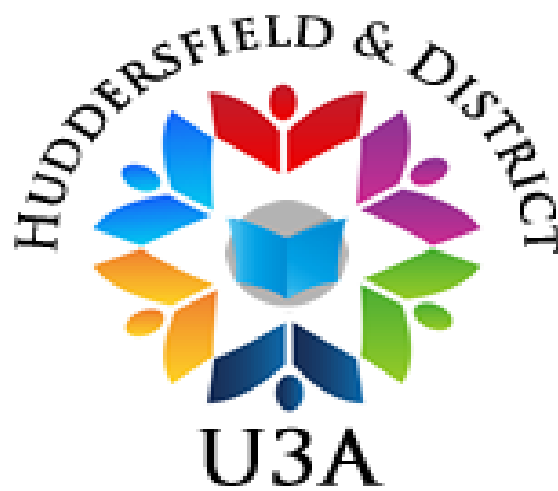


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Chair's Spring 2026 Letter

Dear Members

We will already be well into 2026 by the time this newsletter reaches you. Hopefully it is promising to be a good year.

As always our thanks must go to all our tutors, office volunteers and event organisers, in whatever capacity, who make our U3A such a well regarded organisation.

Since the Autumn Newsletter three highly successful events have taken place. Thanks to Mike Scholes we held a Gala Concert immediately after the AGM which was very much enjoyed by the many members who attended. Secondly, our Carol Service showcased the talents of our choirs and music groups and perhaps will encourage more members to participate in future. This was once again organised by Lesley Baxter to whom we owe a vote of thanks and appreciation. Third, a trip to Port Sunlight and Liverpool organised by Gilly Markham proved so popular that two coaches were needed. Possibly an indication of how future trips could be approached.

Our discussions about affiliation with the national U3A body and the adoption of their office software, reported in the Autumn Newsletter, were temporarily suspended during the changes in committee membership but are now set to resume.

We were saddened to receive the resignations from the committee of Dr Dallas Cliff and Alison Newbery. Dallas had been a committee member since 2015 and Chair since 2019. During this time in addition to constant liaison with many tutors as a very responsive chair, he led our successful 40th anniversary celebrations, successfully relaunched a programme of Spring Talks and was instrumental in combining the AGM with the Gala Concert. At the same time he was tutor to two bridge groups. Dallas is much missed by the committee but is planning to continue as a tutor and organiser of the Spring Talks. Alison has been a key member of our office administration team since 2012 and was a proactive committee member for nine years.

However, we are pleased to welcome Monica Plested, Mark Robinson and Christopher Newbery to the committee.

Following the resignation of the former Chair it was agreed that Isabel Foster, a long-standing committee member, and Christopher Newbery will share the offices of Chair and Vice-chair pro tem.

Our membership numbers continue to decline very slowly as they have over a number of years. We thank John and Sue May for organising our publicity but we also rely on members to spread the word about the attractions of joining our organisation. Spreading the word about new tutors and classes would also be very valuable – please talk ideas over with possible tutors and subjects.

Finally as we increased class fees for the last financial year the committee has agreed to leave them as they are currently set but to increase the subscription by £1 to £19.

Best wishes

Christopher Newbery and Isabel Foster

Interim Joint Chairs

Huddersfield & District U3A

Dates to Note

Tutors' and Volunteers' Lunch

Wednesday 18 February 2026 at 11.00

United Reformed Church, Moldgreen, HD5 8AA

Personal invitations will be sent to all current tutors, volunteers and life members

AGM 2025/2026 and Gala Concert

Wednesday 28 October 2026 at 2.00

Doors open 1.30

United Reformed Church, Moldgreen

Please note that you must be a 2026/2027 Huddersfield & District U3A member to attend the AGM. You will be required to sign in and produce your membership card

Carol Service

Tuesday 8 December 2026 at 10.30

Huddersfield Parish Church of St Peter's

Please bring your friends

Items for the Autumn Newsletter

Closing date 28 August 2026

Please send any items for inclusion in the Newsletter to the office no later than Friday 28 August 2026

Review and Increase of Fees for 2026/2027

As stated in the chair's 2026 Spring letter, as we increased class fees for the last financial year the committee has agreed to leave them as they are currently set but to increase the subscription by £1 to £19.

