

## About Waterlooville u3a

Make the most of life and join more than 1,000 members exploring new ideas, skills and interests with Waterlooville u3a.

u3a is a UK-wide collection of 1000+ locally run organisations that provide opportunities for those who semi-retired or no longer in full time work, to come together to learn, socialise and have fun.

### The key aims of Waterlooville 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 Waterlooville u3a offer?

With over a **100 interest groups** to choose from, you will find something to join. 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, then we try to start another group. 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](mailto:groups@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk)

**General Meetings** are usually held twice a month. The first one is held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Baptist Church in Cosham (not in August) - Cosham Baptist Church, Havant Road, Cosham PO6 2QZ.

The second one is held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at the Sacred Heart Church Hall in Waterlooville (not in August and December) - Sacred Heart Parish Centre, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR. Each month there is a different guest speaker for each venue.

Both talks start promptly at 2.00pm, lasting about 50 minutes with a Q/A each time. Cosham venue runs 2.00pm to 4.00pm and Waterlooville runs from 2.00pm to 3.30pm.

We have enjoyed diverse topics from '40 Years of Catching Smugglers', to a 'Victorian Magic Lantern Show'. The meetings are welcoming and friendly, they also include light refreshments at the conclusion of the talks and the opportunity to socialise and meet new friends.

**Coffee mornings** are held from 10.00 am to 11.30 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at the Sacred Heart Parish Centre, London Road, Waterlooville PO7 7SR. These meetings are open to members and visitors alike, which gives another opportunity to meet socially and gives new members a chance to find out more about Waterlooville u3a. Committee members are always available to answer questions.

**A monthly Waterlooville 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.

**National office** issues a national magazine 5 times a year called *u3a Matters*. This contains news of u3a activities nationwide and Waterlooville members have been featured on several occasions.

## **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 3 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 General Meetings or coffee mornings. Alternatively, download a membership form from our website. You can fill it in on-line and send it electronically, or print it out, complete and send it in by post, or in person at meetings. Our preferred payment method is by bank transfer, but the range of payment methods with details can be found on the form.

Annual membership of Waterlooville u3a is **£15 – single**; or **£25 – joint**; that is, two members at same address. The fee includes attendance at General 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 Waterlooville u3a an extra 25% at no extra cost to you and helps to keep our subscription costs down.

The membership year runs from 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> June. For those joining from 1<sup>st</sup> June, 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](mailto:members@waterloovilleu3a.org.uk)

## **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.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk](http://www.waterloovilleu3a.org.uk) This provides lots of additional information about Waterlooville u3a and our groups, events and activities.

[www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk) national website