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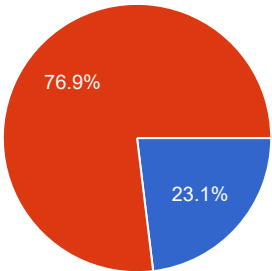
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Summary

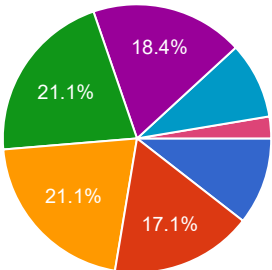
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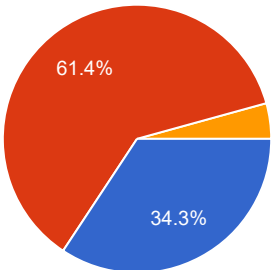
Male	15	23.1%
Female	50	76.9%
Other	0	0%

Age Range



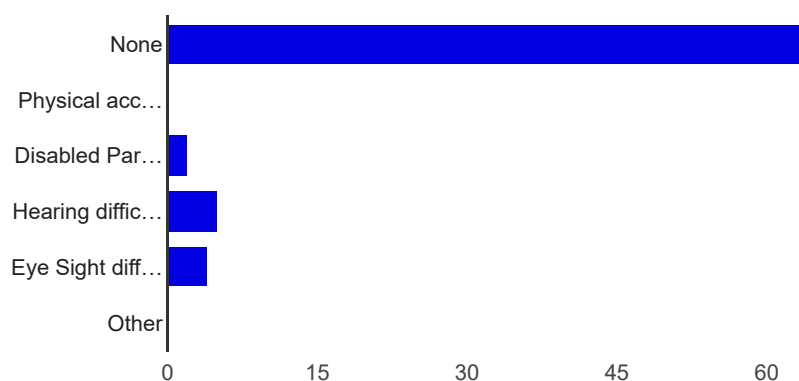
55 - 59	8	10.5%
60 - 64	13	17.1%
65 - 69	16	21.1%
70 - 74	16	21.1%
75 - 80	14	18.4%
80 - 84	7	9.2%
Over 85	2	2.6%

Life Situation



Living Alone	24	34.3%
Living as a couple	43	61.4%
Other	3	4.3%

Do you have support requirements?



None	64	87.7%
Physical access to buildings	0	0%
Disabled Parking	2	2.7%
Hearing difficulties	5	6.8%
Eye Sight difficulties	4	5.5%
Other	0	0%

Why did you join the U3A?

New to the area ,we wanted to make new friends

walking

To learn new skills and be involved in activities with like minded people.

For companionship when my husband died

To meet people as we moved into the area

We were new to the area and wanted to meet new people

To participate in a number of groups which interested me.

For access to activities programme locally

To become part of the community and enjoy a variety of activities

Because I met someone who took me on a couple of group outings.

For friendship and learning

To expand my circle of friends

To appease my wife

new to area and recently retired

Meet new people

On retirement was looking for new things to do.

To try new passtimes in my retirement

To continue to broaden my knowledge / To meet up with old(!) and new friends in a learning environment

Inspired by listening to Eric Midwinter many years ago. Been waiting to reach the right age!

To join interest groups

For more activities, meet more people, gain more knowledge.

To participate in certain activities

so i could join the patchwork group

Looking for interesting things to do with my time.

Because I'd heard such good reports about it, and was interested in some of the groups.

To make friends and meet people

stimulation, education, friendship, pleasure

To get out of the house more.

To listen to interesting talks and join groups

Expand interests. Company

To learn about and try new activities

In retirement to join other likewise folk

Learn and improve skills, social and new experiences.

Looking for continued personal development social interaction and new experiences

In retirement to meet like minded people and have fun!

Was once your sub chair and rejoined following my sick wifes demise for the friendship

To meet and make friends

talks at monthly meetings

To learn and meet like minded people

To join specific Interest Groups and meet likeminded people.

To join in with groups.

enjoy hobbies, events etc with like-minded people

for friendship and interesting activities

To meet people after relocation.

To meet people and join keep fit and other activities

To get to know people in the area and learn new things

Education & friendship

Monthly talk and to see what groups are on the go, to take part in

For the interesting activities it offers and the company of like minded people of a similar age group.