Subscription year 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

There is a **subscription renewal** form at the end of this newsletter.

The subscription cost is £19 annually per member.

Class fees 2026/27 remain the same as last year, £20 per term for most classes, £23 per term for Wood Carving and Acoustic Guitar and £25 for 15 sessions for the mixed choir.

- Members will be sent their **2026/27** membership cards as soon as they renew. Your membership number remains the same.
- Everyone recorded on our database at the end of January 2026 will be sent a prospectus during June 2026 **BUT** prospectuses will go to renewed members first followed about three weeks later to everyone else.
- People will **not** be able to enrol for any classes **including Summer 2026** until they have renewed their 2026/27 subscriptions.
- There is an enrolment form for **Summer classes 2026 only** at the end of this newsletter.
- Renewed members **cannot** yet enrol for Autumn and Spring classes but will be able to do so **immediately on receipt of their prospectus** in June.
- In June if you have **not** renewed but wish to enrol for classes **send your subscription with the class enrolment form from the prospectus.**
- **New members must complete a full application form.**

Reminder! Please alert us to any changes of address, email or phone number

Booking Classes

Please remember that some classes fill up well before the start of each term so for popular classes apply immediately you receive the Spring newsletter for Summer 2026 classes and as soon as you receive your prospectus for Autumn and Spring 2026/7 classes.

BUT members are reminded that Autumn 2026 and Spring 2027 classes are **not** open for booking until after the new prospectus goes out in late June 2026.

In 2025/2026 we have had a number of disappointed members who could not get into the Spring session of the class that they had attended in the Autumn as it was full. If you plan to attend both Autumn and Spring sessions of classes you are strongly advised to book and pay for them both at the same time. We always operate a first come first served policy on entry to classes and no places are booked without our receipt of the class fee.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid is a tax relief which allows UK registered charities to reclaim an extra 25% in tax for every eligible donation made by a basic rate UK taxpayer to the charity. Gift Aid allows individuals, who are subject to UK income tax, to complete a simple, short declaration that they are a UK taxpayer. This declaration is incorporated into the U3A membership/renewal form and all eligible members are asked to ensure that they have completed this section before they submit the form to the office. Currently there are approximately 500 members who have not completed the declaration that they qualify to participate in the UK Gift Aid scheme and therefore the U3A could be losing out by well over £1000 per year by not being able to reclaim all eligible tax relief.

Donating through Gift Aid doesn't cost you any extra on top of what you pay as your annual subscription to the U3A but it does mean that the U3A can claim back that extra 25% in tax relief.

Note: Gift Aiding your donations to U3A does not prevent you from Gift Aiding to other charities.

Please ensure that you complete the Gift Aid section of the membership form on your next renewal.

Our Facebook Group

If you are on Facebook, search for Huddersfield & District U3A. This is a space where you can share U3A related information, photos and videos of classes, anything people will find interesting.

Please take a look, and feel free to add to it – it's not difficult but help can be provided if you need it. Email the office for support.

Requirements for Membership of Huddersfield & District U3A

There are no age limits but Huddersfield & District U3A welcomes people in their 'third age' - retired or semi-retired. For this reason our organisation attracts a lot of members aged 50 and over. **However, there is no lower age for membership.**

Volunteer Appeals

Spring Talks coordinator/support

We would welcome anyone prepared to volunteer to help coordinate/organise the talks for 2027. Help and assistance would be available. Please contact the office initially.

Trips

Rather than having a designated trips organizer, we are looking to have members organize one-off trips of interest to other U3A members, along the lines of the very successful trips to Liverpool organized in 2025 by Gilly Markham. Do let the office know if you have any ideas and are willing to organize a trip, we will give you any support needed.

Nifty Needlepeople needed!

Two of our most popular classes are in danger of closing for want of a tutor. The tutor of both Embroidery and Handicrafts, and Patchwork and Quilting, is needing to step down. The classes will have to stop after the Spring term unless someone steps forward. They could run as self help groups if no-one feels they have the expertise to lead, but we still need someone (or two people together) to be responsible for looking after either one or both of the classes.

