

# Charnwood u3a

[www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk](http://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk)

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Dear Enquirer

Thank you for your enquiry about The Charnwood u3a. We are a local organisation run by our members, for our members. We are a learning co-operative, responsible for our own programme and finance. Membership is open to all who are retired or semi-retired. We rely on the involvement of our members to organise and carry out our programme.

We are affiliated to a national organisation – the Third Age Trust – which provides insurance, advice, information and links to other u3a groups. More information about this national organisation is available at [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk).

Our main activities take place in groups which reflect the members' interests. The groups are small and informal; no qualifications are needed to join. Each group is self-funding and there may be an additional charge to cover running costs such as room hire, transport costs and speaker fees. Most groups are able to accept new members although some may be full. Extra groups can be set up where members are willing to start them – help to do this is always available.

There is a monthly members' meeting, on the second Wednesday of each month (with a break in either July or August) organised by the committee where we have a speaker or some other activity and a chance to meet other members over a cup of tea. You are welcome to attend one of these meetings before joining the u3a. For details of our meetings, go to our website at <https://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk/> - 'Events' menu.

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

All members must:

- Abide by the principles of the u3a movement.
- Always act in the best interests of the u3a and never do anything to bring the u3a into disrepute.
- Abide by the Cu3a Constitution and the Code of Conduct.
- Treat fellow members with respect and courtesy at all times.
- Advise the Membership Secretary of any change in your personal details.

## To join the Charnwood u3a:

Fill in the form and return it by email to [memsec@charnwoodu3a.org.uk](mailto:memsec@charnwoodu3a.org.uk). The fee from August 2024 is £15 per person (it is likely to stay that until August 2027). The newsletter is sent by email and printed copies will be available at the monthly meeting. If, however, you have no email and you wish a printed copy to be sent by post, please add an extra £10 to the fee.

To keep costs down, we prefer payment by BACS:

Account name:	<b>Charnwood U3A</b>
Sort Code:	<b>60-83-01</b>
Account number:	<b>20360131</b>
Reference	<b>Your Surname</b>

If you are unable to pay by BACS, please send a cheque payable to *Charnwood U3A* to:

**The Membership Secretary**  
**42 Edelin Road**  
**Loughborough**  
**LE11 2HP**

The form is in three parts: Please complete the first and third parts with information about you for our records and your permission to use your data as set out in the Privacy Statement. If you are a taxpayer, please also complete the Gift Aid declaration (part 2) to enable us to reclaim a percentage of your subscription from the Inland Revenue. If you need more information you can contact the Membership Secretary on 01509 213655 or at: [memsec@charnwoodu3a.org.uk](mailto:memsec@charnwoodu3a.org.uk)

I look forward to meeting you.

Garry Rigby (Charnwood u3a Membership Secretary)

## Individual and Postal Membership Form

### Part 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please read and agree to the Privacy Statement on the next page.

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First name(s): .....	First name(s): .....
Surname: .....	Surname: .....
Email: .....	Email:.....
Mobile: .....	Mobile .....
<p>Address: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Post code: .....</p> <p>Home Telephone number: .....</p>	
<p>Please tick here if someone else living at the same address is already a member <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please give their name: .....</p>	

### Part 2: GIFT AID DECLARATION

As a registered charity, The Charnwood u3a can take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme that will treat your membership fee as a donation to charity. Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give we get an extra 25p from HMRC. If you are a tax payer and sign the declaration below we will make the claim – there is nothing else for you to do.

Please treat as Gift Aid donations all membership fees made both now and in the future: ☐

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Signature: .....	Signature: .....
Date: .....	Date: .....

**Please notify the membership secretary if you:**

- *Want to cancel this declaration*
- *Change your name or home address*
- *No longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains.*

### Part 3: PRIVACY STATEMENT

Please tick the box below to give us permission to use the information you have supplied in the following ways:

- To store it securely for membership purposes;
- ☐ I consent to my data being used for membership purposes.
- To communicate with you as a Charnwood u3a member;
- To share your membership number and contact details with the group leaders of those groups to which you belong.
- ☐ I consent to my data being used for communication purposes and for group leaders to contact me.
- To receive the monthly newsletter
- ☐ I consent to my data being used to receive the monthly newsletter

“The Third Age Matters and Sources” magazine has 5 issues per year.

Are you happy to be added to the direct mailing list for the Third Age Trust magazines?

If so, please tick the box below:

- ☐ I consent to my data being shared with the company who oversee the distribution of the Trust Magazines.

Please be advised that you can request for your data not to be used for any of these purposes at any time by contacting the Membership Secretary.

I/We would like to become member(s) of The Charnwood u3a. I/We understand that I/we may be liable to additional charges as members of interest groups.

I/We confirm that I/we will abide by the terms of membership as stated above. I/We confirm that I/we have completed the form myself/ourselves.

Signed

Signed

Date: .....