

Exe Valley u3a Committee Meeting Minutes held at OHSCC Wednesday 06 May 2026

Present: M Turner (Chair), C Langley (Secretary), K Huntley-Sadler, P Sadler, J Langley, D Lal, A Bush, J Riddiford, J Kelly, J Jeffrey.

Apologies:

None.

Welcome:

Mike welcomed the new committee.

Minutes of last meeting:

Agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Amendments:

None.

Matters arising - new committee posts to be confirmed at this meeting.

Chair's Report:

The new committee roles were discussed and are as follows:-

Mike Turner - Chair

Karyl-Huntley Sadler - Vice Chair/ Assistant Treasurer

Carol Langley - Secretary

Paul Sadler - Treasurer/ Website Manager

Jill Riddiford - Membership Secretary

Jo Jeffrey - Beacon Administrator/ Minutes Secretary

John Langley - Programme Coordinator

Anne Bush - Social Coordinator

Joan Kelly - Groups Coordinator

Deborah Lal - Committee Support

The Publicity role will remain vacant for the time being.

Karyl, as Assistant Treasurer, will retain access to the Beacon system. Joan will be given access as Groups Coordinator and will attend the first available Beacon training course.

Secretary's Report:

Carol advised that the Annual Return has been sent to National Office and payment of £844 will be made to the Trust to cover per capita fees.

Mike's home address will be registered with National Office for Exe Valley u3a records.

Carol passed a copy of the revised Exe Valley u3a publicity poster to the committee for any comments and amendments. It was agreed that the Monthly Meetings in particular be highlighted on the poster. 30 laminated copies will be produced for display at various sites in Tiverton and elsewhere.

Jill and Carol will be producing the May newsletter. Reports to be sent to Carol's email address.

Treasurer's Report:

Per Paul's report

Total cash assets £5,494.08

Paul is now using the Beacon system only to record membership transactions. All other transactions are recorded on spreadsheet.

It was agreed that the no charge for admittance to the monthly meetings should continue for the remainder of the year.

As Paul and Karyl may not be able to attend all monthly meetings it was agreed that Joan would hold the cash float for the book sales. Anne will hold hold the relief raffle tickets and float for when Karyl and Paul are away.

Website Manager's Report:

The website is updated as required with new information. Paul commented that the Group Leaders should keep him informed of any changes to their groups and supply new photos as and when.

Publicly Report:

As this role is vacant it was agreed that the committee members bring any ideas to the committee meetings. The following were suggested - greater use of Facebook, research use of pages in the One Magazine and Parish Magazines. Mike will liaise with Tim regarding Facebook postings.

Membership Secretary's Report:

Jill advised there are now 241 paid up members. 21 members lost. However compared with the same time last year the figures were 239 members 26 members lost.

IT Report:

No report.

Social Coordinator's Report:

Anne advised that she has met up with Maggie Roberts, Group coordinator with Tiverton U3A to meet with Charlotte from Connecting People with Landscapes and is waiting to hear back with a date from the busy farmer as to when a visit can be made for a recce as a prelude to organising a farm walk. Transport might be an issue and it was suggested we car share from a central point in Tiverton.

Beacon Administrator's Report:

Jo advised that there have been several changes within the Beacon team which will undergo a restructure to provide better communication and improved access to training under the management of the newly appointed Service Manager, WendyHalley.

Group's Coordinator Report:

As some groups are full and therefore not taking new members, the formation of additional groups was discussed. Joan suggested that a meeting be arranged with the Group Leaders and new members who have joined EV within the last 12 months to give guidance on how to set up a new group.

Joan will contact Group Leaders to request those who use the Beacon system to update their group's details and membership. Those who do not use the system to provide details direct to her. The information can then be cross checked with the overall current membership list to ensure all are paid up members.

Also ask group leaders to send updated information and photos to Paul for the website.

Programme Coordinator's Report:

John advised that the 20th May monthly meeting speaker is Lottie Dale - Falling With Style (Parachuting).

John advised he has been contacted by Jim Causley, a British folk singer, songwriter, speaker and musician from Devon. The committee agreed for John to request further details of his Westcountry Christmas entertainment. His fee would be £70.

John will also research Kevin Shaddick, who has previously spoken at a Local History group meeting, with the possibility of organising an antiques valuation day as an extra future event.

Welfare notes:

Jill advised that 2 cards have been sent.

Items for newsletter:

Continuing no admission charge to monthly meetings.
Format and roles of new committee.

AOB:

Jill has made enquiries regarding the possibility of a first aid course being offered to members. St John's Ambulance can do a free session but it includes CPR and Defibrillator awareness and wouldn't be a bespoke course. Still awaiting information from Basics organization as to whether they can provide a course.

Details have been obtained from Safe Haven Training Ltd. They can deliver a short 3-hour course covering Strokes, falls/fractures, bleeding, choking, fainting, heat stroke and heart attacks.
The cost would be £325 + VAT for up to 16 people.

Following discussion it was agreed for Jill to email the membership for initial interest.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 11.20am.

Date/time/venue next meeting:

Wednesday 03 June 2026 9.30am OHSCC