

5.	<p>Membership Secretary's report: Chris reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership now stands at 538. • New members added as follows: May - 2; June - 14; July - 8, August - 5. • The yearend position to 31 August 2025 indicates a net increase in membership of 16 over the year following resignations, lapsed and members now deceased. • The renewal process went well and new membership cards and programmes were printed and sent out in the usual way. 		
6.	<p>Interest groups: Geri reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A very successful Group Leaders lunch was held on 15/7/2025. 16 groups were represented. • Social Bridge group have confirmed the assets they hold. • Tables to promote Groups at monthly meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Quilting group successfully displayed at the July meeting and attracting several new members. ○ Craft Group aiming for October meeting. ○ Book group intend a book sale at November meeting. ○ Flower arranging group intend to display at the January meeting. • Ann Hunter is preparing to launch her Short Walks with Talk group in the autumn. • Committee confirmed that the U3A insurance covers group activities in 3rd party properties such as village halls. • Had a request to see if the u3a would be interested in supporting New Green Croquet Club. Committee agreed that members be encouraged to do so on an individual basis. • Sue A reported that the play reading group have been successful in getting a play written by a member to be performed at the John Mills Theatre in the autumn. 		
7.	<p>Beacon Management System update: Stephen reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only 4 groups now not using Beacon to aid their activities. • Noted that total group membership is 520, however many members belong to more than one group. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen /Chris updating membership template to include provision for opting out of email communications. • A member is using a free app “Boxbe” to filter emails. Committee agreed not to engage with Boxbe protocols meaning the member may no longer receive U3A emails. 		
8.	Events –theatre and garden visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No actual report but noted the events/visits page on the web site displays the currently available events only. 		
9.	Any other business: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agreed to the title “Interesting visits” for this group. Sue K will administer this group. 		
10.	Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 November 2025 at 13.30pm, Bowden Room, New Green Centre, Thurston.	All to note	
11.	Meeting closed at: 13.15.		

Signed:Chair

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