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## 1. Document Purpose

The purpose of this document is to clarify what the Cotswold Link Reciprocation Policy is and how it affects members of Stroud u3a.

## 2. What is Cotswold Link?

Throughout the UK, Link Organisations provide an interface between individual u3as (over 1000 exist) and the Third Age Trust.

For Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire u3as, that organisation is known as the **Cotswold Link**. At the time of writing, there are 26 u3as that are affiliated to the Cotswold Link including Stroud u3a. Those u3as are from either the South- West Region or the Midlands region. Cotswold Link has its own website which can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://u3asites.org.uk/cotswold-link/home>

## 3. Cotswold Link Reciprocation Policy

For a number of years, Cotswold Link have had a policy of allowing individual members of affiliated u3as to join just one activity group in another Cotswold Link u3a, without having to pay a separate subscription to that second u3a. So, theoretically, a member could join one activity group in all 25 other u3as and would still only need to pay one subscription. The likelihood of that ever happening is extremely low! However, members of adjacent u3as may well join an activity group in Stroud u3a if that activity group does not exist in their home u3a.

Adjacent u3as to Stroud u3a are:

Cheltenham u3a  
Churchdown u3a  
Cirencester u3a  
Dursley & Cam u3a  
Gloucester u3a  
Tetbury u3a

For details of any of these u3as, type the name of the u3a e.g. Cheltenham u3a into your browser and it should come up quickly. Please contact a member of the Stroud u3a committee if you have any difficulty.

Note: Whenever people join Stroud u3a as Associate members, they must still complete a Stroud u3a application form – even if they are joining as part of the reciprocation scheme.