



# About Settle District

## Our aim is to:

- Encourage and facilitate local older people no longer in full time employment to keep their minds and bodies in good order through learning, exercise and enjoyment.

## Who we are:

- Settle U3A is a charity, number 1095635, which invites people to join on an annual basis.
- The charity is administered by a committee elected at its AGM and has just over 300 members.
- Settle U3A is affiliated to the Third Age Trust (TAT), an umbrella organisation bringing together all autonomous U3As from around the country so that Settle can gain from the experience of others.

## What we do:

- We hold meetings on the second Thursday of each month at the Victoria Hall in Settle when members are encouraged to mix with others over refreshments from 10.00am. Nine times a year there are outside speakers who talk on a wide variety of subjects. On the other three months there is group registration, the AGM and a Christmas social. Dates and details of speakers are shown on membership cards.
- We have 31 cultural, physical and fun interest groups from walking to dancing and singing to geology. All groups are self help and their number and variety depends on the willingness of members to contribute by facilitating, sharing, leading, etc.
- We have a social committee who organise theatre trips and other events.

## What it costs:

- Annual subscriptions are discretionary subject to a minimum of £15 with an expectation that the average subscription will be £18. Members who pay tax generally gift aid their payment.
- Members are charged £1 for each monthly speaker meeting and 50p for each group meeting with exceptional extra charges.

## How we keep in touch:

- 🕒 We produce a monthly newsletter which keeps members up to date with what is going on. It is distributed free of charge at the monthly meetings to people who are unable to download it from the Settle U3A website (<http://www.settledistrictu3a.org.uk/u3a/>) where it is normally available on the evening before the monthly meeting. It can be posted to members who provide SAEÖs.
- 🕒 The website itself is a mine of information, particularly Group and historic information.
- 🕒 U3A Matters is a journal produced by TAT five times a year and is mailed to members.

### How to contact us:

- 🕒 All committee members are happy to help in any way. Their details are available on the website and they can be recognised by the name badges worn round their necks at monthly meetings.
- 🕒 Some people you may wish to contact are listed below:☐
  - Ian Tennant, Chairman ☐  
01729 825483 - [ianltennant@aol.com](mailto:ianltennant@aol.com)☐
  - Keith Waterson, Membership Secretary☐  
01729 822311 - [keith@thewatersons.org](mailto:keith@thewatersons.org)☐
  - Debi Burridge, Groups Organiser☐  
01729 825922 - [debi.burridge@gmail.com](mailto:debi.burridge@gmail.com)

## What members can do for Settle U3A:

- 🕒 Make suggestions to any committee member for improvements to the organisation.
- 🕒 Consider standing for the committee, or any office on the committee, at the AGM.
- 🕒 And, most importantly, offer to facilitate a new or existing Group.

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## DIRECTIONS

Most U3A activities take place at:  
The Victoria Hall  
Kirkgate, Settle BD24 9DZ

or at the Friends Meeting House  
on the opposite side of Kirkgate

See plan

New groups, shown in red, will go ahead if there is sufficient interest.

## Art Appreciation

**Badminton and/or Table Tennis for Recreation** - Leader Tony Carroll  
Each Friday — 10.00am B & 11.00am TT — Langcliffe Village Hall

## Book Group

Bridge Group - Leaders

## Card Making

## Circle Dancing

Dance - Leader

## European Culture Developments, 17th & 18th C

Exercise - Leader

## Family History

## French (Continuing)

French (Intermediate) - Leader

Games - Leader

Geology - Leader

German

## **German (Conversation)**

**Great Lives** - Leader

**Line Dancing** - Leader Eileen Bamford

1st, 3rd, 4th & 5th Thursdays — 10.30am-12.00noon — Victoria Hall

**Looking at Old Buildings** - Leaders Elizabeth Evans & Ruth Evans

Mostly 4th Thursdays, occasionally other times — mostly pm - various

**Needlework and Natter**

**Painting** - Leader Ian Tennant

1st & 3rd Wednesdays — 10.00am-11.30am — Victoria Hall, Main Hall

**Philosophy** - Leader

**Play Reading** - Leader Jackie Allott

3rd Tuesday — 10.00am-11.30am — Victoria Hall, Castleberg

**Poetry Appreciation** - Leader

**Psychology** - Leader Gill Rawlings

4th Thursday — 10.00am-11.30am — Victoria Hall, Castleberg

**Recorders (Intermediate level)** - Leader

**Science** - Leader Paul Cochrane

1st Tuesday — 10.00am-11.30am — Victoria Hall, Castleberg

**Singing for Pleasure** - Leaders

**The Three Abrahamic Faiths** - Leader Kathleen Kinder

1st Monday — 10.00am-11.30am — Victoria Hall, Castleberg

**Walking** - Leader Nita Hart

2nd, 4th Tuesdays — 9.30am — walks (approx. 5 miles)

1st, 3rd Thursdays — 9.30am — walks (6 - 10 miles)

**Yoga, gentle for health & relaxation**