



## CHARNWOOD U3A

[www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk](http://www.charnwoodu3a.org.uk)

Registered charity no: 1076107

Dear Enquirer

Thank you for your request for information about Charnwood U3A.

We are a local organisation run by our members, for our members. We are a learning co-operative, responsible for our own programme and finance. Membership is open to men and women who are retired or semi-retired. We rely on the involvement of our members to organise and carry out the programme.

We are affiliated to a national organisation – the Third Age Trust – which provides insurance, advice information and links to other U3A groups. More information about this national organisation is available at [www.u3a.org.uk](http://www.u3a.org.uk).

Our main activities take place in groups which reflect the member's interests. The groups are small and informal; no qualifications are needed to join. Each group is self funding and there may be a small charge to cover running costs such as room hire, transport costs and speaker fees. Most groups are able to accept new members although some may be full. Extra groups can be set up where members are willing to start them – help to do this is always available.

There is a monthly members meeting, organised by the committee, at Burleigh Community College. At each meeting we have a speaker or some other activity and a chance to meet other members over a cup of tea. You are welcome to attend one of these meetings before joining the U3A.

The current membership fee is £12 per year per member. The membership year runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. If you join between 1<sup>st</sup> August and 30<sup>th</sup> September your first subscription will carry over to the end of the following membership year (i.e. you get 14 months for the price of 12).

To join Charnwood U3A fill in the form over leaf. Then return the completed form together with a cheque for £12 (£24 for two members) made payable to "Charnwood U3A" to:

**Charnwood U3A Membership Secretary**  
**114, Park Road**  
**Loughborough**  
**LE11 2HH**

The form is in three parts. **You must fill in the first part**, which is information about you for our records. The second part is to provide an emergency contact (if you wish); and the third part is a declaration to enable us to reclaim a percentage of your subscription from the Inland Revenue if you are a taxpayer.

Helen Davison

Chairman

Charnwood U3A

I / we would like to become member(s) of Charnwood U3A. I / we understand that we may be liable to other small charges as members of interest groups.

**Part 1**

**DATA PROTECTION ACT:** I / we agree that this data may be held on a computer file for use of Charnwood U3A only.

Please print clearly. Your first name and surname will appear on your membership card. For a couple please complete details for each person.

<p>1</p> <p>Surname: .....</p> <p>First name(s): .....</p> <p>Male / female (please ring correct gender)</p> <p>Date of birth (optional): .....</p> <p>Address: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Post code: .....</p> <p>Telephone number: .....</p> <p>Email address: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Date: .....</p> <p>Please tick here if someone else living at the same address is already a member: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Please give their name: .....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Surname: .....</p> <p>First name(s): .....</p> <p>Male / female (please ring correct gender)</p> <p>Date of birth (optional): .....</p> <p>Address: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Post code: .....</p> <p>Telephone number: .....</p> <p>Email address: .....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>Signature: .....</p> <p>Date: .....</p>
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**Part 2**

Please provide the name and telephone number of an emergency contact. This will be available to the group leader in case of accident or emergency.

Name: ..... Telephone number: .....

**Part 3**



As a registered charity Charnwood U3A can take advantage of the Gift Aid scheme that will treat your subscription as a donation to charity. Using Gift Aid means that for every pound you give, we get an extra 28 pence from the Inland Revenue, helping your donation go further.

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Signed: ..... (1) Signed: ..... (2)

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