

Minutes of Warsash u3a Committee Meeting held on Friday, 10th October 2025

At 10.30 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall, Warsash

CH welcomed the members to the meeting.

1.Present: - Catherine Hallam(CH), Laurie Page(LP), Kumi Coulthard(KC),
Jenny Hamer(JH), Bob Goodson(BG), Rob Johnson(RJ),
Sue Pearce(SP), Pauline Hill(PH), Lorraine Sexton(LS)

Apologies: - Rosemary Scott(RS), Christine Matcham(CM), Audrey Sawdon(AS)

2.Minutes of the last Meeting

In Item 8 this should read “sub-committee”. The minutes were then approved and signed by CH.

3.Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the Minutes.

4.Treasurer’s Report – KC

Due to a mix up at the bank, they have made a compensation fee of £65.

George has been successful in claiming £460 in Gift Aid for 2024. He will be further claims for the previous 3 years. The Committee thanked George for the time and effort he has put in to making a successful claim. KC recommended that all members should be asked to sign up to Gift Aid if appropriate. KC to say a few words today at the meeting regarding Gift Aid and George’s efforts on our behalf.

5.Membership Report – BG

We now have 342 members. KC asked if it was possible to find out if members who were associate members did in fact belong to another u3a.

A query arose regarding someone signing in who was not a paid up member. It was suggested that perhaps someone from the Meet and Greet team could take them to BG if this happened again to see if they wished to pay the subscription.

6.Group Leader’s Report - CM

No report this month as CM is on holiday.**6.Speaker’s Report – JH**

The speaker at this month’s meeting is Ben Cross on British Flowers. He will be bringing flowers with him if members wished to buy them.

7Communit Hospital Display Feedback

CH mentioned the new Notice Board was a great success. Although no new members were recruited, people did stop to chat at the desk.

8. Social Prescribing and 10th Anniversary

CH and RS to attend a meeting at the surgery regarding social prescribing. As yet no formal invitation has been made.

CH and JH met on Thursday 9th October to discuss the 10th Anniversary. The following proposals were made:-

- To take the form of a sit down tea and a welcome glass of Prosecco or soft drink on arrival.
- RJ to send out an invitation to all paid up members.
- BG to produce a list of members who have paid at the time of the Anniversary.
- Someone to be on the door to welcome members and check their invitation.
- 8-10 members to a table.
- Table cloths and a cake stand on each table. Karen may have the table cloths.
- Look at M&S, Waitrose and Costco regarding cakes etc.
- KC, JH, SP, and LS volunteered to help make sandwiches if required.
- To commence at 1.30 and finish at 3.30.
- A professional singer has been approached also the Music Group to provide some suitable music.
- There will be no meeting that month.

KC increased the budget for the anniversary party to a maximum of £460 being the amount of Gift Aid we have received. The sub-committee has estimated the cost to be around £300 but had not costed it out.

9. Chair's Discussion Point

With effect from next year it is hoped to have a “buddy” person in every Group. Prospective new members can try two Groups subject to space being available and must contact the Group Leader before going.

10.Any Other Business

KC will look into the amount of next year's subscription in the next week or so.

11.Date of Next Meeting

This will be held on Friday, 14th November 2025, at 10.45 in the Newbury Room, Victory Hall.

The meeting closed at 12.03 pm.