

About Waterloooville u3a

Make the most of life and join more than 850 members exploring new ideas, skills and interests with Waterloooville u3a.

u3a is a UK-wide collection of 1000+ locally run interest groups that provide opportunities for those no longer in work, to come together to learn, socialise and have fun.

The key aims of Waterloooville u3a are to:

- Encourage and enable people no longer in full-time paid employment to help each other to share their knowledge, skills, interests and experience.
- Enable people to experience the pleasure of learning and socialising throughout life.
- Celebrate the capabilities and potential of retired people and their value to society
- **Learn** – u3a members are busy learning new things and staying active. There is so much to do – your choice is endless.
- **Laugh** – so here's the thing; u3a is really good fun. You have opportunities to follow your interests and make great friends along the way.
- **Live** – our members are experiencing new things and finding ways to make the most of life.

What does Waterloooville u3a offer?

With nearly **100 interest groups** to choose from, you will find something to be part of. Our groups range from Archaeology to Wine Tasting. Each group is coordinated by a volunteer member. Group meetings vary in frequency, size and location, meeting indoors and outdoors as appropriate. There is no limit to the number of groups members can join, providing there is a vacancy. When groups are full there is usually a waiting list and spaces are offered to whoever has been waiting the longest. A 'taster' session is offered for the first time you attend. To find out about groups, please contact Groups Liaison: Email: groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Monthly Meetings are usually held at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, London Road, Waterloooville PO7 7SR on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. (except Dec). Each month there is a guest speaker; we have enjoyed diverse topics from '40 Years of Catching Smugglers' to a 'Victorian Magic Lantern Show'. The meetings are welcoming and friendly and include light refreshments and the opportunity to socialise and meet new friends.

Coffee mornings are held at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre from 10.00 am to 11.30 am on the second Monday of the month. These meetings are another opportunity to meet socially and give new members a chance to find out more about Waterloooville u3a. Committee members are always available to answer questions.

A monthly Waterloooville u3a News Bulletin provides members with immediate information on local and national u3a events and updates on our Interest Groups. We also have a **website** and **Facebook** page.

The Third Age Trust (national office to which Wu3a is affiliated) issues an interesting national magazine 5 times a year. This contains news of u3a activities nationwide and Waterloooville members have featured a few times.

How are we organised?

Waterlooville u3a is a registered charity and is overseen by a volunteer committee comprising of up to 12 Trustees who meet monthly. Committee members are elected at the Annual General Meeting to stand for 2 years. The committee is responsible for general policy, administration and leadership and controls the affairs and property of the u3a.

I am interested . . . how do I join?

You can join at any of our monthly meetings or coffee mornings. Alternatively, download a membership form from our website. Please send a cheque together with the form, or make an online bank transfer and send your form by email. (Addresses on form)

Annual membership (2023/24) of Waterlooville u3a is £15 (single) or £25 (joint – two members at same address) and includes attendance at monthly meetings and groups. Some groups make a small charge to cover expenses such as hire of a room, entrance charges, tutor expenses etc.

If you are a UK taxpayer please consider Gift Aiding your subscription. This gives Wu3a an extra 25% at no extra cost to you and helps to keep our subscription costs down.

The membership year starts in July. For those joining after 1st April membership will be valid until 30th June of the following year.

If you would like any further information, please contact our Membership Secretary :

Email : members@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk

Telephone : 07769 266879

Equality of Opportunity

Waterlooville u3a is committed to equality of opportunity and is an inclusive organisation.

Privacy Statement

Waterlooville u3a requires members to provide their personal information so that you can be kept informed about events and activities that are offered as part of your membership. In collecting your information Waterlooville u3a will handle it in compliance with the provisions of GDPR.

Member Code of Conduct

When members join, we ask them to sign up to a code of conduct, as it is important for all our members to feel safe and secure at all u3a groups and events and in their communication with Waterlooville u3a.

Useful Web links

www.u3a.org.uk (national website)

www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk: This provides lots of additional info about Wu3a and our groups' events and activities.

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