# Chester u3a Membership Policy

1. In order to attend any Chester u3a Learning and Interest Group or monthly meeting, it is necessary to be a current member of Chester u3a (Subject to point 7 or 8 below). In line with the national Third Age Trust insurance requirements, membership and/or visitor status will be monitored at monthly meetings and by Group Leaders.
2. When joining the Chester u3a, it is assumed that members agree to the Chester u3a Code of Conduct and its various Policies and Procedures.
3. The Membership year is 1 September – 31 August. Membership fees will be set by the Chester u3a Committee on an annual basis.
4. Membership must be renewed annually. Non-payment of the renewal fee eight weeks after the due date will result in a lapse of membership and the individual will no longer be eligible to attend Chester u3a events.
5. New members may join at any time of the year through payment of the full annual fee. New members joining between 1 June and 31 August will be entitled to an extended membership until 31 August of the following year.
6. Full members of another u3a are eligible to join the Chester u3a as an Associate Member at a reduced rate. Associate members enjoy the same benefits as full members apart from receipt of the magazine "u3a Matters".
7. Prospective members are welcome to attend one monthly meeting and one meeting of a Learning and Interest Group before deciding whether to join the Chester u3a.
8. Occasional attendance by non-members at social events is permitted. However, regular attendance by the same non-member will invalidate u3a public liability insurance and is not permitted.

This policy was approved by Chester u3a Committee in October 2026.

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