



**BROXBOURNE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE**  
Charity no. 1090504

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025 AT 10.15AM AT THE SPOTLIGHT**

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming members to our 24<sup>th</sup> AGM.

1. **Minutes of Previous Annual General meeting** held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were confirmed, signed and dated.
2. **Matters Arising** : none
3. **Chairman's Report** : (included in the Trustee Report kept on file by the Secretary and available to view on the Broxbourne u3a website) The Chairman said the last year has been challenging, particularly with the sad loss of some committee members, and our thoughts go out to their families and friends. Membership numbers, although not back to pre-Covid levels, are increasing, and relationships with neighbouring u3a groups are continuing to develop through the East Herts Network of u3as. Thanks were given to group leaders for their commitment and to the team of volunteers (RUGS) who work hard each month to ensure the monthly meetings run smoothly. She also thanked the committee for their support during the last year. Proposed by Mike Sutterby, seconded by Pam Watkins. Carried.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** (included in the Trustee Report – see above). The Treasurer commenced his report by saying he returned to the role last July when his successor sadly passed away. With significantly fewer members, due to Covid, our income from membership fees continues to fall. However during the current financial year the Treasurer will submit a Gift Aid claim for 2022/23 which will help to redress the balance a little. Significant items of expenditure were the Capitation fees and Hall Hire charges (mainly Spotlight) totalling approximately £6,000. Whilst we have again been granted a 10% subsidy by the council this year, at the same time they have increased their hire charges for Spotlight. Currently our financial position is healthy but costs will inevitably rise so we need to see an increase in membership numbers to avoid raising the fees. The Treasurer then presented the accounts for the year ending March 2025, details of which were on the screen, and these were received, approved and adopted. Proposed by Joan Driscoll, seconded by Lesley Harrison. Carried.
5. **Re-appointment of Examiner of Broxbourne u3a Accounts** : Diane Bolland was re-appointed. Proposed by Yvonne Whitehurst and seconded by Bob Buckley. Carried.
6. No proposals were received.
7. **Election of new Committee Members to fill any vacancies** :  
Mike Sutterby - Proposed by Les Hickford, seconded by Wendy Hickford. Carried  
Liz Burdett - Proposed by Alan Cudd, seconded by Susan Brock. Carried  
Barbara Cordina - Proposed by Bernie Cove, seconded by Susan Cove. Carried  
Jenny Murtagh - Proposed by Jane Burr, seconded by David Gostellow. Carried

Barbara Cordina spoke briefly and thanked Jenny and her team for their hard work on the committee. She said she was delighted to be Chair, looking forward to finding out what members want, and said she is always available to listen to ideas and criticisms from u3a members. She has previously held roles within the East of England Region and the Third Age Trust and has also been Chair of Lea Valley u3a. Barbara emphasised above all u3a must be fun and enjoyable.

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Signed as a true record of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025