If you feel you could help out, please let the office know.

New Classes and Tutors

As an organisation, we will flourish if new ideas and new classes are introduced so let us know of any potential new tutors or class ideas out there. We used to have flourishing gardening and geology classes. What about other suggestions from members who can spot hidden talents in possible tutors?

New members – where are you?

Our membership is currently gradually declining and stays stubbornly around the 1000 mark. Of course there are varied reasons for this including age, ill health, the after effects of covid and working for longer. On the other hand the stresses of modern life suggest that many of us need to find diversions from the hurly burly. Why not as a member of U3A?

This is an appeal to all our members to spread the word particularly about the benefits of joining us – to plagiarise JFK - Don't ask what the U3A can do for you; ask what you can do for the U3A.

How can you help?

- In general conversation with friends and family check whether they have heard of the U3A.
- Draw attention to our website and Facebook page
- Distribute the flyer printed as the back cover of this newsletter anywhere you can to help raise our profile
- Always have one or two of our business cards in your handbag, pocket or wallet to hand out to potential new members giving the ways to get in touch. One is included in this newsletter with further supplies at the office
- Copies of the full prospectus are available on request
- Talk about your positive(!) experiences at classes, on walks or whilst performing with one of our music groups.

Summer Term 2026 Dates

U3A	Beginning	Ending	Half Term
Summer 2026	Monday 13 April	Monday 3 July	May 25 to 5 June (2 weeks)

Any differences to the above dates for particular classes will be in the class description or notified by the tutor at the start of the term.

Term Dates 2026/2027

U3A	Beginning	Ending	Half Term
Autumn 2026	Monday 21 September (Kirklees starts 1 Sept)	Friday 4 December (Kirklees ends 18 Dec)	October 26 to October 30
Spring 2027	Monday 11 January (Kirklees starts 4 Jan)	Friday 26 March (Kirklees ends 26 Mar)	February 15 to February 19
Summer 2027	Monday 26 April (Kirklees starts 12 April)	Friday 9 July (Kirklees ends 21 July)	May 31 to June 4

Safeguarding Report – 2026

As a voluntary organisation Huddersfield & District U3A recognises that the welfare of all its members is paramount and that all have equal rights of protection. Our Safeguarding Policy which receives the support of Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Policy (which incorporates the 2014 Care Act), was reviewed last year and can be viewed on our website. Basic awareness training is offered to all our volunteer tutors.

Please alert the office who will pass any requests for training to the safeguarding team.

Dementia Awareness

Dementia in all its forms is becoming an increasing part of everyday life and many more people are now living with dementia, whether as someone with the condition or as family and friends supporting those with the condition. As members of the U3A we are therefore likely to experience the impact of dementia in one or more ways.

As part of the U3A's commitment to raising awareness and knowledge of dementia, and as a step towards becoming a dementia friendly organisation, we have arranged 3 x 2 hour sessions during March, supported and delivered by the Kirklees Dementia Community Engagement Officer. These are

Weds 4 March - 10.30-12-30 pm – the Methodist Mission, Lord Street Huddersfield

Tuesday 10 March - 1.30-3.30 pm – the Methodist Mission, Lord Street, Huddersfield

Monday 23 March - 11.00 am-1.00 pm - Centre for Excellence, Knowl Park House, Crowtrees Road, Mirfield WF14 9PP

If you would like to attend one of the sessions, please contact the office as soon as possible, preferably by email, or on the usual number, stating your preferred session, to reserve your place. If you have already expressed an interest, you still need to let us know your preferred session, please.

Christmas Carol Service report 2025

On Tuesday 9 December U3A held their annual Carol Service at Huddersfield Parish Church, arranged for the 6th time by Lesley Baxter.

The service began with a welcome from the Vicar of Huddersfield Rev Rachel Firth

It then continued with the carol "Once in Royal Davids City".

There were contributions from the U3A Ladies' Choir and the Mixed Choir, both directed by Alan Brierley as Kim Kaye was unable to be present.

Returning guests Vintage Brass played "The Candlelight Carol" and also accompanied some of the congregational carols.

