

RESERVES POLICY

Statement

The trustees of Wheathampstead u3a have determined the following reserves policy.

Provisions of the Policy

1. In order to ensure that in the event of a substantial reduction or anticipated reduction in income Wheathampstead u3a will be able

- a) to meet its obligations to suppliers or service providers
- b) to provide the services which members had reasonable grounds for believing would be available to them when they paid their subscriptions for the current year
- c) to minimise the reduction in income through such means as advertising

the trustees will hold as reserves a sum representing the u3a's estimated annual expenditure on costs that would not reduce in proportion to the reduction or anticipated reduction in income. The amount estimated as of September 2025 is £3,500.

2. A further sum will also be held by the trustees as reserves for either of these purposes:

- a) to provide a means to take advantage of new opportunities for this u3a, or
- b) to allow the trustees to maintain or improve the services from time to time provided by this u3a.

As of September 2025 this sum is £1,500.

3. The total of these two amounts (as from time to time amended as described below) will be designated as reserves in the accounts. As of September 2025 this total is £5,000.

4. Subject in each case to the approval of the trustees, the reserves respectively referred to in paras 1 and 2 above may be used in the circumstances and for the purposes respectively referred in paras 1 and 2 above. In the event of such use, the trustees shall restore the amount of the relevant part of the reserves to its previous amount as soon as practicably possible.

5. This policy and the amounts referred to above will be reviewed annually by the trustees.

This policy was adopted on 5 November 2019 and last reviewed on 2 September 2025
Review date: July 2026