

The u3a

The u3a is a worldwide organisation which is open to anyone who is no longer in full time work.

Nationally there are around 400 000 members who are involved in over 1 000 self-organising local u3as across the country.

What can the u3a offer?

Members set up groups to share knowledge and pursue shared interests. It is very sociable, informal and a good way to learn with and from others.



What does it cost?

The annual membership fee (under £20!) covers speakers and other costs. Members of interest groups pay, as and when necessary, for room hire, refreshments, outings, travel etc.

Who runs the u3a?

Brightlingsea u3a has a committee, elected by the membership, which deals with:

- Basic day-to-day administration
- Finances (the u3a is self financing)
- The newsletter
- Liaison with the National u3a, the Regional u3a and local u3as
- Organising meetings and outings
- Support for interest groups

Interest groups are run by the members of that group.

How do people meet up?

Monthly meetings are held on the first Friday of each month at which there is a varied programme of speakers and events.



Members' afternoons are held on the third Friday of each month and are for the use of members, groups reporting on recent activities, quizzes etc.



Interest and Activity Groups are the mainstay of any u3a. They are formed by groups of members with a common interest coming together. They are a great opportunity to take up and/or learn something new. See our website for a list of groups.

