

Aughton & Ormskirk u3a
23rd Annual General Meeting
Thursday 11th June 2026
Christ Church Ministry Centre, Aughton

Members Present: 102

Proxy voting forms received: 58

1. Chair's Welcome

Pam Ball, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the 23rd AGM meeting and confirmed we had a quorum.

2. Apologies – None.

3. To approve minutes of previous E.G.M held on 26th June 2025 – Approved.

4. Matters Arising – None.

5. Chair's/Trustee's Report

The Chair thanked those involved in setting up this meeting, especially the introduction of proxy voting. She went on to thank all those involved in keeping the organisation thriving – Group Leaders, Management Committee members, technical team, web team, Group Support, Social Committee, Communications Committee, Speaker Secretary, volunteers at Horizons, and many more individuals who work hard in their roles.

There will be an Art and Craft Showcase on 24th October at Aughton Village Hall where our creative groups will display and demonstrate their skills, and music groups will provide some background entertainment.

We've continued to build positive community relationships with, for example, Edgehill University, Scouts, Christ Church etc and some of our music groups have played at local care homes.

We now have over 120 members trained in first aid.

The full report is available on the website.

6. Treasurer's Report

Derrick Fewings, the Treasurer, gave a summary of the financial position, which is in a very healthy state. The external accountants have completed their inspection of the accounts and raised no concerns. The objective to bring down our bank balance has been achieved (c. £100k last year to c. £93k this year) by extending the membership year for existing members at last year's renewal time. The reduction in bank account balance was entirely attributable to lack of receipts from membership renewal receipts. As per our stated aim, activities were self-funding. Renewals will take place as normal this year.

After a protracted dialogue with HMRC on the subject of Gift Aid, more stringent rules relating to personal benefit have been communicated. The application of the enhanced rules would be problematic. Consequently, we have decided to no longer submit claims to HMRC for Gift Aid. Members will no longer

be asked for a Gift Aid mandate and we will not be submitting any more claims to HMRC against existing mandates.

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7. Resolutions

a) Resolution 1. To accept and adopt Accounts for the year 2025/2026 – Carried.

b) Resolution 2. To appoint Accountants247 as Independent Examiners for the Accounts for the year 2026/2027 – Carried.

c) Resolution 3. To confirm membership fee to be £10 – Carried.

8. Election of members to the Management Committee

a) Current Management Committee Members who are standing for re-election

Carried.

b) New nominees to the Management Committee – Caroline Donaldson, Alison Higham and Jane Ellison.

Carried.

9. Management Committee Members who are not standing for Re-election: Paul Andrews

Paul Andrews was thanked for his nine years of valuable service as his tenure comes to an end.

10. Open Forum/Questions. A question was raised about Gift Aid. It was confirmed that any donations made to our u3a (in addition to members' subscriptions) would be welcome but Gift Aid would not be claimed on them. Funds are occasionally received from Riviera Travel because it allows its customers to nominate their u3a to receive a donation when a member books a holiday with them. (The booking is independent of u3a activities).

11. Chair's Closing Remarks

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the AGM and appealed for members to come forward to volunteer and keep the organisation viable.

Meeting closed 11.40am

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