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The quilt – created from the winning 40 blocks submitted from u3as across the UK – reflects the skills, experience and contribution of u3a members.

2022 marks 40 years for the u3a movement with its nearly 400,000 members showcasing what it means to have a positive and fulfilling later life.

Trustee for the NW Neil Stevenson who unveiled the quilt said, “It was a privilege to unveil the finished quilt in a ceremony at the Whitworth Gallery. Around 70 people turned up for the unveiling and listen to talks on quilting including from members who contributed, from a professional quilter and experts from the Whitworth gallery.

“The quilt is beautiful and is testimony to the talent, skills and energy of all the members. Thank you to them and to the Whitworth for hosting this event.

“We are looking forward to the next 40 years of learning, activity, connection and fun in the u3a movement”

The quilt will now travel to Oxford where it will be displayed at the Witney Blanket Hall from 10 August.

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