

**Buxton and District u3a
Treasurer's Report to the Annual General Meeting
To Be Held at the Methodist Church, Buxton on 11 May 2026**

Dear Members

I attach Buxton and District u3a's Statement of Account and Notes for the Financial Year ended 31 March 2026. You will note that the comparison figures for the Financial Year ended 31 December 2024 are lower than this year's figures. That is because this Financial Year is for 15 months whilst the 2024 Financial Year was for 12 months. We have now aligned the Financial Year to the Membership Year and will revert to 12 months going forward.

I welcome any questions that you may have on this Statement either in person or by email at colinwoodhouseu3a@gmail.com or by WhatsApp/Text on 07710 357162 or at our Annual General Meeting.

The Committee is responsible for the effective and efficient day-to-day running of our Association. Within this responsibility is the prime important task of the safeguarding and management of Members' data and funds that they entrust to us. Changes have been made, and are ongoing, to ensure the continuous improvement in the efficiencies of the day-to-day running and the risks to the management of your data and funds.

Updates from the Last Annual General Meeting:

Beacon Membership Management System:

I would like to thank the Beacon Working Group for volunteering their time to introduce Beacon to Group Leaders and to assist them in becoming proficient in using Beacon. The use of Beacon for Group Leaders is purely voluntary, and I hope that all Group Leaders will use Beacon.

We hope to give Members access through the portal during the 2027 Financial Year.

Online Accounting System:

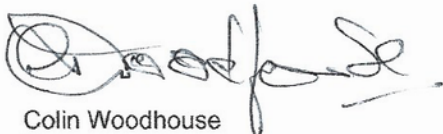
We have investigated using the Beacon Finance Accounting System but feel that it does not suit our present needs. The Committee resolved that we would, therefore, subscribe to the Quickbooks Online Essentials Accounting package and we have taken out an annual subscription at £492.48 per annum, including VAT.

Change of Deposit Account:

The Third Age Trust advises that individual u3a's should have dual authorisation on all current and deposit accounts. Unfortunately, the Manchester Credit Union cannot give us this facility, therefore the Committee resolved that we transfer our surplus funds into a Liquidity Manager 35 Day Call Deposit Account. The account was opened on 02 October 2025.

HMRC Gift Aid:

We have resolved the impasse with HMRC as per Note 3 in the Notes to the Statement of Account. Hopefully, we will not have any further issues on claiming Gift Aid



Colin Woodhouse
Treasurer
Buxton and District u3a
09 April 2026

Buxton and District u3a (Registered Charity No 1072478)

Statement of Account for the year ended 31 March 2026

Income	Notes	2026	2024
Membership Fees	1	29,483	21,515
Self Funded Activities	2	25,277	20,235
Interest on Deposit Account		3,289	1,259
Donations		2,114	220
HMRC Gift Aid	3	1,127	(837)
Grants	4	444	
Miscellaneous		120	160
Rounding of Account Totals		0	(1)
Total Income		61,854	42,551

Expenses

Self Funded Activities	2	25,277	20,235
Accounting Software Expenses	5	132	43
AGM Expenses		83	330
Beacon Training Expenses		280	
Committee Expenses	6	1,328	724
Communications and Publicity	7	560	379
General Meeting Expenses	8	1,163	378
Group Expenses	9	24,089	14,274
Licences	10	790	151
Repairs and Maintenance		0	66
Printing, Postage and Stationery		638	
Rounding of Account Totals		0	(2)
Third Age Magazine		1,113	656
The Third Age Trust Subscription		2,243	1,233
Total Expenses		57,696	38,467

Surplus for the Year		4,158	4,084
Retained Surplus 31/12/2024		26,803	22,719
Surplus Carried Forward		30,961	26,803

This Surplus is represented by:

Current Account		6,431	4,498
Deposit Account		48,854	28,763
Amount due from HMRC for Gift Aid	3	1,127	0
Prepaid Expenses	11	663	743
Invoices received by 31/03/2026, paid after year end	12	(1,235)	(219)
Income received after year end		0	99
Amounts due to Members	13	(47)	0
Balances held on behalf of Groups/Events	14	(3,962)	(1,504)
Membership fees received in advance	1	(20,870)	(5,577)
Surplus carried forward to next Financial Year		30,961	26,803

Prepared by Colin Woodhouse Buxton and District u3a Treasurer

Colin Woodhouse
09/04/2026

I have examined the records for the year ended 31st March 2026 that the above accounts are in accordance with the records.
Christine Limb Accounts Examiner

Christine Limb 9/4/26

Buxton and District u3a
Notes to the Statement of Account for the Financial Year Ended 31st March 2026

Note 1 Membership Fees:

As our Membership Year and Financial Year are now aligned, any Membership Fees for the 2025/2026 Membership year received before 01 April 2026 are allocated to Membership Fees Received in Advance. At 31 March 2026 we had a total of 501 Members - 489 Individual Members and 12 Associate Members. At the end of the last Financial Year we had a total of 476 Members, giving us a net growth of 25

Note 2 Self Funded Activities:

In accordance with the Charity Commission's recommendations, self funded activities have been identified and their Income and Expenses are shown separately.