Making friends in the community, joining interest groups, gaining knowledge from the monthly talks, and going on trips and holidays.

Friendships&more interests to occupy my time.

To make friends and find interesting pastimes

To make new friends and to widen my interests

Monthly meetings with good speakers and groups to join

I had moved to the area after being widowed and wanted to join a walking group

Meet people and try new things

to keep my mind active and learn new things

To meet people of a similar outlook and with similar interests having moved to a new area of the country. Also had been a U3A member in my previous area.

new to area, needed to meet people.

curiosity ?

To meet like minded friends

Meet people

Meet like minded people

join classes with people of similar age

Meet other people, jin hobby groups

interests, friendship

learn, further my interests, be part of the community

find friends, get involved in activities

learn something new, make friends

make friends, join groups

To share interests with other people

Meeting new people. Listening to good speakers

went with a friend, liked it and stayed. Interest groups were good, made new friends

interest

I had to get out more after I was widowed

When did you join West Wolds U3A?

2015

2014

2010

2016

2000

2011

2013

2002

2005

2012

2003

2009

2008

2004

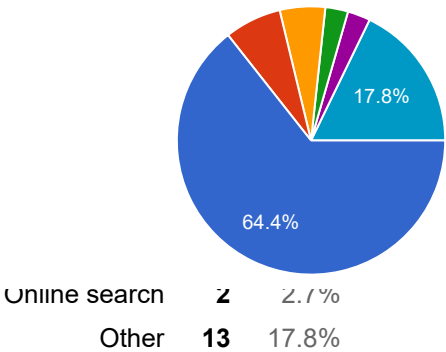
2015

2016

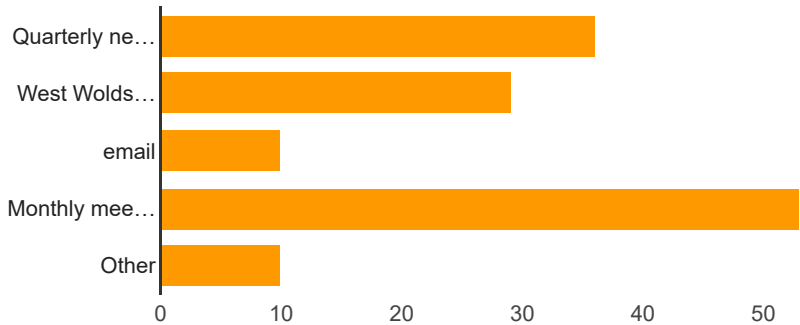
2012

2014

Where did you learn about us?



How do you get information about U3A?



Quarterly newsletter	36	49.3%
West Wolds website	29	39.7%
email	10	13.7%
Monthly meetings	53	72.6%
Other	10	13.7%

Why did you join this branch?

- local
- Local
- Nearest
- Near us
- friends already there
- Friends were members
- Local to where we live
- It was the nearest.
- We had moved to area
- Because it is so friendly and inviting
- Locality
- Because it is local
- Friends were already members.
- Closest to home
- Nearest / Reputation

Quite close to where I live and a good range of activities
A friend was already a member
Moved to Market Rasen
Transferred from the Welton U3A
patchwork group & its the nearest group
It's based within easy travelling distance and offers a good range of interest groups.
I had heard good reports about it.
It was most convenient
Recommended and I lived nearby then.
Nearest to where I live.
Nearest and friend introduced me to it
Live locally
Local to where I live
It is our nearest location
Nearest to where I live
Nearest to our home
It had just newly started up
Warmth of old friends
because it's my home town
the nearest
It's the nearest
I live in Market Rasen
Friends and family
local branch
recommended by a friend
Living in Market Rasen, this is local to us
Because I live in Market Rasen and it is my local group
Most convenient
Nearest and new people who went
it is the closest to home
to join the art group.
Already knew members.
It's the nearest to where I live
Nice atmosphere and well organised
Saw a photo of the newly-formed walking group in Rasen Mail
Home town meeting place
most convenient to home
Tried Grimsby but did not find it friendly.
where else would one go?
local, good variety of activities
I knew someone who was a member

Well organised and fairly friendly

Recommended by a friend. Very welcoming and friendly group of people

More interesting and friendly than Grimsby

nearest for access by public transport

What do you expect to get from your membership?

