

Brackley and District u3a
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Thursday 21st May 2026
at the Baptist Church, Brackley

Welcome

Janet Blunden, Chair, welcomed the members to the AGM

Apologies

Jean Bazeley, Caroline Dunning, Irene Page, Penny Williams, Avril Pigott

Minutes of the last AGM held on 21 November 2024

Approved with no amendments

Matters Arising

None

Chair`s Report

Janet Blunden thanked the members of Brackley u3a for spreading the name, which has resulted in a membership of 470. She also thanked the Committee, some of whom are stepping down today after being on it for several years, namely Colin Gillies, Mike Shepherd, Diane Bushell, June Addison and Gill Zachar.

Janet also thanked those who have been elected to support her for the next year, who will strive to work hard to continue the commitment to you and keep the motto of the u3a which is to Learn, Laugh and Live.

Janet explained her personal project is to continue making the residents of Brackley and surrounding villages aware of our existence. She hoped that, with your help, she achieved this in some way by taking part and laying a wreath in the Brackley`s Remembrance Sunday Parade, Traditional Dancing on the Market Square on May Day morning and by joining the Syresham Short Mat Bowls club who were under threat of closure. Some of the members have now joined our u3a.

There are now 44 groups which can be joined. Janet thanked the Group Convenors for maintaining their groups and providing a variety of activities for the members. Janet asked the members to continue to spread the word about u3a

u3a and felt we should and do welcome more people to join and keep the organisation flourishing.

Treasurer`s Report

Financial Statement. Conrad Dower asked the meeting to approve the Financial Statement which was carried by a majority.

Adoption of the New 2021 Constitution. This provides a tighter legal framework whilst providing more flexibility for the executive committee to work within. A majority agreed to accept the proposal to adopt the New 2021 Constitution.

Election of Trustees. Conrad explained the four legal requirements, i.e. Janet Blunden (Chair), Conrad Dower (Vice Chair) John Underwood (Treasurer) and Kathy Hodges (secretary), and other Trustees, i.e. Alison Williams, John Moore and Elaine Yates. The Committee are also looking to co-opt volunteers as Member Liaison and Publicity officers (who would not be obliged to be Trustees) and Conrad and Janet asked anyone who might be interested to speak to them. All the members present approved the Board of Trustees.

Questions No questions had been received.

Any Other Business None

The Committee for 2026/27 is as follows:

Chair	Janet Blunden
Vice Chair/Business Secretary	Conrad Dower
Treasurer	John Underwood
Membership Secretary	Elaine Yates
Programme Officer	John Moore
Groups Co-Ordinator	Alison Williams
Minutes Secretary	Kathy Hodges
Publicity Officer	Vacant
Members` Liaison	Vacant

The AGM concluded at 10.10am

Date of next AGM 20th May 2027

Approved by:

