

Cramlington and District u3a

Committee Meeting

Date: 6 th October 2025 At: 3.30pm Venue: Cramlington Hub
Meeting Commenced 3.30
<u>Present:</u> Maggie Mitford, Brenda Blacklock, Anne Jones, Issy Ferguson, Jennifer Smith, Judith Moffat, Helen McGowan, Ros Davison, Lesley Dawson, Irene Blackburn <u>Apologies:</u> Sandra Indge
<u>Guests:</u>
<u>Opening remarks:</u> MM thanked everyone for attending

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1	<u>Minutes and matters arising</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maggie Martin will not be able to attend our October meeting as it is not her working day 	
2	<u>Christmas 2025</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to slimming world using the second room in the Church we cannot use that room for our Christmas meeting. We will need to use the main church hall. • As last year we are unable to have a buffet in the main church hall, therefore, the decision was made to have sweet treats and a hot beverage on arrival. • The Canny Folk will play in the Hall. • The December meeting will be for members only. • HM to check previous minutes to check who we bought gifts for last Xmas 	HM
2	<u>Chairs Report</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The regional U3A enquired if we would be interested in purchasing a shared Zoom License. MM declined. • Freda asked if we would promote a travel magazine. As with other requests we will not promote third party groups, but the magazine and leaflets will be displayed on the information table. • At the Hub users meeting several initiatives were announced. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Environmental group – talk called Petes Log 2. Audio group, book club 3. Halloween bingo 23rd October 2pm – 4pm Tickets priced at £10. 4. The Hub will be holding a Tech workshop. MM will give some dates in Nov, Dec, Jan and Feb, the Hub will advise when they would be able to accommodate. MM will then announce at the 	

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	<p>monthly meeting. If you attend, you should take along the device you require help with. The Tech team will then be able to assist.</p> <p>5. The Rotary Club advised that there is going to be a Northumbria Tapestry. They have applied for a £2000 grant, from National Lottery towards costs of design. There will be 12 panels measuring 5ft x 10ft each in size. The completed tapestry will be displayed in Alnwick castle and in Hexham abbey, possibly monthly, but this is to be confirmed.</p>	
3	<p><u>Treasurers Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At end of September, we had £4546.69 in the bank. On 5th October, when all bills were paid, we had £4389.70 banked. This includes £140 for Genealogy; there is also £68.03 for the Wine group. Line Dancing is holding £45 and Petty cash had £15.08. • 	
4	<p><u>Business Secretary Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing to report. 	
5	<p><u>Membership Secretary Report</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently have 136 members. • 92 members attend the September meeting with 6 visitors. • BB will purchase membership form; these are priced at £70 for 200. • BB will enquire with bank if there would be any charges for using a card reader and consider whether it would be worth investing in a machine. 	
6	<p><u>Group leaders report.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LD attended a group leaders zoom meeting and confirmed that carers could attend meetings for free when they accompany their client/relative. U3A insurance does cover this. • Other U3A groups ask members what their interest groups are and if they would be able to help at other groups. Cramlington U3A decided not to do this as it may stop people joining. • Some other U3A's group leaders use Beacon. Cramlington decided this would not be rolled out to our group leaders. Beacon is only used for holding membership details and send emails to all members. 	
7	<p><u>AOB</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The speaker for Friday has had to cancel due to personal circumstances. Paul Murphy, a U3A member has volunteered to give a presentation on Haemophilia and the "twinning of RVI and a centre in India. 	
9	<p><u>Friday arrangements</u> Usual arrangements apply.</p>	

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	Meeting ended 16.42. Next meeting 6 th October 2025.	

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