

u3a ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday 28th July 2026 at 13:45
Venue: - Kidsgrove Social Club

Dear Member, this is to inform you of our Annual General Meeting for 2026.

Election of officers for 2026/27

Standing

Chairperson	Hilary Coombes
Vice Chair	Josephine Locke
Treasurer	Angela Travers
Secretary Pro Tem	Hilary Allman
Web Master	Alan Key
Membership Secretary	Hilary Allman
Events Co-ordinator	Sara Anthony
Committee Member	Paul Elden

Anyone wishing to stand please advise Hilary before 7th July E-mail
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Report from The Branch Chair.

2025/26 has been a busy 12 months and the focus of my report is one of thanks. Sue Oakley Dunn resigned from the role of Chairperson and I was asked to fill the vacancy, a position I had previously held until a health issue required that I step down. I was co-opted into this position and will stand for election at the coming AGM. If anyone wishes to stand for the position of Branch Chair please inform Hilary Allman, who is Branch Secretary.

Thank you to Sue for her work as Chair and to each member of the committee, Hilary A. Secretary and Membership Secretary; Angela -Treasurer; Alan - Newsletter; Paul and Josephine - Deputy Chair, all whom fulfill vital roles. The committee had previously asked for anyone interested in volunteering to join the committee and Sara came forward, she will be taking on the role, co-ordinating speakers for our Monthly Meetings, which are held on the last Tuesday of each month at Kidsgrove Social Club. We have recently had a number of very interesting speakers, with the diverse range of topics proving popular, organised by Hilary A, who has been fulfilling three roles. Thank you Hilary. Thanks also go to Gil and Jan who continue to provide much appreciated refreshments.

Our membership stands at 124 and the number of attendees at activity/interest groups has generally increased, which is making it necessary to start waiting lists for some groups. We rely on those who lead activities and we are fortunate to have them; some have done so for a number of years and others taken over the leadership more recently.

Thanks go to Pat Hancock, Alan Key and David Burgess, Dave Birchall, Gilian Walker, Philip Leese, Barbara Haselhurst, Julie Salisbury and Paul Elden, Freda Bateman, and Vivienne Ford.

Due to the fine efforts of Alan (kindly assisted by Mel) we now have a functioning website and Newsletter. The Newsletter contains articles about Group activities and all members are invited to send in contributions to Alan. Members don't have to be a Group Leader to have an article included. A few words, and possibly a photograph, and Alan will do the rest.

Over the last twelve months the U3A have supported the community by provision of calculators to Maths students at The Kings School and football strips for Kidsgrove Saints under 12s Gold Team.

We look forward to another positive year.

Hilary Coombes

June 2026