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**Flyer from the Chair to all Convenors
17th April 2026**

Dear Convenor,

I wanted to take a moment to write to you, not with a long list of updates or requests, but simply to say thank you.

I have very quickly recognised the interest groups are the beating heart of Swanland u3a, and that's entirely down to you. The time, care and quiet organisation you put in — often behind the scenes — is what makes the whole thing work so well. It really is appreciated, even if it isn't always said out loud.

As I settle into the role of Chair, one thing is very clear to me: there is a lot that is working well, and I have no desire to change that. The strength and variety of our groups is something to be proud of. My aim is simply to build on that — to look for small ways we can improve, encourage new members, and keep things fresh and enjoyable for everyone involved.

With that in mind, I wanted to ask for your thoughts on one particular area.

Each year we hold a convenors meeting, intended as a chance to share updates and hear your views. Attendance has dipped a little recently, and rather than assume why, I thought it best simply to ask you:

- Is November a good time of year for you?
- Is there a day of week that would suit better?
- Would you prefer something more informal, or even a different format altogether?

There are no right or wrong answers — I'm genuinely interested in what would work best for you.

If you have a moment, I'd really value your thoughts. A quick reply is all that's needed.

More broadly, if there's anything you feel could be improved, or anything you'd like the committee to consider, please don't hesitate to say. This is very much a shared effort, and your voice matters.

Thank you again for everything you do — Swanland u3a simply wouldn't be what it is without you. I very much look forward to meeting you during the coming weeks and months.

With best wishes,

Mark

Chair, Swanland u3a