

Reciprocal Arrangements - Change in Approach

Higham and Rushden U3A currently has reciprocal arrangements with two neighbouring U3As, Wellingborough and Thrapston.

This means that members of those U3As can join our Interest Groups without paying the HandR membership subscription – subject to certain provisos. Moreover, the reverse situation applies; members of HandR can ask to be allowed to join Interest Groups at Wellingborough and Thrapston without the necessity of having to join the U3A.

It should be noted that this is a purely local agreement and not all U3As in Northamptonshire adopt the same approach.

The Committee have decided to withdraw from the reciprocal arrangement scheme with effect from the September 2017 renewal. We realise that this will have an impact on some members of both HandR and the other U3As. We are unable to determine how many members take advantage of this arrangement but believe that it is a small number.

If you are an HandR member and wish to remain a member of an Interest Group at Thrapston or Wellingborough then you will need to join these U3As. The reverse applies and a member of Thrapston or Wellingborough who attends an HandR Interest Group under the reciprocal arrangements scheme will need to join HandR if they wish to remain in the Interest Group.

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