

U3A Sevenoaks

Reserves Policy

Reserves are required to ensure continuity of Sevenoaks U3A in the event of a sudden drop in income, to cope with unexpected and unplanned increases in expenditure, to replace assets, to cover future equipment demands and to deal with emergency situations.

Our reserves therefore provide a contingency for expenditure over and above day-to-day commitments and other planned outgoings.

The Trustees have resolved that our reserves should not fall below £8k which is consistent with The Third Age Trust recommendation. The appropriate level of reserves will be reviewed and set by the Executive Committee annually in May.

The Trustees will do their best to ensure that reserves are maintained at the set level. However, because the majority of subscriptions are paid by Standing Order, which in turn necessitates setting the subscription rate to be fixed over an extended period of time (because of the difficulties in requiring Members to amend their Standing Orders); the level of reserves may be higher than the set minimum reserve. In such a case the Trustees undertake not to increase the subscription rates until the reserves are approaching the minimum level.

Reserves may only be spent in furtherance of Sevenoaks U3A objectives in accordance with the Constitution.

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