Note 3 HMRC Gift Aid

We have resolved the impasse with HMRC and we are now able to claim Gift Aid. We submitted 2 claims to HMRC in February 2026 totalling £1,127 (one submission was the previously rejected one for £837). The submissions have been accepted by HMRC and they have advised that they have paid them. We will be submitting our claim for the 2024 Financial year during April/May and for the 2025/2026 Financial Year after our AGM.

Note 4 Grants

We received a grant from the Bingham Trust for the purchase of indoor Kurling equipment.

Note 5 Accounting Software Expenses

At the end of the last Financial Year we took out an annual subscription to Quickbooks Online Essentials at a 90% discount. This allowed us to compare Quickbooks with Beacon Finance. The Committee resolved that, as Beacon is a spreadsheet accounting system and based on cash accounting it did not suit our current and ongoing needs. They further resolved to use Quickbooks as our accounting software package.

Note 6 Details of Committee Expenses

Item	Amount
Venue charges for meetings	985.10
Purchase of wooden suggestion box	29.99
Purchase of C5 rotating floor card display stand	117.99
Miscellaneous	97.73
Goodwill	18.49
Attendance of Derbyshire u3a Network meeting	78.40
Total Committee Expenses	1,327.70

Note 7 Communications and Publicity

Cost of attending fairs, printing of flyers and C5 Group details cards. 560.00

Note 8 Details of General Meetings Expenses

Item	Amount
Venue charges for meetings	834.00
Cost of speakers	329.00
Total General Meetings Expenses	1,163.00




Note 9 Details of Group Expenses

Group	Amount
Table Tennis Group	4,923.85
Bridge Group	3,695.80
Dance Group	2,778.00
Croquet Group	1,410.00
Kurling Group	1,224.94
Singing Group	1,193.70
Crochet Group	1,019.10
Needlework Group	940.50
Italian Group	900.50
Ukulele Group	900.00
Gardening Pure and Simple	765.00
History Group	726.00
Mindfulness Group	588.00
Mahjong Group	523.00
Photography Group	504.00
Flower Group	442.00
Bridge Beginners Group	360.00
Poetry Reading Group	330.00
Creative Writing Group	260.00
Croquet Beginners Group	240.00
Latin Group	220.50
Family History Group	80.00
Adventures in Good Music Group	63.57
Total for Group Expenses	£24,088.46

Note 10 Details of Licences

Licence	Amount
Beacon - charged at £4.00 per active Member for the use of Beacon	603.25
CLA - copying and reusing of extracts from digital and printed books, magazines etc	136.58
Siteworks - the u3a web platform	50.00
TTAT MPLC Umbrella Licence - covers the showing of films, dvd's etc in public places.	0.00
Total Licence Expenses	789.83

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Note 11 Details of Prepaid Expenses

Supplier	Details	Amount
Palace Hotel	Deposit for venue hire for 30th Anniversary	100.00
Buxton Working Mens Club	Deposit for venue hire for 30th Anniversary	50.00
Chapel-en-le-Frith Parish Council	Payment for venue hire for 30th Anniversary	61.65
Intuit Quickbooks	2026/2027 portion for software accounting	451.44
Total		663.09

Note 12 Details of Accounts Payable/Invoices to be Paid

Supplier	Details	Amount
Buxton Methodist Church	Venue hire during March 2026	786.00
Intuit Quickbooks	Accounting software package	492.48
The Third Age Trust	Credit on distribution of TAM	(43.20)
Total		1,235.28

Note 13 Amounts due to Members

Refund of duplicate Membership Fees paid - refunded on 07 April 2026

Note 14 Funds held on behalf of Groups/Events

Baroness Bolsover Account	37.00
Bridge Group Account	350.00
Charabanc Account	1,683.22
Charabanc Customer Accruals	8.65
Charabanc Expenses in Advance	(837.00)
Christmas Function Account	103.50
Gilbert & Sullivan Account Receipts in Advance	2,044.00
Harpurs Bistro Receipts in Advance	464.00
Needlework Group Account	29.22
Quizzes Account	79.17
Total	3,961.76

