Up Holland & District
Charity No: 1119682

MINUTES OF THE 21st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF

UP HOLLAND & DISTRICT U3A

HELD AT 10.00 AM ON 16th JUNE 2026 AT ST TERESA'S SOCIAL CLUB, UP HOLLAND.

Purpose:	**21st Annual General Meeting**		
Date & Time:	**16th June 2026 at 10.00 am**		
Meeting Place:	**St Teresa's**	**Minutes by:**	**Beth Turton**
Distribution:	**All current members of Up Holland u3a.**		
Date Issued:		**Approved for Issue:**	**V Garner**
Committee Members present:			
Val Garner	Chair	Neil Stevenson	Vice Chair
Beth Turton	Secretary	Kathy Higgins	Assistant Secretary
Alan Hough	Treasurer	Pauline Occleshaw	Assistant Treasurer
Anne Scott	Publicity Team Member	Stella Connor	Asst. Membership Secretary
Mo Eccles	Group Co-ordinator	Barb Beesley	Accessibility
Maz Logan	Beacon Manager & Publicity Co-ordinator		

Plus 75 members of Up Holland & District U3A

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance and for voting. The system of voting was explained by the Secretary. We have continued the use of online, postal voting and via the ballot box. This allows all our members to participate. Members were given the opportunity to submit any questions prior to voting – none were received. 183 votes have been received therefore all decisions are quorate. As the votes for all items were 182 For and 1 Against, the votes will not be read out for each item.

2. Minutes of the 20th AGM held on 17TH June 2025

The minutes, which had previously been circulated, were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Proposed: R Anderson **Seconded: A Harrison**

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the AGM 2025

There were no matters arising

4. Trustees' Report & Chair's Remarks

The Trustees' Report had been circulated to all members. No queries had been received.
The Trustees' Report was **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED (FOR: 182, AGAINST: 1)**

The Chair explained that, although from the figures within the report, it appeared that membership had remained almost the same, we had many new members. Unfortunately, we had also lost members due to bereavement, ill health or moves out of the area. We have had changes in Group Leaders but fortunately when Group Leaders have stepped down other members have come forward to take on that role.

The Chair thanked the Group Leaders, Committee members, Refreshment teams and RUG members and many more who work behind the scenes to support the u3a.

5. The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2025

The accounts and the examiner's report had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting. No questions or queries were received. Overall, the finances are in a healthy position with the contingency fund in line with charity commission recommendations.

The Accounts were **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED. (FOR: 182, AGAINST: 1)**

6. Independent Examiner's Report

The Independent Examiner was not present but confirmed that the accounts had been compiled accurately and efficiently by the Treasurer and Secretary and had been inspected, approved and signed by the Examiner.
The Report was **ACCEPTED** and **APPROVED. (FOR: 182, AGAINST: 1)**
The Chair thanked the Independent Examiner in his absence for taking on this task for our u3a.

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

An Independent Examiner for 2027 has not yet been appointed. The Treasurer will ask for committee approval when the new examiner is appointed.

8. Election of Honorary Officers to the Management Committee:

As there were fewer nominations than posts available the following were elected as Honorary Officers.
(FOR: 182, AGAINST: 1)

Honorary Officers Elected to the Management Committee 2026/2027			
Val Garner	**Chair**	**Neil Stevenson**	**Vice Chair**
Alan Hough	**Treasurer**	**Beth Turton**	**Secretary**

9. Election of Members of the Management Committee

As there were fewer nominations than posts available the following were elected as members of the Management Committee. **(FOR: 182, AGAINST: 1)**

Voting Members elected to the Management Committee 2026/2027			
Stella Connor	**Membership Secretary**	**Pauline Occleshaw**	**Assistant Treasurer**
Marion Logan	**Beacon Administrator Publicity Co-ordinator**	**Barb Beesley**	**Publicity & Social Media Support**

There are vacancies on the committee for the post of Assistant Secretary, Group Co-ordinator and Website Support & Social Media.
The new chair explained that we have one person who has expressed interest in the position of Assistant Membership Secretary and that Lesley Day, a fairly new u3a member, will be appointed to fill this casual vacancy at the next committee meeting.

10. Date of the Annual General Meeting 2027: **Tuesday 15th June 2027**

11. <u>Closing address from the Chair</u>

The Chair explained that we will now be a much smaller committee than last year, and that the Secretary will temporarily take on the role of Group Co-ordinator and other committee members will share responsibility for some of the other roles. The Chair explained that although Kathy Higgins was stepping down from the committee she will taking over from Mike Crickett as Webmaster and from Linda Hand as Speaker Secretary. Other committee members standing down have also offered their support whenever needed. The Chair asked them all to come forward and receive thanks from the members.

The Chair continued to explain that we are exploring ways of increasing our involvement in the local community and instead of having information stands each day during u3a week we are trying to promote the u3a and what it has to offer at local events. We have already visited a 'Chatty Café', held a plant sale at a local church and our next planned event is the Greenfayre in July. We are grateful for all the support we have been given to run these events.

Meeting closed at 10.22 am.

Signed: **Chair** **15.06.27**