Minutes for the 20th Annual General Meeting

held on 4th August 2026 at Southwell Leisure Centre

1. Apologies for absence	Apologies were received from E Maiden, M Armitage, J Huson, G Wright, D Wright, L Widgery, L Neesam, T Mellor, L Mellor, D Foster, J Ellis, L Dorling, J Hogg, J Gees, P Wood, C Ulanowsky-Rose, G Smith, V Smith
2. Chair's opening remarks	The chair, Mike Freemantle, welcomed members to the AGM.
3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM	The minutes of the 19th AGM 2025 had been circulated and displayed on the Southwell u3a website. There being no matters arising it was proposed to accept them as accurate. Proposer: R Ludlow; Seconder: R Kingsbury. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.
4. To accept the chair's report for the year 2025-26	Mike Freemantle summarised his report that had been circulated to members prior to the event, showing that Southwell u3a is continuing to grow steadily. He gave special thanks to all those involved in running the u3a, including the membership team, the website and Newsline team, the committee and to all those volunteers involved in running groups and events. It was proposed to accept the chair's report as circulated and summarised. Proposer: R Bennett; Seconder: J Zdanowski. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.
5. To receive and accept the Statement of accounts for 2025 - 2026.	The treasurer Jan Clarke-Humphries summarised the treasurer's report and statement of accounts which had been circulated to members prior to the event. This showed that Southwell u3a remains in a good financial position. She gave special thanks to John Langley, Group Treasurer, recently retired and to Sue Baines, Social Treasurer, and to all the activity group treasurers. The report was proposed to be accepted. Proposer: R Bennett; Seconder: R Peacock. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.

	It was proposed to keep the membership fee at £15 per year / £8 per half year. Proposer: A Kingsbury; Seconder: E Dunphy. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.
6. To appoint Vanilla Accounting as Auditors for 2026 - 2027	It was proposed to appoint Vanilla Accounting as auditors for Southwell u3a. Proposer: P Scruby; Seconder: R Peacock. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.
7. Election of Officers and Committee	The nominations for the committee were circulated to members in advance. These appointments were proposed as a group. Proposer: R Ludlow; Seconder: R Bennett. This was supported by a vote from the majority of members present.
8. Vote of thanks to retiring committee members	Mike Freemantle gave a vote of thanks to Nadina Lincoln and Annabel Kingsbury who were retiring from the committee, although Annabel is continuing in her role as Welfare Secretary.
9. Any other business	One question was raised re updating members' details on Beacon. Michele Bennett, Committee Member, advised that members were welcome to contact her with any changes. Mike Freemantle gave a vote of thanks to the people who make the coffees each month at the meetings. There was no other business.
	The meeting ended at 10.45 am.