Volunteer members of the Mixed choir read the age old Christmas story “in a nutshell”.

The guest speaker Kelly Dungworth spoke about the work of Forget Me Not Trust. At the end of the service a bucket collection raised £604 for this well known local Charity providing vital support for families with seriously ill children.

(Each year the church service chooses a different local charity to support).

The service ended with a rousing rendition of “O Come all ye faithful” after which the congregation were invited to stay for coffee and biscuits served at the rear of the church – a good opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Ian Baxter

Trip

A Grand Day Out - Port Sunlight and Liverpool – the organiser’s view

When I was still teaching, I often ran trips to the Walker Gallery, Liverpool, as it has an excellent collection, showing the progression of painting through the centuries. I particularly enjoyed going to see the exhibition of John Moores (contemporary painting) competition winners. I decided I would go in 2025, 10 years since my last visit.

I had also seen that Jim Moir (Vic Reeves) had an exhibition of his bird paintings at Port Sunlight. I have watched his programmes on TV, and I enjoy painting birds myself, so a plan was hatched. (Pun definitely intended.)

To assess interest, Janet in the U3A office sent out an email to all members – within a week I had 92 replies. Two dates were offered and we had pretty full coaches on both days.

For those who have never been, Port Sunlight is a purpose-built village, provided by the Lever brothers to house those who worked in their soap factory. It’s a lovely place to wander around on a warm sunny day, but this was October. The Lady Lever Gallery houses paintings and decorative arts, primarily from the 19th century, and their temporary exhibition of Jim Moir paintings was of particular interest to many of us. Almost all his paintings had sold, though some of us did speculate as to whether they would have sold if he wasn’t a well-known personality. (Sorry Jim.) Most of the group spent their time in the Gallery and its very nice café. Some did venture to the museum across the road – a small museum which shows an interesting video about the history of the village.

A short drive under the Mersey conveniently pops out right by our next stop.

The Walker Gallery, Liverpool Central Library and World Museum are side by side here and are all worth a visit, but we didn't have time for everything, so people disappeared off in different directions. I headed for the John Moores Prize winners exhibition. I have to say that personally I was a little disappointed. If I had been on the selection committee, I think there would have been a greater variety of styles on show, nothing made me say 'Wow'. (Perhaps I'm just getting old and grumpy!)

Everyone seemed to enjoy their day out, the main complaint being that we could have done with more time in each location. Members all behaved well – so I might consider organising another trip in future. Thanks to John and Sue May who took charge of the second group.

Trips Trips Trips

If you have an idea for an outing that you think U3A members might enjoy, why not take on the challenge of organising. There is a bit of paperwork involved, but the U3A office has copies of letters, information sheets, risk assessments that can be adapted for other locations and I am happy to help with that if necessary. It would be great to see other members sharing their ideas for interesting venues.

Gilly Markham

Port Sunlight and Liverpool Trip Wednesday 22 October 2025 - a participant's view

The trip to Liverpool to visit the Lady Lever and Walker galleries was originally advertised with an either or date. The response was so large that a decision was made to run the trip on both dates.

I took the second date. we gathered as per instructions on a cool, dry, bright, day in Thornhill road. The coach arrived and we boarded. John and Sue May, our group leaders, counted heads. One short, only 5 minutes away. We waited 15 then we had to leave.

After a very smooth run , we arrived at the Lady Lever gallery in Port Sunlight. It was still dry but a sneaky, icy breeze greeted us as we alighted. Most headed for the gallery or its café. I am interested in the architecture of buildings as well as the art within. I walked around Port Sunlight first as rain was threatening to start. Having studied the different designs, I entered the gallery to view the interior, the paintings and other artifacts. There was a wide variety of genre and artists to be studied, admired or passed by quickly! I was just able to complete the tour and have a quick cup of tea before returning to the coach and off to central Liverpool. There are a great many interesting buildings in this city, which I have visited many times. It was now the Walker gallery and contents turn. The coach dropped us within yards of the

entrance. I became absorbed in all on offer. However, eventually giving in to fatigue I retreated to the café along with several others before the return journey.