Friendship

Don't know yet

interests, friendship, health

The opportunity to join in many activities and to form friendships. To be able to support others.

Meet new people and learn new skills

Friendship, activities with like minded people

friendship and opportunity to try new things

Information, additional knowledge and friendship.

A range of activities with other like minded people

Meet people; Interesting speakers and visits

learn new things, meet people, make friends etc.

A more interesting life

An expanded circle of friends

General activities

ability to learn new things, meet people

Interact with others, learn new skills

A varied and interesting way to meet new friends and experience new activities.

I don't have any specific expectations

Information / Knowledge / Local & national news and initiatives (magazines) / Social encounters / Friendship

Learning new things, meeting interesting people

Opportunity to learn something new & meet people with similar interests

As reasons above for joining.

Knowledge, Exercise & Friendship

info on up & coming events, classes, social interaction at monthly meetings

Opportunities to learn new skills and acquire knowledge.

Make more friends, meet many people, learn more and broaden my horizons.

Friends and information

Stimulation, education, friendship and pleasure.

Wider group of acquaintances, life experiences and interests.

Interest, activity, meet like minded people

Interesting company

Hopefully an insight into new activities I can try, also to meet like minded people

Friendships and learning

Social experience and continuing to try new things or improve existing hobbies

Opportunities to try new things or extend existing pastimes

Companionship

An active life

A chance to meet and make friends

information/entertainment

Opportunity to learn, share knowledge and form friendships

A way of meeting people and keeping busy and happy in retirement.

see above

Meeting new people, to join groups and to go on trips and possibly holidays.

Friendship, interests

Improved lifestyle and social life

An improved social life and a sense of wellbeing

Opportunity to try new skills and meet new people

New things to do and interesting talks

Companionship, and continued interest in all things.

Like most things - value for money.

Friendships

Monthly meetings, interest groups, outings, theatre trips? possible holidays.

Friendship & learning

Friendship and knowledge

Companionship, knowledge, stimulation, entertainment, exercise, travel, creative

Enjoyment

meet new people and to learn new things

Interesting groups to take part in where more contact with people can be made than at the monthly meetings

social contacts with like minded people

human interaction

Activities, friends

meeting different people

variety of groups and classes

knowledge, meet other people

information, knowledge

knowledge, enjoyment, friendship

friends and activities

knowledge, companionship

friends, information

More interests

Variety of groups and speakers which apply

Mental and physical stimulation, new learning experiences, meeting interesting people, social contact

Interesting topics and friendship

the opportunity to mix with other people and possibly be tempted to use my brain just a little

List the Groups you have participated in:

Not joined groups joined on 9/6/16

walking history german

Visits, Bridge, Line Dancing.

Strollers, local history, organised trips and holidays

Family history, Strollers, local history

Walking group, film club, patchwork

Local History, Family History and Visits.

Cycling, 9 mile walkers

IT Workshops

Family History, Strollers, Film, Embroidery, Readers, Mah Jong, Coffee Morning, Digital Photography. Patchwork, Paper Engineering, Belly Dancing, Telling Our Stories, Cross Stitch, Knitting & Crochet. IT Workshop. Use to do, German, Beginners French, Wire and Beads, Luncheon Group, Drama, Armchair Travel.

Strollers

Strollers, German, Family History, Science, Photography

Trips out

History group

Walking, strolling, local history, keep fit, readers, Cardcraft, cross stitch

Theatre visits.

9 mile hikers / beginners French (briefly) / digital photography

N/A

German, IT, cycling, walking, Spanish,

Patchwork, card making, IT

Jazz, Walkers, Art Appreciation, Keep Fit, Buildings, Digital Photography, German, Film, Local History.

Walking, Local History, Bridge

patchwork, belly dancing

Keep Fit, 9 mile hikers, French beginners, recorders.

Walking, Keep Fit, Art, Armchair holidays, Belly Dancing.

Strollers, luncheon club, Canaster, jazz, Outings

Jazz, craft and strollers for a good while; family history and line dancing briefly; computer skills ongoing. No regular groups at the moment.

Keep Fit, Singing, Family history.

