

**MINUTES OF WINCHESTER u3a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LITTLETON  
MEMORIAL HALL  
2pm 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

1. **WELCOME:** The Chairman Ann Edwards welcomed 146 members to the meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present.
2. **APOLOGIES:** Cheryl Greenwood, Phil Mckee, Maryse Mckee, Daphne Rice, Jeremy Neville, Angela King, Shelley Skinner, Susan Shannon, Carol Anne Pullen, Barbara Selwood, John Howard, Tom Prisk.
3. **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2025:**  
These were accepted.
4. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** None
5. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
Ann recalled the original idea of a university of the third age: the stage of life when people are free to pursue their interests and share their knowledge and life experiences as equals and with mutual respect; the u3a ethos of peer-to-peer learning encourages all members to learn and to teach. She reported that although Winchester u3a continues to offer a wide range of activities, since 2016 the number of members and groups has gradually declined. This year, a new publicity group has been formed to counter this and the Committee has tried to help groups that have waiting lists engender new ones. All of the trustees were thanked for their hard work on behalf of our u3a throughout the year and especial thanks were given to Vernon Tottle for 8 years of dedicated service as Treasurer and Trustee.
6. **VOTE ON THE PROPOSED NEW WINCHESTER u3a CONSTITUTION**  
90 members voted to adopt the Constitution, so there was a clear majority. Although a 6% quorum is lower than their recommendation of 10%, the Third Age Trust has agreed to the amendment if this disparity is noted in the AGM minutes.
7. **TREASURER'S REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
Vernon showed a summary of the 2025 accounts and David Smith was re-appointed as the Independent Examiner of the u3a accounts for 2026.
8. **APPOINTMENT OF THE 2026-2027 COMMITTEE**  
Members were told that John Craig, Jean Crispin, Ann Edwards, Chris and Nicola Giles, Mike Holt and Marion Schiesser were willing to continue to serve as Trustees and that nomination forms had been received for Wendy Broadbent, Mark Brown and David Wright. As there were no objections, the Committee for 2026-2027 was duly appointed.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

None

Ann declared the AGM closed at 2.15pm and the afternoon continued with the monthly talk.

**NEXT AGM: TUESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2027 AT LITTLETON MEMORIAL HALL**

Julia Allison  
Secretary