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Welcome to this edition of Beacon News. This month, it was [announced](#) that the Third Age Trust Board of Directors have decided to partner with APT Solutions Ltd to deliver the Beacon Upgrade Project.

Increasingly popular among U3As

More and more U3As across the UK are now choosing to implement the Beacon system. Over 350 U3As have already done so, and between them they have almost 200,000 members managed on the system.

There are also nearly 100 more U3As evaluating the Beacon system or in the process of implementing it with the help of Beacon Team supporters.

We look forward to these U3As joining the Beacon family.

Closing the gap

Following the announcement of our partnership with APT, the next stage of the project will be a 'gap analysis'. This is where we work with APT to define how the upgrade will be implemented on their technology platform.

We will do this by using the information we have already gathered plus a number of additional exercises such as focus groups with U3A members.

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Expanding the team

Following our call for volunteers we are delighted to be welcoming four new supporters to the Beacon Team:

- Graham Golding - Edinburgh U3A
- Mike Nunn - Sutton Bridge U3A
- Alan Sparshott - Dunstable U3A
- Mike Watts - Carterton U3A

There are several more potential supporters in the process of applying - if you are interested in joining them, simply email recruitment@beacon.u3a.org.uk for more information.

Beacon Tip: Selecting members from the list

Member lists are at the heart of the Beacon system, and there are several features and tools available to users to make it easy to select some, all or none of the members on a given list – so you don't need to tick them off one by one.

[Find out more on the Beacon website](#)

"The source of all member information"

This month, Beacon site administrator Andy from Canterbury and District U3A explains what led his U3A to implement Beacon and how they have benefited from doing so

[Read more](#)

Stop press!

We are currently working on developing a new section of the Beacon website dedicated to the upgrade project. We will be sending out a special edition of Beacon News to announce its launch soon.



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