

Statement about Carers

Do you have a carer (or carers) who attends Culm Valley u3a (CVu3a) meetings and/or Groups with you? The committee is aware that some members may require the assistance of a carer (or carers) to enable them to attend meetings and groups. Sometimes these carers are already, or become, CVu3a members in their own right.

If your carer is not a CVu3a member, this is not a problem and they are under no obligation to join. However, for insurance purposes we would ask that, if you have carer/s to assist you, you notify the Membership Secretary of their name/s. This will ensure that we have a record of those who attend in this capacity and we will afford them "Associate Member" status when they attend CVu3a functions.

In terms of payments for activities, CVu3a the following guidelines be applied:

1. Monthly Meetings

Carers who are not CVu3a members will not be charged for attendance at the monthly meeting if they are supporting a member. However, please make sure that you have registered their names with the membership secretary. Carers should also register their presence at the payment desk.

2. Interest Group Meetings

Carers would not be expected to pay any costs of the activity (such as venue charges) if they are only there to enable the member they are supporting to attend. However, if they actively take part in the activities in their own right, they would be expected to join the organisation and contribute for their own involvement.

Carers attending a group with a member, held in another members home, would be expected to pay a donation of 50p, or an agreed sum, to the host for any refreshments.

3. Outings and Trips

Where an outing or trip is planned that incurs a 'per person' cost (such as a meal out, trip to a town/city or visit to a garden or home) the member and their carer would each be required to pay the charge for the activity. This includes transport charges, including car sharing.

The committee recognises that these issues can be difficult to get right and, in drawing up the above list, we have tried to be fair to both those who rely on carers to be able to attend UCVu3a activities, as well as their fellow group and activity participants.

If any members experience problems with this issue, please contact the Groups Co-ordinator in the first instance on Email: cvu3agroupscoord@Gmail.com, and she will either try to help you to resolve it or will bring it back to the committee for discussion.

The Membership Secretary can be contacted by Email: cvu3amemsecretary@Gmail.com