

Cramlington and District u3a

Committee Meeting

Date: 4 th August 2025 At: 3.00pm Venue: Chairpersons residence
Meeting Commenced 3.10
<u>Present:</u> Maggie Mitford, Brenda Blacklock, Issy Ferguson, Helen McGowan, Ros Davison Lesley Dawson, Irene Blackburn <u>Apologies:</u> Jennifer Smith, Anne Jones, Judith Moffat
<u>Guests:</u>
<u>Opening remarks:</u> MM thanked everyone for attending and explained that as the lift in the Hub is currently out of action the meeting was being held at her home. MM also advised that JM was currently unwell and unable to attend.

Item		Action by
1	<u>Minutes and matters arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">July minutes to be amended to show asset register is still requiredMM clarified that WI's are not all closing.Email sent to Ashington Age UK with link to Cramlington and District U3A which shows up to date information.	HM
2	<u>Chairs Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">As part of the international link within U3A's MM contacted a branch of the U3A in Australia, with a view to establishing a "pen pal link". A reply was received expressing an interest in the project. MM will announce at the monthly meeting and request that anyone interested leave their name and email address.There appears to be a problem across U3A's with succession planning. It would be advisable to have more than one person who could complete each task. If anyone is interested in shadowing another please let MM know. This will also be requested from other members at the Monthly meeting.MM thanked LD who is now the new group co-ordinator. A discussion was had on how to introduce and integrate. Possible get together around Xmas time with funds provided by U3A.The lift at the HUB is currently broken, if this continues for several weeks, as has been predicted, there could be problem holding some of the groups.	

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3	<u>Treasurers Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No info 	
4	<u>Business Secretary Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
5	<u>Membership Secretary Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have 135 members. 	
6	<u>Group leaders report.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was clarified that attendees must be a member of either Blyth or Cramlington to attend groups. 	
7	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U3A week is 20th to 28th September. It was decided that we wouldn't be celebrating this as a U3A as we haven't yet had any volunteers to help with organisation or ideas on events. Individual groups, if celebrating, should document and this can be added to the website. • Speakers have been booked up to July 2026. A discussion was held around fees charged by speakers. The conclusion was if a donation to charity was requested, this should be a minimum of £50. If a fee is request the maximum should be £100 including expenses. • Old laptops should be taken back to factory settings before being passed on. 	
10	<u>Friday arrangements</u> JM may not be available, RD has said she will cover if needed. HM and MM to do tech as JR is on holiday. Meeting ended at 17.10. Next meeting 8 th September 2025.	