacon administration. The Chairman explained that the position of Treasurer had been vacant since April 2026 and he had been providing temporary cover pending a new appointment. The Treasurer's report and financial statement is attached. However the report couldn't be approved at the meeting because they had not been audited yet. Formal approval would be sought at a subsequent General Meeting.

4) SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2027-28

In view of the healthy state of our finances there was no increase proposed for 2027-28. This was proposed by Gayle Harris and seconded by Janet Allen.

5) APPOINTMENT OF AN INDIVIDUAL EXAMINER OF ACCOUNTS

This appointment of Anton Robinson to audit our Finances was proposed by Mike Johnson and seconded by Suzie Potts.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM.

Annexes

Report from the Chair

Publicity and Communication

- Great progress has been made in the last 2 years and this year has been one of consolidation
- Always looking for ways to improve our Social Media presence
- New A4 poster being distributed throughout our region

Interest Groups

- 58 interest groups
- New groups being French 3, Creative Applique and a Discussion /debate group.
- Logistically several groups have had to find alternative premises due to the closure of RHC.
- New interest groups being suggested and investigated all the time – under review is a Nature Walk group and a Winter/Breakfast club.
- Huge thanks to all our convenors, deputy and assistant convenors

Speakers

- Great programme of monthly speakers thanks to Janet Allen

Finance

- Healthy surplus for the year –due to gift aid rebate, higher membership numbers and profit from the raffle
- Strong reserves held

Social events

- December and June Social events thanks to Gayle Harris

Membership

- 68 new members
- More streamlined membership renewal process thanks to Cheryl Larcombe and the membership team
- Over 85% of our members renewed their membership

Self Help Ethos

- Many of you are involved in helping to run our u3a, as committee members, convenors, deputies, and members of our different teams
- We need to get *more* of you involved in running our u3a and our interest groups

2026/2027 Carlton, Gedling and District u3a Committee to be proposed to AGM

Chair	Jenni White
Vice Chair	Teresa Clark
Business Secretary	Sue Warren
Treasurer	Barbara Lane
Deputy Treasurer	John Preston
Acting Treasurer (Temporary)	Mark Reynolds
Interest Group Coordinator	Sandra Stanley
Assistant Interest Groups	Teresa Storey
Committee Member	Ken Brown
Membership Secretary	Cheryl Larcombe
Newsletter Editor	Jackie Taylor
Minutes Secretary	Gayle Harris

Key roles not members of the committee

Webmaster and Beacon	Graeme Bunting
Speaker Seeker	Janet Allen
Meeter Greeter	Pat Downing

Committee Members standing down; Mark Reynolds, standing down as Chairman but continuing short term as Acting Treasurer to oversee the transfer of duties.

Carlton & Gedling u3a Treasurer's End of Year Report 2023-2024

- Our Year End Financial statement 2025-26 is still to be assessed by Anton Robinson.
- Running costs this year were showing a surplus of £3,486.13
- Main expenditure was Third Age Trust membership and magazine, cost of meetings, newsletters, and Beacon.
- Membership fees are used solely for Carlton and Gedling u3a running costs.
- We are making it easier for some members to make payments:
 - bank transfers continue to be promoted to pay for membership renewal fees
 - SumUp - additional machines were purchased for use across for many Groups and activities
 - Cheque payments will be discontinued on 1st September 2026
 - Online/BACS Payments used to transfer payments for various groups.

Next year we plan to:

- Simplify all accounting records and financial reports
- Build a committed Treasury team and segregate duties as much as possible providing a transparent operation

- Keep cash payments for members who prefer them

U3A Income & Expenditure Statement

2025-26

	Income	Expenses
Room Hire For General meetings and Exec meetings		£1,642.78
Newsletter		£793.96
Notts Network Membership		£15.00
Speakers		£545.00
Membership of the U3A Trust		£2,072.00
Beacon Annual Charge		£570.00
Third Age Matters Magazine		£1,314.00
Copyright Licence		£260.87
Membership Refund		£14.00
Social Events		£385.28
Sundry Expenses		£227.91
Stationery Etc.		£91.03
Grant		£0.00
IT Equipment & Expenses (part funded by grant in prev. year)		£1,202.31
Newsletter Sales	£55.00	
Membership Fees	£8,365.52	
Raffle Profit	£994.11	
Sundry Income	£306.91	
Gift Aid Rebate	£1,124.97	
Zoom Licence payment From Newark	£0.00	
Other - Savings Account – Grants	£0.00	
Interest - Savings Account	£226.50	
Totals	£11,073.01	£9,134.14
Excess Income over Expenditure	£1,938.87	

	Income	Expenses
Main Account	£11,073.01	£9,134.14
Theatre/Cinema Trips/DO/Groups Etc.	£9,733.98	£10,414.58
Trips and Visits	£8,964.33	£6,368.24
Other Groups from Beacon	£1,388.22	£1,756.45
TOTAL INCOME/EXPENSE	£31,159.54	£27,673.41

Increase in funds £3,486.13

31/03/2025 31/03/2026

Sumup	0.00	0.00
Paypal	0.00	371.51
27434960	1515.23	3585.20
29352660	1203.40	0.00
27766360	3852.62	5891.00
27435360	16287.94	16497.61

22859.19	26345.32
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Increase in funds	3486.13
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