

**HAYWARDS HEATH & DISTRICT 33rd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
HELD IN-PERSON & VIA ZOOM WEBINAR ON THURSDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2023**

AGM VOTING FORM – forms need to be returned by 5th October 2023.

Forms to be sent to the Hon. Secretary at 82 Ashenground Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 4QB or electronically to hhu3asec@gmail.com

Member Registration Details

Name Membership Number (if known) -----

Address.....

Please cast your vote for resolutions 1 – 6

		For	Against	Abstain
Resolution One	Annual General Meeting Minutes 2022 THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 3 rd October 2022 be received and approved.			
Resolution Two	Treasurer’s Report and Accounts 2022 - 2023 THAT the Treasurer’s Report and Accounts for the years 2022 - 2023 be received and approved.			
Resolution Three	Auditors THAT Geoff Martin be reappointed as external Independent Examiner of Accounts for 2023 / 2024			
Resolution Four	Election of Committee Members – see note 1 THAT the Committee as set out in note 1 below be elected en-bloc for 2023 / 2024 and that Eric Whitaker and Carole Andrews be elected to the committee.			
Resolution Five	Annual Member Subscription – see note 2 THAT the subscriptions as set out in note 2 below be approved.			
Resolution Six	Hall Hire fees – see note 3 THAT the hall hire fees set out in note 3 be approved			

Note 1 Eric Bassett (Treasurer) and Paul Roberts (Hon. Secretary) are willing to continue in their posts. Susanne Roberts, Chris Roe, Anne Morrison, Peter Caddy, David Waite, Amanda Trevitt and David Gee are willing to continue as Committee Members in their various roles. Eric Whitaker and Carole Andrews are seeking election. Wendy Gundry and Pam Wheeler are both retiring from the committee. Philip Metherell is taking on the post of Chair.

Please see overleaf for notes 2 and 3

Note 2 The individual annual membership be increased to £15 effective August 1st 2024.

Annual membership fees are used to cover the costs imposed directly by the Third Age Trust over which the individual u3as have no control, as well as the cost of general administration/governance, including the GIB, membership cards, postage etc., hall hire charges for meetings and the shortfall from all social activities. With constant rising inflation and increases via the Third Age Trust we need to raise additional income to enable HHu3a to continue to function and provide the current benefits enjoyed by its members. Consideration has been given to various means of charging our members and the committee believe this small increase is the most effective and least onerous across the membership

Note 3 Hall hire fees raised to 75p / hour from August 1st 2024.

Hall hire charges are subsidized by HHu3a to enable groups that need to meet in halls to continue to do so.

The cost of hourly hire however, is very high and likely to increase again in January 2024. Currently the highest rate is £25.50 / hour and the lowest £9.50 / hour. The average being £14 / hour. Although the ethos of u3a is that groups should be self-funding, the committee of HHu3a wishes to continue to help enable all groups to meet. The proposed increase will help to meet the shortfall but will by no means cover this.

By using a postal vote please note that you will not have an opportunity to speak, pose questions or submit motions and you will be deemed to have appointed Hon. Secretary Paul Roberts, as your proxy in line with section 17 part 2 of our Constitution

Should you have any queries prior to the AGM, please contact the Hon. Sec. Paul Roberts hhu3asec@gmail.com. or 07484 373626