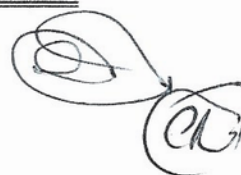
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Buxton & District u3a (Registered Charity Number 1072478)**Balance Sheet - From 01/01/2025 to 31/03/2026**

As of 31 Mar, 2026

Detail	Total
Cash at bank and in hand	
Manchester Credit Union	0.00
NatWest Business Current Account	6,430.80
NatWest Liquidity Manager 35 Day	48,854.38
Total for Cash at bank and in hand	£55,285.18
Current Assets	
Customer Accruals	0.00
HMRC Gift Aid Accruals	1,127.00
Prepaid Expenses	663.09
Total for Current Assets	£1,790.09
Net Current Assets	£57,075.27
Liabilities	
Trade Creditors	
Accounts Payable	1,235.28
Total for Trade Creditors	£1,235.28
Current Liabilities	
Accruals	47.00
Baroness Bolsover Account	37.00
Bridge Group Account	350.00
Charabanc Account	1,683.22
Charabanc Customer Accruals	8.65
Charabanc Expenses in Advance	-837.00
Christmas Function Account	103.50
Gilbert & Sullivan Account Receipts in Advance	2,044.00
Harpurs Bistro Receipts in Advance	464.00
Needlework Group Account	29.22
Quizzes Account	79.17
Membership Fees in Advance	20,870.00
Supplier Accruals	0.00
Total for Current Liabilities	£24,878.76
Total for Assets Less Liabilities	£30,961.23
Surplus Funds	
Retained Surplus Funds on 01/01/2025	26,803.04
Surplus Funds for 2025/2026 Financial Year	4,158.19
Total Surplus Funds as at 31/03/2026	£30,961.23

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Charabanc Outings 01 January 2025 to 31 March 2026

Date	Destination	National Trust	Non NT	Reconciled	Trip Surplus / (Deficit)	JH	Difference	Notes
01/01/2025	Surplus B/Fwd				£1,441.02	£1,441.02	£0.00	
12/02/2025	Ashbourne and Carsington Water		£8.00	Yes	(£424.35)	(£424.35)	£0.00	
28/03/2025	Wentworth Castle	£18.00	£23.50	Yes	£474.65	£474.65	£0.00	
29/04/2025	Chirk Castle	£14.00	£31.00	Yes	£141.60	£141.60	£0.00	
20/05/2025	Trentham Gardens		£22.00	Yes	£115.00	£115.00	£0.00	
24/06/2025	Attingham Park	£16.00	£33.00	Yes	(£22.50)	(£22.50)	£0.00	
10/07/2025	Tabley House, Knutsford		£24.00	Yes	(£312.00)	(£312.00)	£0.00	
29/07/2025	Bomber Command, Lincolnshire		£26.00	Yes	(£13.00)	(£13.00)	£0.00	
19/08/2025	Floral Media, Newark		£38.00	Yes	(£111.00)	(£111.00)	£0.00	
10/09/2025	Southwell & The Time Keeping Machine		£26.00	Yes	£454.00	£454.00	£0.00	
01/10/2025	Greenfields Valley near Mostyn N Wales		£25.50	Yes	£48.17	£48.17	£0.00	Joint with Needlework; accounting is separate
22/10/2025	Rochdale Town Hall & Pioneer Museum		£42.00	Yes	£95.00	£95.00	£0.00	
28/11/2025	Tatton Park, Knutsford		£36.00	Yes	£159.70	£159.70	£0.00	
09/12/2025	Handforth Dean		£12.00	Yes	(£22.00)	(£22.00)	£0.00	
08/02/2026	York & York Sculpture Trail		£19.00	Yes	£376.00	£376.00	£0.00	
10/03/2025	Rufford Old Hall	£27.35	£15.00	Yes	£15.30	£15.30	£0.00	
24/03/2026	Rufford Old Hall	£27.35	£15.00	Yes	£180.00	£180.00	£0.00	
29/08/2025	Less Trips Not Completed							
27/03/2026	Administration Costs not Attributed to a Trip			Yes	(£912.37)	(£912.37)	£0.00	
Overall Total					£1,683.22	£1,683.22	£0.00	

Buxton & District u3a (Registered Charity Number 1072478)

