

Thanet u3a - Social Media Policy

Thanet u3a uses one social media platform, Facebook.

Thanet u3a Facebook is a private group which is open to all fully paid-up members of Thanet u3a who can be found on Beacon, our administrative system. Members notify Thanet u3a if they want to have access to the Facebook pages.

Other u3a groups/their representative may be given access to the group's postings as this facilitates exchanges of possible benefit to Thanet u3a's members.

If a potential new member of Thanet asks to join the Facebook group, the request is denied, but the person who makes the request is given feedback. The standard response via Messenger is 'Hello, [Christian name], I am so sorry, but I can only admit to our Facebook group members of Thanet u3a. If you would like to find out more about our organisation, do go to our website: <https://thanet.u3asite.uk/>. We also hold some social events every month which are open to both our members and non-members so that anyone interested in our organisation can meet members of the committee, leaders of interest groups and other members. You will see from our website that there is a coffee morning/talk coming up quite soon. Do come along if you can. I hope that helps. Every good wish, [Admin].

An annual audit is carried out within a month after subscriptions are renewed to ensure that all members of the Facebook group are current members. Those members who use a Facebook nom-de-plume are asked for the name which appears on Beacon.

As Thanet u3a's Facebook is a private group, it is expected that all Thanet u3a members give consent to photos which feature them being posted to our FB page. It is the responsibility of individual u3a members to inform group leaders/the committee if they do not wish to be named or appear on any photograph used for Facebook/Thanet u3a purposes.

All posts are moderated as soon as notification of a new post is received to ensure that it is of relevance/interest to Thanet u3a members and that it fits with Thanet u3a's interest groups and policies.

All posts must be apolitical and areligious unless the context is an historical one and relevant to a current course or group. Should a post be removed for any reason, then an explanation is sent to the member responsible for the post.