

Welcome to the 2026 AGM of Sandbach & District u3a.

It's AGM time again and we'd like to ask you to take part in the voting – please read on to see why this is important.

We understand that for most of us u3a is about the groups we belong to or the meetings we attend but, as a registered charity, we do need your help to make sure we abide by our constitution.

The constitution requires 5% of members to have voted at a general meeting and over the last few years we have gradually slipped closer to that level. As a committee we have to assume that members aren't voting because members feel no need for any significant changes (Hopefully you'd have told us long before the AGM if you felt things did need to change!) but your vote is read as a message of support for the work that goes on in the background, so please complete a voting form if you can.

Once again we are repeating the mixture of virtual and face to face for our 2026 AGM as this provides maximum access for members. Papers for the AGM are available through the website, at the library and by post.

There are three possible ways for you to participate in our AGM this year:

- a) Members can access all the AGM documents on our website and vote electronically.
Please complete the voting form before the AGM if you can.
- b) Members without access to a computer will be able to read the AGM documents and complete voting forms at Sandbach library and members meetings in February.
Please complete and return the voting form before the AGM if you can.
- c) There will be a brief face to face meeting in the Town Hall at which any members who have not already voted can do so, and at which questions from members will be answered.

After the face to face meeting in the Town Hall we will collate the votes from different sources and ensure that no members have voted more than once! The results of voting will be determined by the Trustees at their meeting on 16th March 2026, and the results will be announced later that week.

Linda Bilsborrow

Chair of Sandbach & District u3a