Income & Expenses 01/01/2025 to 31/03/2026

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Total
Income																
Dividends Received		1,534.20												1,400.87		2,935.07
Gift Aid														1,127.00		1,127.00
Gifts and Donations Income											1,060.00	39.50		1,012.00	2.00	2,113.50
Grants											444.00					444.00
Investment Income										59.90	54.60	64.45	52.58	47.08	75.77	354.38
Membership Fees	6,465.00	4,042.00	13,304.00	3,764.00	225.00	141.00	315.00	263.00	264.00	288.00	185.00	24.00	96.00	82.50	24.00	29,482.50
Teas at Monthly Meetings														120.00		120.00
Uncategorised Receipt					5.00					45.00	(50.00)					0.00
Total Income	6,465.00	5,576.20	13,304.00	3,764.00	230.00	141.00	315.00	263.00	264.00	392.90	1,693.60	127.95	148.58	3,789.45	101.77	36,576.45
Expenses																
Accounting Software Expenses												42.30	2.88		86.64	131.82
AGM Expenses			83.46													83.46
Beacon Training Expenses		180.00	99.60													279.60
Committee Expenditure	51.30		163.23	67.74	185.74	77.80	0.00	72.49	163.00	63.00	63.00	63.00	34.00	63.00	260.40	1,327.70
Communications and Publicity		178.82			99.14					228.00	54.06					560.02
General Meeting Expenses	54.00		174.00	68.00	116.00	66.00	66.00	0.00	116.00	146.00	91.00	0.00	66.00	66.00	136.00	1,163.00
Group Expenditure																
Table Tennis Group	312.00	347.95	338.00		286.00	676.00	338.00	338.00	338.00	364.00		598.00	338.00	312.00	338.00	4,923.95
Bridge Group	192.00	95.60	568.00	420.00	336.00	336.00	420.00	(174.00)	216.00	270.00	216.00	162.00	216.00	216.00	216.00	3,695.80
Dance Group	108.00		360.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	132.00	198.00	198.00	198.00	2,778.00
Croquet Group					180.00	610.00	405.00	180.00	135.00							1,410.00
Kurling Group											584.94	160.00	120.00	160.00	200.00	1,224.94
Singing Group	51.30		173.40	42.00	42.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	84.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	87.00	129.00	120.00	1,193.70
Crochet Group	34.20		152.40	84.00	84.00	84.00	42.00	0.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	42.00	42.00	84.00	118.50	1,019.10
Needlework Group					84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	42.00	84.00	84.00	142.50	940.50
Italian Group	34.20		152.40		84.00	84.00	42.00	0.00	84.00	84.00	84.00	42.00	42.00	84.00	84.00	900.60
Ukulele Group								340.00	100.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	900.00
Gardening Pure and Simple				277.50						60.00	120.00	60.00	90.00	90.00	67.50	765.00
History Group	33.00		99.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	0.00		33.00	66.00	66.00	66.00	33.00	66.00	66.00	726.00
Mindfulness Group							168.00	168.00	168.00	84.00						588.00
Mahjong Group					204.00	153.00	204.00	(136.00)	98.00							523.00
Photography			42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	0.00	42.00	42.00	42.00	604.00
Flower Group	34.00		68.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	34.00		34.00	34.00	34.00	0.00	34.00	34.00	34.00	442.00
Bridge Beginners Group													120.00	120.00	120.00	360.00
Poetry Reading Group			90.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	330.00
Creative Writing Group		20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	0.00	20.00	20.00	260.00
Croquet Beginners Group								120.00	120.00							240.00
Latin Group					73.50	73.50	0.00	73.50	0.00							220.50
Family History		0.00	0.00	0.00				80.00								80.00
Adventures in Good Music											63.57					63.57
Total for Group Expenses	798.70	463.75	2,053.20	1,263.50	1,753.50	2,485.50	2,017.00	1,353.50	1,858.00	1,610.00	1,816.51	1,524.00	1,546.00	1,739.00	1,868.50	24,088.66
Licences																
Beacon Licence	113.25			490.00												603.25
CLA Licence		67.21					69.37									136.58
SiteWorks Licence				50.00												50.00
Total for Licences	113.25	67.21	0.00	540.00	0.00	0.00	69.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	789.83
Printing, Postage and Stationery																
Printing, Postage and Stationery	59.75	94.07	41.88			36.01	82.46		21.99		30.18		27.65	69.16	174.53	637.68
TAM Magazine	218.50			938.19											(43.20)	1,113.49
TTAT Subscription	411.00				1,832.00											2,243.00
Total for Expenses	1,706.50	983.85	2,615.37	2,815.43	3,986.38	2,665.31	2,234.83	1,425.99	2,158.99	2,047.00	2,054.75	1,629.30	1,676.53	1,937.16	2,480.87	32,418.26
Net Surplus/(Loss)	4,758.50	4,592.35	10,688.63	948.57	(3,756.38)	(2,524.31)	(1,919.83)	(1,162.99)	(1,894.99)	(1,654.10)	(361.15)	(1,501.35)	(1,527.95)	1,852.29	(2,379.10)	4,158.19

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