

## Cramlington and District u3a

### Committee Meeting

Date: 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 At: 3.30pm Venue: Cramlington Hub Meeting Commenced 3.40
<u>Present:</u> Maggie Mitford, Brenda Blacklock, Anne Jones, Issy Ferguson, Sandra Indge, Jennifer Smith, Judith Moffat, Helen McGowan, Ros Davison, Lesley Dawson, <u>Apologies:</u> Irene Blackburn
<u>Guests:</u>
<u>Opening remarks:</u> MM thanked everyone for attending

Item		Action by
1	<u>Minutes and matters arising</u> It was clarified that both JM and JR will both keep an asset register.	HM
2	<u>Chairs Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Cramlington U3A has been nominated and shortlisted, in the group category, for the Love Cramlington awards. We have been invited to take 5 people to the awards ceremony in the Cramlington Hub on 28<sup>th</sup> October at 3pm. MM, HM, SI, IF and AJ will attend.</li><li>• Maggie Martin will be invited to our October monthly meeting, which will be held on 10/10/25, to talk to the group.</li><li>• MM advised that she had attended the Chairpersons forum. She advised the committee of the contents of the forum. The minutes are attached as an appendix.</li><li>• The Hub users meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for w.c 15/09. MM asked if anyone had anything to be mentioned at the meeting. If requested that her thanks be passed on as the staff are extremely helpful.</li><li>• MM advised that one of the members of the scribbler's group had a short story selected as runner up in the regional competition. MM will announce at the monthly meeting. Entries for next year are available online.</li><li>• The U3A September Newsletter is advertising online events. The cost of participating in the events is £12 per year.</li><li>• MM advised that as we had missed the Australian U3A meeting, the email addresses had not been passed to their group. This will be advertised at their next meeting. There are currently 10 members</li></ul>	

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	interested in corresponding with the group. This will establish an international group within Cramlington U3A.	
3	<u>Treasurers Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We currently have £4662.69 in the bank. This includes £265 for Genealogy outing to Durham, there is also £68.30 for the Wine group.</li> <li>• It was agreed that Line Dancing group leader would hold a £45 float to cover the cost of the room hire. If there is anything extra this would be given to the treasurer.</li> </ul>	
4	<u>Business Secretary Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The April 2026 meeting falls on Easter Monday. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> March as we would need to finalise arrangements for the 2026 AGM.</li> </ul>	
5	<u>Membership Secretary Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We currently have 136 members.</li> </ul>	
6	<u>Group leaders report.</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have been approached to ask if we would be interested in holding an armchair exercise class. Due to the cost involved and that the HUB already have 2 armchair warrior classes available, it was agreed that we would not take this forward at this time.</li> </ul>	
7	Christmas 2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Christmas 2025 meeting will be on 12<sup>th</sup> December.</li> <li>• Approach Doxford church to ask if we can use Room 2 on that day.</li> <li>• The Canny folk will play.</li> <li>• Do we have a buffet and if so should be charge and how much.</li> <li>• This will be first agenda item on October committee meeting</li> </ul>	HM    HM
8	<u>AOB</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SI advised that all speakers had now been booked for 2026.</li> </ul>	
9	<u>Friday arrangements</u> Usual arrangement applies.  Meeting ended 1700.  Next meeting 6 <sup>th</sup> October 2025.	