Local History, Family History, Strollers, Drama, beginners French

Canasta mahjong beading

Nothing as yet

Walking group, family history, local history, poetry, outings, scrabble, computer learning, cross stitch, writing stories, armchair travel, art

Local History, Digital Photography, Cycling, Walking

Digital photography cycling walking

Walking, Local History, Family History, Poetry, German, French, Cross stitch, Scrabble, Writing Stories

Armchair travel, Art as in Joan Wilson, Group travel as I ran a trip to Stockholm for a small group

Walking, Lunch Group, Drama, French, Cycling, Singing, Ukulele line dancing

Latin, Country Walks, Recorders

Art, Digital Photography, Card Making, Art Appreciation, Walking Groups, Local History, Family History

Strollers, trips

Strollers, cross stitch, knitting, local history, trips

Keep fit, line dancing, strollers, and local history.

Reading, canasta, patchwork, paper engineering, computing, cards.

Keep Fit, Digital Photography, 4 milers and country walkers

Keep Fit, Belly Dancing, 4 Milers, Country Walkers

Walking (now just strolling) Scrabble Embroidery Local history Readers Card craft Cross stitch French

only just joined, but booked to go on a walk

Poetry, music, cycling.

art, luncheon group, drama, scrabble, French and local history.

Strollers ,Local history, Tell your story Visits

Local History, Walking, German

Cardcraft ,cross stitch, geology , beginner's French, lacemaking , beading & jewellery making & walking.

Digital Photography, Family History

Local History, Geology, Flower arranging, French, Readers', Keep Fit, Walking,

Art, crafts, walking, trips, history

none

Local history, Family history, Music appreciation and some of the walking groups.

walking, local history, family history

Water colour painting, oil painting, reading

Patchwork, 4 mile walks

Bridge, Keep fit

Keep Fit, line dancing, music appreciation

music appreciation, keep fit, local history

digital photography

french, spanish, family history

Line dancing

local history, family history, play reading

belly dancing

Singing

Family History Armchair Travel

walking/strollers, german, scrabble, bridge, local history, french, drama, ballroom dancing, jazz, art, films

Book Club

Keep Fit only so far, plus a few trips and the lunch club..always did want to be a lady who lunched.

If you haven't joined a Group please explain why not

N/A

Apathy

One of my interests is family history, I was put off joining this group due to an initial introduction when it was assumed I was a beginner. In fact I have quite a lot of experience. (The leader concerned was not listening to me) Also I felt some groups were quite 'clicky' and this is not what I am interested in.

Lack of time. Currently involved in too many other commitments.

not applicable

Just joined

All of the above has taken up most of our spare time!!!

Only been a member for a month

NA

new member

have joined groups

Wrong day or not interested

inconvenient to my work

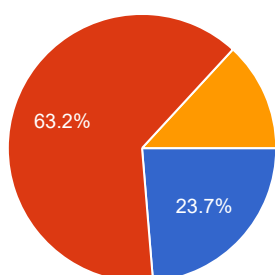
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Clash with other committments

time, clash of activities

Other commitments at some of the group times. Prefer just one meeting venue rather than finding members homes.

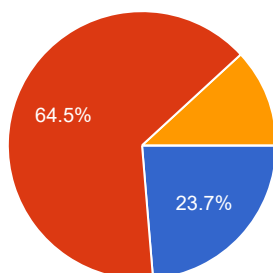
Belong to other club which cover same topics

Monthly Speakers (General Meetings)**Monthly Speakers - please rate the topics and level of interest**

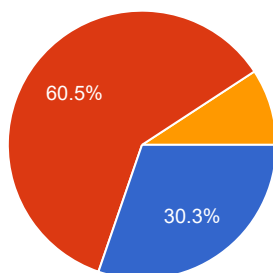
Excellent	18	23.7%
Good	48	63.2%
Average	10	13.2%
Poor	0	0%

How many times did you attend in 2015?

