

Hereford and District u3a AGM Held on 2nd April 2026 at the Kindle Centre

1. No apologies were received.
2. The minutes of the AGM held on 3rd May 2025 were approved having been proposed by Anni Plummer and seconded by Pam Taplin.
3. There were no matters arising.
4. Chair's Report

There have been several changes in the year 2025-2026.

- Alan Evans who successfully took over as treasurer from Ken Tinsley has decided not to stand for re-election.
- We now have a membership renewal procedure appropriate for 2026. Ralph thanked Alan, Sue and Kim for setting this up.
- The search for a website manager resulted in the appointment of Holly Featherstone, who has completely transformed our website. Many thanks to Holly without diminishing the good work undertaken by Bob Taplin.
- Brenda Drake, after many years, gave up leading the Monthly Lunch Club. No-one has come forward to take over.
- We have two new groups: Jazz Group led by Martin Yates and Discussion Group led by Peter Jones.
- The Shrewsbury trip scheduled for August was cancelled because of lack of support. Hopefully our next trip to Bath on August 6th will be more successful.
- Membership numbers have increased from 130 to 148, and is expected to increase further.
- The membership fee will be maintained in 2026 at the normal £20.
- We had a session with AbilityNet on avoiding scams earlier this year when 14 people attended. Another session this time on AI is scheduled for 21st October.

Finally, Ralph thanked the Group Leaders and committee, all of whom are volunteers for their excellent work.

5. Financial Report

See the written report attached. The accounts have been examined and agreed as a fair and accurate report.

The U3A is in a sound position financially, the account balance being £2527.99 on 31/03/2026.

There were no questions and, following proposal by

Richard Bayliss and seconding by Brenda Drake, the accounts were approved.

6. Election of Officers

Apart from Alan Evans, the current committee agreed to stand for the year 2026-2027. Paul Harris was nominated as treasurer. Acceptance was proposed by Steve Ramsdale and seconded by Franca Lyddon and was unanimous.

Committee Members

Chair Ralph Keme

Deputy Chair Jim Dunn

Treasurer Paul Harris

Secretary Kim Brinkworth

Membership Secretary Barbara Hartland

Ass Membership Secretary Sue Moller

Speaker Co-ordinator Sue Moller

Groups Co-ordinator Anni Plummer

Events Co-ordinator Brenda Drake

Website Manager Holly Featherstone (co-opted member)

7. There was no other business.