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| Dengie & District U3A | |
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Introduction

Dengie & District u3a treats your privacy rights seriously. This privacy policy sets out how we will deal with your 'personal information', that could identify, or relate to the identity of an individual.

What Personal Information Do We Collect?

When you express an interest in becoming a member of the u3a you will be asked to provide certain information. This includes:

- Name
- Home address
- Email address
- Telephone number
- Subscription preferences
- Gift Aid Entitlement
- Next of kin

How We Collect This Personal Information?

All the information collected is obtained directly from you. This is usually at the point of your initial registration. The information will be collected via membership forms. The lawful basis for collecting and storing your information is due to the legitimate interests that Dengie & District u3a has in communicating with you as a member. In order to inform you about the groups, activities and events that you can access as a member, we need to store and process a certain amount of personal data.

How We Use your Personal Information?

We use your personal information:

- To provide our u3a activities and services to you
- For administration, planning and management of our u3a
- To communicate with you about group activities
- To monitor, develop and improve the provision of our u3a activities
- For delivery of the Trust Publication – Third Age Matters
- To contact your next of kin in the event of an accident

We'll send you messages by email, other digital methods, telephone, and post to advise you of u3a activities.

Who Do We Share Your Personal Information With?

We may disclose information about you, including your personal information:

- Internally - to committee members and group leaders – as required to facilitate your participation in our u3a activities.

- Externally – for products or services products or services such as direct mailing for the Trust magazine - Third Age Matters. The magazine is distributed by a third-party processor and your information is shared with the distribution company via a secure on-line portal. Should you not wish to receive the magazine please contact the Membership Secretary.
- If we have a statutory duty to disclose it for legal and/or regulatory reasons. In this instance we will seek to obtain your consent. Information would be shared without consent where there were serious safety concerns and it was felt to be in your or the u3as best interest to disclose information.

How Long Do We Keep Your Personal Information?

We need to keep your information so that we can provide our services to you. Information will be retained in the Beacon system whilst you are a member of the u3a. If you leave the u3a we may continue to hold your information in Beacon for up to 6 months, however you can request immediate deletion by contacting the membership secretary. The exceptions to this are instances where there may be legal or insurance circumstances that require information to be held for longer whilst this is investigated or resolved. Where this is the case then the member/s will be informed as to how long the information will be held for and when it is deleted. In addition any information relating to Gift Aid submissions must by law be kept for 6 years from the end of the financial year it was claimed.

How Your Information Can Be Updated or Corrected

To ensure the information we hold is accurate and up to date, members need to inform the u3a as to any changes to their personal information. You can do this by contacting the membership secretary at anytime.

Email: membership_sec@dengieu3a.com

On an annual basis you will have the opportunity to update your information, as required, via the membership renewal form. Should you wish to view the information that the u3a holds on you, you can make this request by contacting the membership secretary – as detailed above. There may be certain circumstances where we are not able to comply with this request. This would include where the information may contain references to another individual or for legal, investigative or security reasons. Otherwise, we will usually respond within 14 days of the request being made.

How We Store Your Personal Information?

Dengie & District u3a is committed to protect your personal information against loss or theft, as well as unauthorised access, disclosure, copying, use, or modification.

Your membership information is held on the Beacon system which is an external database accessed via a browser. Access to the Beacon system is strictly controlled and managed by the committee member appointed as Beacon administrator. Users of the Beacon system are only able to access membership data necessary to fulfil their role.

A backup of Beacon system data is taken monthly. This data is stored securely on a cloud based shared drive accessible only to committee members.

Availability And Changes to This Policy

This policy is available on our website <https://dengie.u3asite.uk/home>. This policy may change from time to time. Members will be informed via the website and the monthly general meetings when any material changes are made to Dengie & Districts u3a policies and procedures.

Contact

If you have any queries about this policy, need it in an alternative format, or have any complaints about our privacy practices, please contact us:

Email: secretary@dengieu3a.com