

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Limebrook u3a held at the West Maldon Community Centre on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

- 1 **Present:** 81 Members, as shown on the Register. 1 guest was also present.
- 2 *Before starting the business of the AGM, Chairman Howard Corlett paid tribute to two long serving members of the committee who were standing down at this AGM.  
John Salisbury has been a committee member since Limebrook u3a was formed and Christine Steel has also been a long serving member of the committee. Howard thanked them both for their dedication and wisdom.*
- 3 **Apologies:** Brian and Linda Harris, Christine Payne, Barbara and Keith Horsley, Tina Foley, Dulcie Quinnell, Mandy Bugg, Marie Patient
- 4 **Approval of minutes of previous AGM:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Proposed: Paul Madge

Seconded: John Salisbury

The minutes were approved unanimously

### 5 **Chairman's Report** | *Howard Corlett*

As I end my second year as Chairman of Limebrook u3a, I am pleased to report another successful year with full membership capped at 225 members and a thriving and expanding number of interest groups. Our introduction of shared responsibilities in running interest groups old and new has proved to be a winning formula. We should all be grateful that our Coordinators dedicate some of their time to provide us with interesting and worthwhile activities.

Your Committee recently decided to increase our membership cap to 240 members, in part to try and accommodate people who belonged to Heybridge u3a. We still have some capacity for new members and this situation will be reviewed periodically.

We have been fortunate to enjoy another array of interesting and varied talks on subjects ranging from Colchester Zoo, food and how to poison people with arsenic and novichok. We have also delved into aspects of history including today's talk on Victorian poverty. I will never forget the day snakes came to the hall and a few of us overcame our fears. All of this is down to the hard – and sometimes frustrating - work carried out by Speaker Secretary David Sansom.

By convention, the chair person's report focuses on the positive and the future. I am going to break with convention now to emphasise the importance of volunteering to help run our u3a. We have just witnessed the closure of Heybridge u3a due to an inability to elect a committee. Although Heybridge was relatively small, all u3as regardless of size report difficulties in recruiting and retaining volunteers to serve on committees. We would welcome anyone who wishes to help in whatever capacity whether on the committee or not. For example, we still need a Publicity Coordinator to produce articles for Maldon Life and Maldon Nub News. Please don't let Limebrook's fate be the same as Heybridge's.

After 2 years as Chairman, I would like to thank the Committee and Group Coordinators for their support and commitment. Together we make it work.

**6 Treasurer's Report**      *Keith Parrott*

Registered Charity No: 1190566

Limebrook u3a has been able to maintain it's secure financial position largely due to the support and participation of you our members.

- The Main account shows a balance after accruals @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 of £4597.22
- The Theatre account has a balance after accruals @ 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 of £156.50.

In addition to the Cash balances shown, we are required to declare amounts being accrued for known future payments throughout 2025/26. These range from members subscription to National u3a, Third Age Matters magazine delivery, the cost of the Monthly meetings, including Speakers, refreshments and Admin costs.

All of this comes to you from your £20 subscription payment which we have been able to maintain for yet another year.

The monies in hand on the balance sheet included a reserve to fully meet 6 months of normal operation of Limebrook u3a, as defined by the Charity Commission.

GIFT AID: We thank those of you who have been able to give written consent for us to claim Gift Aid on your subscription payment now and in the future. If you are a taxpayer, it is a simple tick in the box on the membership form. With a majority of our members allowing us to claim Gift Aid this is a huge help in maintaining our low membership fee and a great benefit in these times of the rising prices of everything.

I would like to thank all of you who make your Membership or trip payments by BACS transfer or card payments at the monthly meetings. We can still accept cheques where this is your only option.

Thank you for working with us as it all makes a Treasurers life a little easier. Lastly my thanks to our Committee, Group Leaders and all members for supporting me in the role of Honorary Treasurer of Limebrook U3A.

**Approval of Accounts**

Proposed: John Ord

Seconded: Christine Steel

The accounts were approved unanimously

A copy of the 2024/25 Accounts are appended at the end of the minutes.

