

**2026 Annual General Meeting
Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR) Management Team
Wednesday, 18th March 10:30am
AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for absence
3. To receive and approve the draft minutes of the AGM held on 12th May 2025
4. Matters arising
5. To receive and approve the Chair's Annual Report
6. To receive and approve the Treasurer's Annual Report
7. Election of Trustees
8. Amendment of Constitution, paragraph 2 – Proposal to be submitted at AGM
9. Appointment of Independent Examiner
10. Any Other Business sent in advance to Chair
11. Close of AGM.

Chair's Report – March 2026

This year has been one of transition. We have moved from the old role of Regional Trustee to the new ones where each region now has two Council Representatives. Their roles are very much hands on in the region, and I think that over this last 12 months, we have seen both Brian (Cave) and Pat (Collard) take on those roles with energy and dedication.

My role in this has been – I believe – simply to provide a little continuity. Frankly now I can see that it was hardly necessary. As both our reps are very experienced in u3a matters it has been an easy transition. Indeed, their experience has been shown not only in their dealings with u3as but also in their work on the national council, where we are able to demonstrate that this region is blessed by having a strong, hardworking support team working well in the region to provide help where it's needed, as well as activities and workshops for its members. One of the important things about all the team members has always been how willing they are to roll up their sleeves and I am certain that will continue to be the case.

Team members/Trustees:

We are currently a team of Brian Cave, Treasurer and Networks also Council Representative; Pat Collard, Regional Representative; Niall Clarke, Secretary; Angie Grain, Events; Glenys Bailey, Communications; and myself

We are supported by non voting associates: Paul Dobbin, Webmaster; and Frank Bailey, Beacon and Lesley Tempest, Summer School.

This year Angie Grain, who you all know well, will be stepping down from the regional support team. Angie has been the hard worker behind the provision of our workshops and events for some years now and has managed and organised activities which we know u3as have very much appreciated. She will be missed but we must ensure that her wonderful legacy continues. Thankyou Angie.

Meetings

Our team meetings are held across the region as they have been for the past 2 or 3 years. That gives us an opportunity to meet local u3as informally afterwards. It has been a pleasure to get people together to network and to share their news and experiences and I hope it has been useful for those u3as who come along.

Summer School

2025's summer school held at The Hawkhill in Easingwold was another success.

The team produced an exciting prospectus and as ever the rooms were quickly sold out. Congratulations to them and on the forthcoming summer school which is set to be equally successful.

And finally....

I have been proud to serve the region both as Regional Trustee and as Regional Chair. Now that the Council Reps are firmly established, I am confident that as I step down the region will remain strong and new members will be attracted to work with the team to continue that tradition.

I have to thank everyone on the team for all the support they have offered to me, especially when I was RT, it was vital. Their hard work has always been unwavering and inspiring.

Thankyou all very much.

Margaret Fiddes

Chair YAHR

March 2026

Secretary's Report – March 2026

The following meetings of the committee have been held since our 2025 AGM on May 12th 2025.

- June 16th 2025 – a planning day
- September 12th in Northallerton where u3as in the immediate vicinity were invited to attend in the afternoon for an informal discussion.
- November 10th in Barton upon Humber where u3as in the immediate vicinity were invited to attend in the afternoon for an informal discussion.
- February 16th in Wakefield where u3as in the immediate vicinity were invited to attend in the afternoon for an informal discussion.

In addition there were training days open to all members in our region.

- A multi topic workshop on May 12th
- Future of u3as workshop on November 3rd

All events were attended by a good cross-section of the membership.

YAHR Treasurers Report for the AGM

All of the YAHR income came from the Summer School delegate fees. These amounted to £59,897.

After all the Summer School costs and YAHR expenses were paid a surplus of £462 was left. YAHR Trustees awarded 3 grants to u3as totalling £505, leaving a net deficit for the year of £44.

The accounts have been audited and approved as correct. These are the figures that will be submitted to the Charity Commission.

Next year we expect a similar income and expenditure. However, TAT have intimated that some workshops should be paid for by YAHR and its members. This would have an impact on our reserves. Your Council Representatives have put forward a fair budget for 2026/7 and are hopeful that all workshop costs will be covered by TAT.

Approval required for the Accounts and for our auditor to be retained for next year.

Brian Cave
YAHR Treasurer & CR

Agenda Item 8

Proposal to amend the wording the of the Yorkshire & Humber Region Constitution as follows:

Following the Third Age Trust's change from Regional Trustees to Council Representatives, Paragraph 2 of the constitution should be amended from:

"This will be mainly undertaken by providing support and assistance to the u3as in the area and to the Third Age Trust's Regional Trustee."

To

"This will be mainly undertaken by providing support and assistance to the u3as in the area and to the Third Age Trust's Council Representatives."

**Trustees Annual Report on behalf of
u3a Yorkshire and Humber Region (YAHR)- Charity Reg. No: 1211388**

Trustees are:

Margaret Fiddes – Chair
Angela Grain – Vice Chair
Brian Cave – Treasurer
Niall Clark – Secretary
Glenys Bailey – Member
Pat Collard – Member
Lesley Tempest - Member

The objective of the charity as outlined in the constitution is as follows:

YAHR's object is the advancement of education of older people and those retired from full-time work, by all means, including associated activities conducive to wellbeing, learning and personal development in the Region. This will be mainly undertaken by providing support and assistance to the u3as in the Region and to the Third Age Trust's Regional Trustee.

The Trustees are satisfied the objectives were met for the reasons outlined below:

The Summer school was held to full capacity over a four day period in August. YAHR provided members to assist the Third Age Trusts Council Members on a number of issues including sitting on complaints tribunals, disciplinary hearings and assisting member u3as with local issues..

A grant was awarded to three u3as to replace aging equipment for the benefit of all their members.

YAHR's management teams meetings were held at different locations around the region, with local u3as invited to a buffet lunch followed by a Q&A session.

Four workshops were held during the year attended by between 35 and 55 u3a representatives. They covered topics such as the future, group leadership, one size does not fit all. All costs associated with workshops are covered by The Third Age Trust.

Plans for 2026 are well under way for the annual Summer School and further workshops including 'Trustees – their roles and responsibility'.

Margaret Fiddes – Chair

December 2025