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Please rate the overall quality of speakers

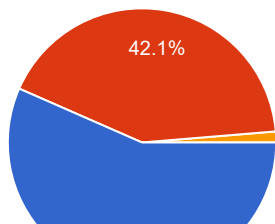
Excellent	18	23.7%
Good	49	64.5%
Average	9	11.8%
Poor	0	0%

Monthly Meetings**Please rate the quality of the venue**

Excellent	23	30.3%
Good	46	60.5%
Average	7	9.2%
Poor	0	0%

Please rate the quality of the meeting organisation

Excellent	43	56.6%
Good	32	42.1%
Average	1	1.3%
Poor	0	0%



e before the meeting



Opportunity to socialise	64	84.2%
Look at and join groups	60	78.9%
Sign up to events and visits	63	82.9%

Please give any suggestions you have for the improvement of the meetings

None

Maybe a little more willingness to socialise, as some groups appear to be something of a closed group / clique.

Just keep up the good work

All good

happy with them as they are

A wider variety of speakers that might meet the audiences experiences and interactions.

I enjoy the present format but do find the 'seat bagging' for the speaker session irritating

More parking space

I would like to see more people socialise a bit more, more circulation, but I don't know how you can do that. Perhaps a rota for greeters like the coffee rota? There are some people who sit rather than wander around not knowing anyone and they need to be approached and chatted to, perhaps introducing them to someone. we need to nurture new people not just on the first visit. Group leaders should be encouraged to speak for a few moments about their group (one each month) or at the very least submit reports to the magazine.

I have no further suggestions - there is plenty of time to socialise; sign up for events and to be able to take in all that is on offer each month.

Maybe, to fill the rather long assembly time at the start, groups could take it in turns to put on a small display of their recent activities or projects. The current labels and lists are rather dry.

They are ok

The P/A system has always been under review and still there is room for improvement. As a "retirement group" there are many members with hearing problems. Is it possible to install a "loop system" into the sound equipment we have?

Better back-up for the meeting papers put out at the start of gm

None right now

Maybe let people look at & join groups & sign up for events & visits after the talk as often not

time to socialise & do all that before the talk.

I do find the mike and speakers annoying

none at present

Non at the momentt

more space between chairs

re-arrange the refreshment tables as they are ergonomically unfriendly

More of the group leaders or deputies available at the signing up tables to talk to as with as with the walking groups table. The variability of the amplifying equipment is annoying sometimes for poor hearers.

prior to lecture details of visits could be announced - not always to see details of everything because of crowds, it would give organizers a chance to explain a bit more and to justify cost.

Lower the noise level

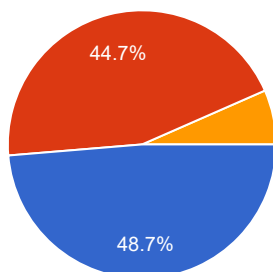
car parking is a problem

A little more time to sign up to interest groups before speaker starts

Perhaps we could all contribute towards a reliable sound system, the breakdowns in the equipment are really irritating to the audience and must be offputting for the speakers

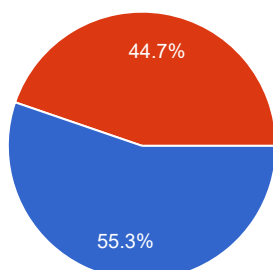
Interest Groups

Please rate the overall quality of how interest groups are organised



Excellent	37	48.7%
Good	34	44.7%
Average	5	6.6%
Poor	0	0%

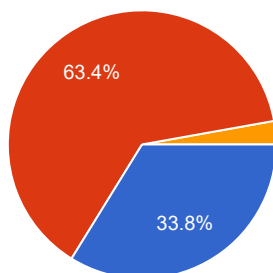
Please rate the range of activities



Excellent	42	55.3%
Good	34	44.7%
Average	0	0%
Poor	0	0%

Please rate the quality of the group venues

Excellent	24	33.8%
Good	45	63.4%
Average	2	2.8%
Poor	0	0%



rticipate in

Italian

Gardening

Keep fit , belly dancing ' family history ' computing ' luncheon group' singing ,visits

Gardening, architecture, social history and industrial archaeology.

Creative Writing; Theatre visits

in too many now

As I have a transport problem I am not able too join many groups

Bird watching

Orienteering.

More mini-bus outings and holidays.

