

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day 01	Month 04	Year 2025	To	Day 31	Month 03	Year 2026

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Leigh and District u3a

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1158866

Charity's principal address

c/o Treasurer	
23 Carr Common Road	
Hindley Green, Wigan	
Postcode	WN2 4TD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Susan Fowler	Treasurer		
Keith Anderton	Chair		
Yvonne Mills	Membership Secretary		
Stephen Pickthall	Speakers Coordinator		
Janet Lythgoe	Committee Member		
Iain East	IT Manager		
Vivienne Dolan	Diversity & Inclusion		
Jenny Allen	Social Secretary		
Jackie Anderton	Groups Coordinator		
Kathy Hopper	Social Media Officer		
Alan Murphy	Secretary		

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Constitution adopted at AGM on 6th June 2014 and revised at EGM on 16th February 2018.

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Association

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Trustees are either elected by the membership at an AGM in June or are invited on to the Committee prior to an AGM and elected initially by the Committee and the position is formally ratified by the membership at the next AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Leigh and District u3a is a member of the Third Age Trust, a national body representing u3as throughout the country and providing support for all u3a's.

Within that, Leigh and District u3a belongs to the North West Region of u3a's, which again provides advice and support within the region.

The Trustees are volunteers and receive no remuneration or other benefits

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To advance the education and in particular the education of persons not in full time gainful employment who are in their Third Age (being the period of time after the first age of childhood dependence and the second age of full time employment and / or parental responsibility) residing in Leigh and District and its surrounding locality

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Our activities are all in accordance with our stated objective and Trustees have taken into account The Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit.

We have offered educational services to our members by providing accommodation and support to groups of members wishing to pursue topics of interest.

In addition, we have held bi-monthly meetings with educational speakers and access to current information.

We have a website, Facebook and Instagram pages and occasional newsletters updating members and the public about our activities.

We provide people in the third age with the kind of social and mental activities which they experienced whilst working and through these activities, we promote their physical and mental wellbeing as they get older.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.



Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Our last Annual General Meeting was held on 20th June 2025 at our usual meeting venue (Leigh Miners Welfare Institute).

Our main activities are group learning organised by the members themselves over a range of subject areas including, as examples, Acoustic Guitar & Vocals, Astronomy, Book Reading, Creative Writing, Crime & Punishment, Mixed Crafts, Local History, Maths, Women in History, iPads, French, Italian, Line Dancing, Play Reading, Quiz Club, Ukulele and playing of musical instruments. All our groups meet regularly, but at least on a monthly basis.

In addition, our twice monthly social meetings, as well as providing information about group activities, have included invited speakers on a range of topics and our musical groups also frequently perform at them.

We organise trips out, usually once a month, to a range of interesting places, such as Floating Grace in Liverpool, Lytham Forties Festival and Rivington Barn. These often include coach travel but sometimes members make their own travel arrangements (e.g. for theatre trips).

We maintain our own web site and published a regular newsletter and have established Facebook and Instagram pages.

We have links with the local community, specifically Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust, the British Red Cross, the local Age UK, and Pensioners' Link, to provide training and support for our members.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Reserves are kept at minimum levels with the aim of never exceeding nine months' costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The main source of funds is member's subscriptions. We have also received a grant from the Wigan MBC Brighter Borough fund.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>Alan J Murphy</i>	<i>K. E. Anderton</i>
Full name(s)	Alan John Murphy	Keith Anderton
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Secretary	Chair
Date	17 May 2026	17 May 2026