## 7 Election of Officers for 2025/26

Nominees had been received for the following positions:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Chairman	<i>Howard Corlett</i>	<i>John Salisbury</i>	<i>Christine Steel</i>
Vice Chairman			
Treasurer	<i>Keith Parrott</i>	<i>Jill Cutbill</i>	<i>John Ord</i>
Secretary	<i>Phil Page</i>	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>Edwina Ord</i>

The Chairman handed the meeting over to the Secretary who conducted the election of the Chairman for 2025/26. As there was only one Nominee no vote was required, Howard Corlett was duly elected. The members indicated their agreement.

The meeting was handed back to the Chairman who conducted the election of the remaining officers.

As there was only one Nominee for Treasurer, and for Secretary, no vote was required and Keith Parrott and Phil Page were duly elected. The members indicated their agreement.

## 8 Election of Committee for 2026/26

The following Nominees had been received:

	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Proposer</u>	<u>Second</u>
Member	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>
Member	<i>Tim Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>
Member	<i>Jo Madge</i>	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>	<i>David Sansom</i>
Member	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>Phil Page</i>	<i>Howard Corlett</i>
Member	<i>Edwina Ord</i>	<i>Paul Madge</i>	<i>John Ord</i>
Member	<i>John Ord</i>	<i>Edwina Ord</i>	<i>Paul Madge</i>
Member	<i>David Sansom</i>	<i>Jo Madge</i>	<i>Sandra Stubbings</i>
Member	No Nominee		
Member	No Nominee		
Member	No Nominee		
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Member	No Nominee		

As there were less than the maximum of 15 Members, no vote was required, and all Nominees were elected. The members indicated their agreement.

## 9 Any Other Business (previously notified to the Secretary)

None notified

**As there was no further Business**, the meeting was closed at 15:25

<b>Limebrook u3a</b>						
<b>Statement of Accounts: all accounts</b>						
<i>Printed 15th April 2025 16:08</i>						
<b>Income &amp; Expenditure, 1st April – 31st March</b>						
<i>Category</i>	<i>Start year</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2023</i>
<i>Category</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>	<i>In</i>	<i>Out</i>
Account Transfers	£ 168.05		£ 168.05	£ 1,036.00		£ 1,036.00
Card Reader fees			£ 40.90			£ 47.05
Committee expenses			£ 286.19			£ 648.73
Committee Hall Hire			£ 590.90			£ 693.60
Donations	£ 45.00			£ 162.00		
Family History	£ 42.00		£ 42.00			
Group Hall Hire	£ 422.40		£ 450.28	£ 443.40		£ 388.80
History	£ 2,223.70		£ 2,226.70	£ 1,452.50		£ 1,302.00
HMRC Charities	£ 802.56			£ 838.73		
Limebrook capital equipme			£ 770.88			
Membership	£ 4,300.00		£ 914.00	£ 4,835.00		£ 932.00
Payment to WRONG A/C	£ 20.00			£ 29.00		
Photography	£ 331.36		£ 303.36	£ 81.00		£ 81.00
RAG	£ 327.50		£ 447.50	£ 120.00		
Refreshments			£ 190.73	£ 0.36		£ 137.83
Social Science	£ 262.50		£ 234.95	£ 410.00		£ 184.28
Speaker payment			£ 814.10			£ 884.00
Theatre	£ 5,378.60		£ 6,369.54	£ 12,281.50		£ 12,501.00
Third Age Trust Trading			£ 681.28			£ 770.07
Trip payment	£ 320.00		£ 310.00	£ 178.00		£ 225.00
Sub-totals	£ 14,643.67		£ 14,841.36	£ 21,867.49		£ 19,831.36
Brought forward	£ 11,979.66			£ 9,943.53		
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 11,781.97</b>			<b>£ 11,979.66</b>
<b>Balance Sheet</b>						
Current			£ 11,625.47			£ 10,441.72
Theatre & Social			£ 156.50			£ 1,537.94
<b>Total</b>			<b>£ 11,781.97</b>			<b>£ 11,979.66</b>
<b>Accruals into 2025/26</b>						
Membership Capitation			£ 880.00			
TAM Subscription			£ 471.20			
Monthly Meetings & Speakers			£ 2,456.55			
Admin, Printing & Licences			£ 1,720.50			
Reserves			£ 1,500.00			
<b>Current: Cash in Hand</b>			<b>£ 4,597.22</b>			
<b>Theatre</b>			£ 156.50			
<b>Accruals into 2025/26</b>			£ 0.00			
<b>Theatre: Cash in Hand</b>			<b>£ 156.50</b>			