It was great to sit back and leave the coach driver to do battle with the M62 rush hour traffic. We arrived back at Thornhill road at around [5.45.pm](#)

My thanks to Gilly for originally suggesting and organising the trip, to the office for the admin involved and to John and Sue May for leading the day.

A Participant

Gala Concert 2025

This year the Huddersfield U3A AGM was followed by a Gala Concert. The gala included contributions from all of the music making groups and demonstrated the sheer enjoyment and togetherness these bring to those who participate.

The Ukulele Group and the Guitar Group both gave plucky performances of a range of popular songs accompanied respectively by strummed ukuleles and guitars. Songs ranged from the Ukulele group's "The Young Ones" (very apt for U3A) to the guitar group's "Urban Spaceman". All brought a smile to your face. The two choral groups, the U3A Mixed Choir and the U3A Ladies' Choir, both contributed renditions of popular choral pieces. Highlights were the mixed choir's moving performance of "You'll Never Walk Alone" and the delivery of "Any Dream Will Do" by the Ladies' Choir. The last group contribution was by the Mixed Band. This comprises a much wider range of instrument than is usual for a swing band, and a strong vocal. Their session finished with a lively performance of the swing standard, "Can't Take My Eyes Off You". The concert's finale was an exhilarating rendition of "Make Your Own Kind Of Music" performed by all of the groups.

Thank you to all involved for a very enjoyable event.

Barry Eaglestone

Obituary

Brenda Willis

Brenda, who was very actively involved in Huddersfield U3A during the 1980s and 1990s, died on 9th October 2025. She tutored one of our French classes for twenty five years and was a member of the committee for over ten years, during which time she took on the roles of chair and vice-chair. We owe a debt of gratitude to Brenda and others like her who worked so hard to establish our thriving U3A.

Summer Activities and Classes – 2026

Classes start week beginning 13 April except for French Boules and Pickleball.

All bowling classes comprise 20 sessions at a total fee of £40. Bowling classes tend to ignore half term and Bank Holidays and run straight through for 20 sessions from their start date at the discretion of the tutor. Please remember that flat shoes must be worn for all bowling classes.

SU53 Thongsbridge Bowling Thongsbridge Bowling Club

Bernie Alsop

Wednesday 10.00 - 12.00

Two 10-week sessions. Please remember that flat shoes must be worn. Participants will need to provide two crown green bowling woods each but for new bowlers the club has a selection of bowls that they could try before buying their own. Our team of helpers includes Jane Herety and Geoff Alsop.

Cost £40

SU54 Wednesday Milnsbridge Bowling Milnsbridge Bowling Club

John Brook

Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00

Two 10-week sessions. Please remember that flat shoes must be worn. Beginners are welcome and there are sets of woods available if required but John asks that you let him know on 01484 652757 whether you can provide your own bowls.

Cost £40

SU55 Monday Milnsbridge Bowling Milnsbridge Bowling Club

John Brook

Monday 10:00 - 12:00

Two 10-week sessions. Please remember that flat shoes must be worn. Beginners are welcome and there are sets of woods available if required but John asks that you let him know on 01484 652757 whether you can provide your own bowls.

Cost £40

SU61 French Boules - The Huddersfield Way Tutor's Home

David Talboys

Wednesday 1.00 - 3.00

You will have the opportunity to play French Boules - a simple game with simple rules and easy to play - you just need 10% skill and 90% luck. (Sometimes the 10% skill is not that important!) Please phone David on 665843 for directions to his house in Netherton. NB If you were considering using the bus, there is a 15 min walk from the bus stop.

Start date Wednesday 1st July 2026 for 6 weeks

Cost: £20

SU62 Pickleball**Gregory Fields Tennis Club****Jackie Turnpenney****Friday 10.30 – 12.30**

Pickleball is a paddle sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis. It is played on a badminton sized court using a small plastic ball and paddles(bats). It is a fun, sociable game. Equipment will be provided. Experienced players and beginners welcome. It will run 10.30 -12.30 at Gregory Fields Tennis Club at Highburton. Any days missed through poor weather will be added at the end of the course. Please note that a minimum of 14 people is needed for the class to run.

