

## **CHALFONTS U3A CLARIFICATION OF POLICY ON ACCESSIBILITY**

This Accessibility statement is also available on the Chalfonts U3A website [www.chalfontsu3.org.uk](http://www.chalfontsu3.org.uk)

As mentioned in our February 2017 Newsletter we have a system in place should a member become unwell and need assistance at our monthly meetings. A designated committee member will telephone the emergency services should they be required. Please also note that our request for emergency contact details on the back of your membership card is extremely important – this system will only work if you have your membership card with you at all U3A functions.

We also advise that members are covered by our group insurance. But please note that this insurance cover extends only to liability for damage caused to third parties i.e. public liability cover. There is no cover for the costs of emergency medical treatment or transport for members suffering illness or injury while involved in U3A activity unless Chalfonts U3A is at fault. Nevertheless everything will be done to assist any member in difficulty.

We want to be known as a caring group which has the best interests of all its members at the forefront, but we do not have extensive resources and so make the following provisions.

Issues arise from time to time regarding mobility and we want to ensure that any member wishing to participate in U3A activities is able to do so with certain provisos. In the case of limited mobility, we would ask that member to arrange to be accompanied by an able-bodied responsible person who can assist them during the meeting or outing. Convenors of groups are not able to take responsibility to offer assistance as their remit is to look after the group as a whole, and not one particular member.

A carer or responsible person will be covered by our group insurance for a limited number of occasions – details will need to be submitted to the Secretary.

We are aware that we are a third-age group of people and many of our members although willing to help, are themselves frail. Therefore we do reiterate the need for an able-bodied person to be available to help those who have difficulties.

A further issue arises for those members who no longer drive and have problems in getting to monthly meetings or interest groups. The committee is unable to provide lifts for members, so can we suggest that if you know of someone who lives nearby and doesn't drive, you might be prepared to assist. Please contact a committee member or group convenor if you can help in this way. Chilterns Dial-a-Ride covers the South Bucks area and can be contacted on 01494 766123.

We are anxious to enable access to all our activities for all our members and hope you will understand our reasons for the above provisos.