

Chair report 2025

This is my first year as Chair and I hope you agree with me that the year has gone well. This is with the brilliant help of the Committee. Kate as Secretary, Mark as Treasurer, Janet as Speaker Secretary, Jackie as Membership Secretary and David as Vice Chair. I am also grateful to Lyn as Newsletter compiler. All the group leaders work hard and do a fantastic job, thank you all so much. To those who help at the Monthly Meetings (especially the tech!). We still need more help with chairs at the start of the meeting, but thanks to those who help and who stack them at the end of the meeting. For most of this year, the Committee has functioned with just six members, which is simply not enough for us to share out the work we do equitably, with several Committee members holding more than one required role. In addition, there is little room for supporting people to develop their skills, ready to take on any of the four officer positions which are required for us to continue to function as a u3a. Please do come forward to join the committee. We are a small branch, but I hope friendly. Do please spread the word so that we can get more members as this will help with the finances, we have made a loss this year. Volunteering is what the u3a is built on and without people who give willingly of their time and expertise none of what this excellent branch has achieved would have been possible. So, thank you all!

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