

Wanstead & Woodford u3a

Chairman's report 2024/25

Good morning and welcome to our annual general meeting.

It has been a very interesting year for the committee. I cannot praise them highly enough for the massive amount of work they have put in, to ensure the smooth running of the u3a group. I would also like to mention the convenors for all their hard work in making sure that there are activities for everyone to enjoy. Also our meeters and greeters and tea making team and Phil for continuing to edit the newsletter. Phil has asked me to ask the convenors and the membership if they had any articles for the newsletter.

Although not a u3a member, can I thank John Capsey, the caretaker, for all the work he does in putting out the tables and chairs and dealing with the equipment needed by the speakers always with a smile and happy outlook.

At present we have 490 members but there is still quite a large number who have yet to renew their membership.

Two of the areas the committee has been making strong progress in implementing are, Risk Assessment and Safeguarding. It is important to the u3a community as a whole that these measures are brought into being so that all members are protected.

Committee members who have retired this year include Bridget Robinson, Colin Rotbart, Sandra Reekie and Angela Scales and I wish them well in their retirement.

Into the future, we must continue with the implementation of the risk assessment and safeguarding policies and continue to update the Wanstead & Woodford u3a website. We are always happy to hear from members with ideas for new groups and offers to run them. We will continue to create a warm welcoming atmosphere, where everyone can feel able to contribute to the continuing success of our group.