



Dunstable

Registered charity 1079444

Q&A for the 2025-2026 Accounts

Introduction

This document shows the questions that have been raised against the 2025-2026 accounts, along with the answers provided to those questions.

This document will be updated as questions arrive, and as answers are provided, and you are encouraged to keep up to date by checking in from time to time.

Questions should be sent by email to treasurer@dunstableu3a.org.uk

You will receive an answer to your question by email, and the question and answer will also be recorded here for everyone else to see.

Please send your questions by the end of Monday, 8th June, to give time for answers by Friday, 12th June, in time for the Annual General Meeting on Monday, 15th June.

No	Question	Answer
1	Why is there no Gift Aid figure for this year?	There have been issues with our registration with HMRC. This is being resolved, and all outstanding Gift Aid claims will be processed in the next financial year.
2	Why is the "Monthly Meetings" figure so much higher this year, compared with last?	Three invoices for last year's hall hire were misdirected, and not paid. They have now been found and paid, and these extra payments are included in this year's accounts. This is in addition to general inflation of hall fees etc.
3	Is the Independent Examiner suitably qualified, and how was he chosen?	The Independent Examiner should be nominated by the Trustees, and approved by the AGM for the following year's accounts (see Constitution 13 f iv). However, the 2025 minutes do not show that we did this. Therefore, we have chosen Terry Thatcher, who did a good job of examining our accounts last year.

		He is qualified (in that he has experience of financial matters) and is eligible (in that he is not a Trustee, and has not been involved in the preparation of the accounts). This is fully in accordance with Charity Commission advice.
4	The Independent Examiner last year commented that we have a relatively high level of cash reserves. What are we doing about this?	Our expenditure already slightly exceeds our income, and we intend to hold membership fees at their current level, which will result in a gradual decline in our reserves over time.
5	What are "Other Meetings"?	Annual group leaders' meeting, and quarterly new members' meetings.
6	What are the receipts for Monthly Meetings?	Book sales
7	Why are there outgoings for membership?	These are refunds of payments made in error, and transaction fees for the SumUp card payments.
8	Why are group monies so much higher than last year?	Primarily because of a much more active Travel group, which has significant income/expenditure
9	What are the "Bank Error Corrections"	<p>Firstly £210 was paid to Houghton Regis Memorial hall, at the time of payment there was a glitch in Lloyds bank site and it said the payment hadn't been made, I made another and after checking the statement after making the daily payments I noticed the payment had in fact gone through. After contacting Lloyds bank they agreed there had been a problem and corrected the payment .</p> <p>The other corrections were where Lloyds bank had deposited funds by mistake then corrected them.</p>