Start Date Friday 8 May for 10 consecutive weeks**Cost £20****Indoor Summer Classes**

Please note that all Summer Class numbers start with SU.

Please do not attempt to enrol for Autumn Classes until after the prospectus goes out in June as we cannot enrol you. This creates an administrative burden in having to refund your money.

SU63 Painting and Drawing Workshop**Meltham Carlile Institute****Gillian Markham****Monday 10.00 - 2.00**

A self-help group for those interested in painting and drawing.

Cost: £20**SU64 Painting with Watercolours and Acrylics****Lindley Methodist Church****Liz Leighton****Wednesday 10.00 – 12.00**

At a most pleasant venue (with limited free parking at the venue or on nearby roads), this SELF HELP group welcomes new members who wish to start or continue to enjoy painting in watercolours and acrylics. Advice and support can be given by fellow class members where appropriate. To explore joining and for more information, please telephone Liz Leighton on 07951 556875

Cost £20**SU65 Chess****Tutor's Home****Norman Battye****Thursday 10.00 - 12 noon**

All are welcome but a basic knowledge of chess is required. We play and discuss laws, openings and tactics etc. Telephone Norman on 07815 448600. Come and enjoy Chess.

Cost: £20

SU66 Cliffe Carvers**Alan Secker****St Philip's Community Centre****Monday 10.00 - 12.00**

To advance and improve carving skills. A desire to produce beautiful things from wood is a necessary qualification. To anyone wishing to try out woodcarving but not possessing the required tools a beginner's set of chisels is available initially. If you are interested please contact the tutor on 01484 657508 before completing the enrolment form.

Please note the cost of this class is £23 for the term.

SU67 Acoustic Guitar for Beginners/Improvers**Alan Secker****St Philip's Community Centre****Monday 1.30 – 3.30**

The aim is to provide a basic grounding in guitar technique for beginners and people who have been playing for a few months. Four basic right-hand styles will enable you to play along with some well-known popular songs. Knowledge of music is not essential. A reasonable amount of practice time in between sessions will be indispensable. If you are interested please contact the tutor on 01484 657508 before completing an enrolment form.

Please note the term fee for this class is £23.

SU68 Mixed Band**Michael Scholes****Newsome Scout Hut****Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00**

The group ethos is based on helping each other to learn and enjoy playing together. If you're learning to play a musical instrument, can play or have played in the past then this is an opportunity to develop your skills through being part of a supportive group. The music comprises arrangements of popular songs which can then be tailored to suit a variety of instruments and levels of ability. Pieces are sent out in advance in notation and in audio files to listen to. The band has steadily grown over the years and is a mix of quite a few different instruments. If you are interested, please check with Mike on 07709 263597 before enrolling, that your instrument can be accommodated. **Cost: £20**

SU69 U3A Guitar group**Ian Jackson****Kirkheaton Community Centre****Wednesday 9.45 – 11.45**

A friendly band of musicians who love to play live music. We now have a line up of singers, guitarists, bass, drums and harmonica. We play everything from Elvis to Eagles. We need more strong singers, and welcome both female and male members, so if you are a budding Aretha, Whitney or Freddie, give Ian a ring on 07860 808154 for a taster session. We are now running official U3A classes through the Autumn, Spring and Summer terms, as well as meeting informally on other weeks. **Cost:£20**

Walking Groups

Many of our walking groups and the cycling group continue over the summer.

BUT if you intend to participate in either after 1 April 2026 **you must renew your membership subscription** as 1 April begins the new financial year. You must be a current member for 2026/27 to walk or cycle with Huddersfield & District U3A.

To contact walking group leaders, use the information on walking groups listed in the green prospectus and on the website until the new prospectus goes out in late June.

Class payment is not required for walking or cycling groups but fully paid up current membership is.

External Class

The following class is offered by Huddersfield Croquet Club. **Please contact them directly** if you are interested. The contact is one of the coaches, Marjorie Eldon, marjeldon@gmail.com , 0797 7718341.

The cost is £50 for the course, payable to the Croquet Club.

Why not try Croquet?

It's an outdoor activity involving skill, tactics and fun for all ages and abilities.

We are offering a 4-week course extended to 6 weeks for flexibility (holidays/illness).

