

u3a NORTHALLERTON

DISCRETIONARY WAIVING OF FEES POLICY

This Policy is intended to govern the waiving of fees within Northallerton U3A in exceptional circumstances.

1. Northallerton U3A recognises that some individuals may be reluctant, or unable, to join our group due to the annual membership fee being outside of their available financial means.
2. As a group Northallerton U3A wants to be inclusive to everyone and therefore will not preclude individuals with limited funds for joining. To achieve this, in certain circumstances we will waive the annual membership fee – upon application from an individual.
3. Northallerton U3A also recognises there may be a stigma attached to making this application, which may deter individuals from approaching us. Therefore to maintain confidentiality the following process is to be followed:

Any individual who is unable to afford to pay their membership fee should send an application, in writing/by e-mail to either the Chairperson, Vice Chair or Membership Secretary of Northallerton U3A. Any supporting evidence to back this claim would be beneficial (but not a requirement). A sub committee of Chair, Vice Chair and Membership Secretary will discuss the application and decide if the individual is entitled to have their fees waived. Records will then be updated accordingly.

4. The waiving of fees ONLY applies to the annual membership subscriptions. Any other fees charged by individual groups MUST be paid in full

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