



# Ashby u3a



## How Ashby u3a works

Like all u3as nationally, Ashby u3a has no age restrictions but provides for those who are retired or semi-retired to come together to socialise and learn for fun.

We have various Interest Groups which provide a wide range of activities. Groups are run by the members, for the members, and most meet monthly or fortnightly.

Membership is currently £22 pa, £18 for a second member at the same address.

You can find out much more on our website at [www.ashbyu3a.co.uk](http://www.ashbyu3a.co.uk).

### Interest Groups

Groups are the lifeblood of the u3a movement. The u3a does not encourage the use of paid instructors, so Groups are self-organising and we teach ourselves about our different interests. Usually at least one of the members will have some previous expertise in the subject, though sometimes we have visiting speakers to talk about or demonstrate the subjects.

We currently have over 30 groups, listed below. Meetings, except trips out, usually last about 2 hours.

There is much more information on the website about what the groups actually do. Non-members may try out groups or our Monthly Meeting once as a guest before joining our u3a.

Once you join us, you are free to join in with as many, or as few, of the groups as you wish. Just contact the relevant Group Leader to let them know you wish to join them, and they will give you further details of when and where they meet. A very few groups may have a waiting list if they already have as many members as they can cope with. Many meet at members' houses unless the numbers are too great to accommodate them. Some meet at venues in Ashby or nearby.

For most groups there is no further charge, but there may be a donation towards refreshments, or a charge for trips to cover transport and admission fees. However, where a group hires a local venue or books a visiting speaker, a regular nominal charge is usually made to cover costs incurred. Gardening, History and Science groups are some who typically charge a fee.

You certainly don't have to attend all of a group's meetings, but those that organise trips or outings will probably need you to book a place in advance.

### Monthly Meeting

In addition to the Interest Groups, we hold Monthly Meetings at 2 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Congregational Church in Kilwardby Street, Ashby.

At most of these meetings we have a guest speaker followed by a chance to chat with other members over tea, coffee & biscuits.

We hope that, if you join, you will come along to as many of these as you can, and that you enjoy your time with us.

### Newsletter

We publish a newsletter every month which is emailed out to all members. If you do not have email, a paper copy can be delivered to your home.

## Other Information

Ashby u3a is affiliated to the Third Age Trust (TAT) who look after our national interests and advise various legal aspects. Both Ashby u3a and TAT are registered charities.

The Third Age Trust publish a magazine 5 times a year with news from around the other u3as. It is included in your subscription, and posted to your address.

We have a volunteer Committee of around a dozen, elected from the membership, who look after various aspects of the u3a.

You would likely bump into one or more of us at the Monthly Meeting or one of the Group meetings. We are all members of many of the different Groups. All current groups are listed below:

Arts & Crafts	French	Recorder
Bridge	Gardening	Rummikub
Calligraphy	History	Science & Tech
Calligraphy 2	Industrial Heritage	Scrabble
Coffee and chat	Food from afar	Short Walks
Computer	Literature	Singing for Fun
Croquet	Lunch	Social Events
Digital Photos	Medium Walks	Supper Club
Drawing & Painting	Music Appreciation	Walking
Family History	Reading	Wine Appreciation