It will run on Thursdays, 10:30 to 12:30, from April 23rd to May 28th
on the upper Bowling Green in Greenhead Park.

All necessary equipment will be provided, all you will need to play are flat soled shoes, and weather appropriate clothing.

Participants will learn the basic mallet strokes and use them in simple games leading to a grounding in Croquet skills appropriate for beginners in Association Croquet.

The course will be provided by Croquet England qualified Coaches in conjunction with Huddersfield Croquet Club.

Summer Activity and Class Enrolment 2026

Points to Note:

- **You must renew your membership** before you can enrol on any summer activities.
- Class payment is needed before we can enrol you for any class.
- This form should **only** be used to enrol for classes listed in this newsletter as some Summer classes noted in the prospectus have been withdrawn.
- Check this newsletter for any special instructions or changes to those listed in the prospectus.
- Once entered on the system you will receive a receipt for the classes in the usual way.
- An enrolment form for **Autumn and Spring classes** will be included in the 2026/2027 prospectus which will be sent out in late June.
- Do **not** try to enrol for Autumn and Spring classes until after the new prospectus goes out in June.

Methods of Payment

- *By Cheque:* Send in the completed form with your cheque made payable to **Huddersfield and District U3A**
By Bank Transfer: Put your U3A number in the 'reference' box **and** the number of the course for which you are booking.
Our bank statement will show the name of the bank account from which the money was sent so do not repeat it.
Bank details: Payment to: Huddersfield & District U3A,
Sort code: 40 – 25 – 10
Account No: 34017021

Return forms to:

Huddersfield and District U3A,
Aspin House, Block B, Station Road, Huddersfield, HD2 1UT
Tel: 01484 308482

2026 Summer Activity and Class Enrolment Only

Have you renewed your membership for 2026/2027?

Available 2026 Summer Activities and Classes, with special instructions for some, are listed on previous pages. Class codes for Summer start with SU

First Member

Name: _____ Member Number: _____

	Number	Class Name
1		
2		
3		

Second Member (If applicable)

Name: _____ Member Number: _____

	Number	Class Name
1		
2		
3		

Payment

Number	Cost	Total
	£20 per term for most classes	
	£23 per term acoustic guitar/woodcarving	
	£40 for 20 sessions - Bowling	
	Grand Total	

Paid by – Cheque enclosed ☐

OR Bank Transfer ☐

Signature _____ Date _____

Membership Renewal from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027

Points to note:

- Membership subscription is **£19** per person this year
- Membership payment is required to take part in Walking and Cycling groups
- Your membership card will be sent out when you renew
- If you are a UK Taxpayer, please help U3A by ticking the Gift Aid box
- Gift Aiding your subscription to U3A does not prevent you from Gift Aiding to other charities
- **NEW MEMBERS should complete a full application form available on the website or from the office**

Methods of Payment

- *By Cheque:* Send in the completed form with your cheque made payable to **Huddersfield and District U3A**

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Tel: 01484 308482

By Bank Transfer: Do **not** put your name in the 'reference' box as our bank statement will show the name of the bank account from which the money was sent.

- The 'reference' must be your U3A membership number. New members must send a full application form and put New in the reference box.
- **Bank details: Payment to: Huddersfield & District U3A,
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U3A Membership Renewal 2025/2026

Subscription

£19 each member

Please ensure that we have your current postal address, email address and phone number and alert us to any changes.

First Member

Full name: _____ Mem No: _____

Email address: _____

I agree to my subscription to U3A being treated as Gift Aid: ☐

By submitting this form I agree that U3A can hold my data in its database. Information will not be shared with any third party.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Second Member (if appropriate)

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Spread the Word!

It's surprising how many people don't know about our U3A even after 40 successful years here in Huddersfield and District.

Please help to spread the word and promote our organisation.

Cut off and use the small poster on the back cover to help.

Pass it on to a friend or neighbours, or put it in a local shop, community centre, church, business, hairdressers/barbers or gym – anywhere you can think of!

If you would like any hard copies of this flyer to distribute please let the office know.

A business card is enclosed in this newsletter showing ways to contact us.

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Thank you from our Publicity Team.



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