New member, just finding my feet

There are so many interest groups, in my opinion, I couldn't think of any more to fit into an already busy programme

My husband is interested in a Man-shed type group

Paper engineering

No suggestion to be made

Art,armchair travel,paper eng.,

Cycling singing ukulele

beginners/improvers bridge

Cycling and singing

only just joined, but walking, cycling and a craft or language group

Ukulele Group, beginners. Modern Ballroom dancing - learners.

Birdwatching, Angling

Ok for now

N/A

Anything on learning more about the visible stars and planets.

swimming

furniture restoration, walking, cross stitch

creative writing

already participate

Please enter any interest groups you would be prepared to co-ordinate

None

architecture (Modern as well as ancient).

Coordinate but not lead Creative Writing

already do

Family history

None at the moment

Having been a member for 16 years, I have exhausted my capacity for leadership and responsibility having held positions over the years on committee, as secretary, interest groups organiser, archivist, family history co-ordinator, walking group leader..... the list goes on!

Happy to put my feet up now!!

Man-shed

To old I have done my share

Cycling Singing Ukulele

non, as yet. Too new to the organisation at the moment

Not at the moment

N/A

swimming

skiing

0

Singing

already coordinate

Main Visits and Trips

How many trips did you go on last year?

0

1

2

3

4

6

5

7

4

What trips would you like to see? (include trips you might like to repeat)

Theatre trips

inside humber bridge, drax power station, newark sugar beet,

Not yet really wanting group trips, maybe when I'm older

Tour of Lincoln University Robotic Labs

minds a blank!!

Pub crawl maybe?

more day trips to gardens in the area/ historical houses

Local places of historical interest.

day trips, industrial & other visits which are normally off-limits to the public, unusual ideas

Anything of interest and holidays to Scotland. Short cruises, train journeys.

All the trips are well organised and interesting. Perhaps there are too many. I would like to see trips to the theatre and I would really love to go back to the garden in Yorkshire, not the Breezy Knees, the other one!

Lake District

Archaeology, Industrial Archaeology, Galleries, Royal Armouries

Royal armouries, railway museum.

Duxford Air Museum - National Arboretum in Staffordshire

Art or engineering

Thorpe Camp 1940's event July 9th or 10th 2016

Theatre

Concerts, Theatre

stately home, horse racing, theatre

visits to gardens

Gardens,

Weekend away cycling, or even long weekend.

Like most fairly active visits.

Theatre, Concerts

unsure

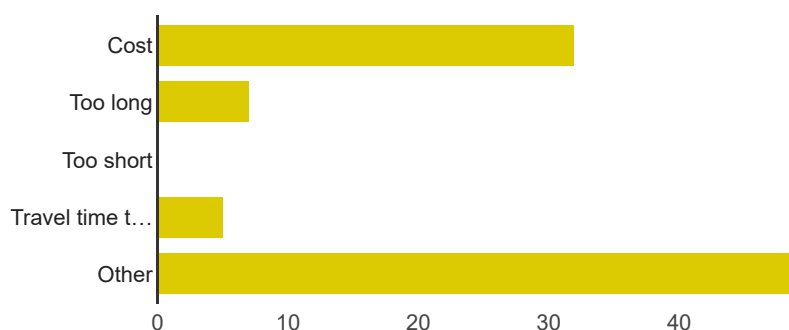
Having enjoyed and learned about our black bin waste conversion into electrical power recently, a similar informative visit to learn about waste water and how it is dealt with would be good for a limited number of people.

Lincoln signalling centre (missed the last one), Oxford/Cambridge Universities (possibly combined with Duxford Museum)

art galleries

Kew gardens, Hampton Court

What influences your choice of trips?

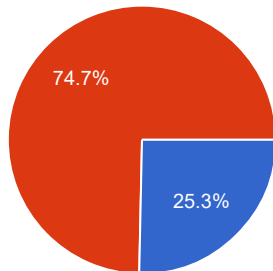


Cost	32	42.1%
Too long	7	9.2%
Too short	0	0%
Travel time too long	5	6.6%

Other **49** 64.5%

Social Events

Did you attend Christmas dinner 2015

Yes **19** 25.3%No **56** 74.7%

If No please explain why not

Not joined

too many christmas dinner to attend

Visitors staying with us at the same time.

Illness

Wasn't able due to other commitments

Could not afford to, at the same time as other social and family events. Limited budget.

