

Group Co-ordinators Report 2023-2024

The Shepton Mallet U3A has 18 thriving groups, ranging from Table Tennis to French Conversation, some of which are held in local halls and some more informally in peoples' homes.

Two group leaders have stepped down during the year: Maggie Hardy (Munch Club) and Mike Burr (Table Tennis). Leadership of these groups is now done by a cooperative of members taking on various roles. Our thanks to Maggie and Mike for their hard work and dedication.

We have had two new groups formed this year: Jewellery and Card Making - that has quickly evolved into a 'Creations Group') plus Creative Writing. It is hoped to start another group for those interested in a bit of fun - belly dancing and we are always open to ideas for other groups.

Keep an eye for information and detail on groups in our inspiring Newsletter which is produced every two months. This publication can be found online and in venues across the Town.

A few groups are full due to their popularity - but leaders hold waiting lists so don't give up if you are at first disappointed as it is worth keeping in touch – vacancies do arise. Other groups such as table tennis group would welcome new players on Tuesdays especially – you don't need to be a professional – it's a fun opportunity to increase fitness!

I take this opportunity to thank all group leaders for their help and for volunteering their time because without groups the u3a would not exist. I also encourage anyone who would like to see their favourite hobby included in groups to get in touch and let's find a way to start a new group for this.

We will be organising a thank you lunch for the group leaders in October when I and Committee members hope to meet and thank all Group Leaders for their time and effort the past year.

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