

Chairman's report for u3a 2025 AGM

Firstly, can I thank you ALL for coming and supporting this AGM of your u3a, it is good to see so many here. Secondly, I would like to thank your hardworking Committee for all the efforts they have put in on your behalf in managing it, they really do work hard in their various roles for your benefit. Thank you, Brian, Shirley, Will, Liz, Linda, Penny and our recent new group co-ordinator Sharon.

Also, Thanks must go to the Thursday meeting team who get the Hall ready for us and tidy up at the end and have booked interesting guest speakers, the Refreshment Team Ros Appleton who's not here today.

We need someone to stand as a speaker secretary or similar to book and arrange the monthly speakers as Jane Morris is standing down now, we really do need to fill this and others in the team ASAP, any volunteers??? We have guest speakers lined up until later this year but we need more for next year. If you hear of any talks that you think will be interesting let us know. We also need to appoint a Vice-Chairman; we have not had this role for a number of years and MUST get a volunteer coming forward to take it on...Please.

We have had a successful year, with bigger turnouts at monthly meetings and more attendances at group meetings. We have a number of new groups started, and more on the way.

Membership numbers are increasing each year and our finances are in good health allowing us to keep the membership subscription the same as last year.

I am a representative on the West Wales network and what I see from how other u3a's in the area operate, we can learn from them and have had some good ideas on what groups are successful.

I think that is about all from me, Thank you for listening.

Howard Lillyman Chairman