Not interested

Christmas dinner not really my thing

Had another engagement on that day

Wasn't here

away at the time

Not keen on large Christmas dinner meets

Have attended previously, wanted a break and to save the cost.

didn't know anybody else going

Places were limited and I felt others might want to attend.

It is getting a bit expensive! Will have to think about it next year.

Unable to attend owing to lack of time.

Not a member at this time

Didn't hear about it

Didn't know about it

I was not a member

Other things hapening

not intersted

Usually attend Several Christmas meals so cost adds up and need to prioritise.

Other commitments

otherwise engaged

Cost

Too late to sign up for it

Too late to sign up

not a member in 2015

Went abroad with friends for Christmas.

Too many Christmas dinners before Christmas.

Didn't get booked

Prior engagement - retired staff reunion in Newcastle

Was not quick enough in booking

clashed with something else

This year coincided with a family visit. Have attended all the previous ones since joining.

not too partial to large organized dinners

People with colds and flu tend not to stay away, passing on their viruses.

Don't like large christmas dinners

Not convenient

abroad

limited number available

family commitments

other commitments

N/A

Don't know specific groups of people well enough to join with because I don't attend groups only the monthly meetings.

Too many other xmas dinners

Please suggest other social events you might like to see organised

DIY

high tea in a stately home

Cinema, Theatre, Musical visits to encore, live stream, live performances (locally)

Summer cocktail party / barbecue / informal musical evening

Personally this is not why I joined

Pub crawl

Tea dances. Sequence dancing.

Ceilidhs are always a good laugh and get everyone involved. Open gardens/Garden party in aid of funds or charities?

A day at the Races !

Theatre visits

Non

Visits to Classical music concerts - Hull/Sheffield/Cathedral

Tea dance

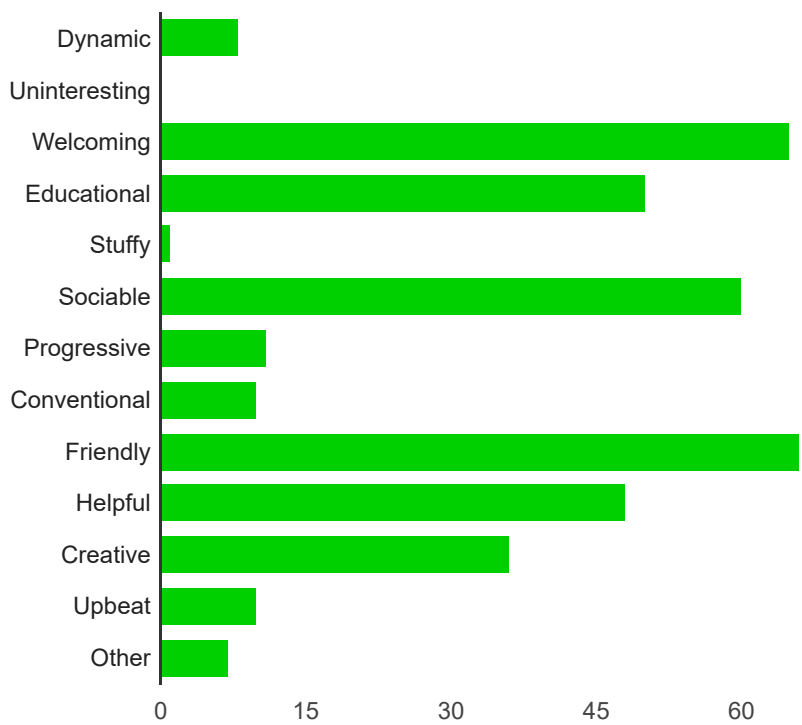
N/A

Wine tasting

theatre (loacal or overnight to London)
Theatre trips and musical trips

Overview

Please tick the words you would use to describe West Wolds U3A



Dynamic	8	10.5%
Uninteresting	0	0%
Welcoming	65	85.5%
Educational	50	65.8%
Stuffy	1	1.3%
Sociable	60	78.9%
Progressive	11	14.5%
Conventional	10	13.2%
Friendly	66	86.8%
Helpful	48	63.2%
Creative	36	47.4%
Upbeat	10	13.2%
Other	7	9.2%

Thank You

Number of daily responses

