

SiteWorks: Release Note

Core Plugin 1.1.0, Configuration Plugin 1.1.0, Dashboard Plugin 1.1.0,
Maintenance Mode Plugin 1.1.0, Contact Form Plugin 1.1.0,
SiteWorks Theme 1.9.8

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This release note has been issued to cover a set of updates to add new feature, enhancements and together with the resolution of a number of defects/bugs. The updates are to be implemented through changes to the *Core*, *Configuration*, *Import-Export* and *Contact Form* plugins, together with the *SiteWorks Theme*.

Summary for Website Administrators: This is the first major set of enhancements since the release of the production version of the code on 6 December 2023. While the list of complete changes are given later in this release note, the following issues and enhancements should be noted by all web managers as they directly impact on content creation and how content is viewed.

- The **u3a event list** widget is now configurable, with the following options:
 - *Sort and Filter:* (i) the event list can either show Future or Past events, (ii) the event list can be sorted in ascending or descending order and (iii) the list can be restricted to show events related to a specific category.
 - *Limits:* (i) the event listing can be restricted by groups, (ii) the list of events can be restricted in overall length or time period.
 - *Layout Choices:* (i) the event listing can be presented as a simple list or (ii) a grid that incorporates the event's featured image. In the grid option the background colour can be selected from the available palette. If required the image can be cropped to maintain grid consistency.
- The **u3a group list** widget is now configurable, with the following options:
 - *Category:* The list can show either all events, or those restricted to a specific category.
 - *Alphabetic Flow:* The group list can be alphabetically arranged down the column or across a row.
 - *Group Status:* The Group status information is selectable.
 - *Meeting Time:* The start and end times of group meetings can be added.
 - *Venue:* The meeting venue information is selectable.
 - Groups that were displayed as *Suspended* will now be given the status of *Dormant*.
- The **Contact Form** now has an optional logging option, if selected, information regarding usage is held for 90 days to help monitor usage and spam protection. Web Managers are reminded that this feature does require modification of the u3s's [Website Terms and Conditions](#).
- The **Dropped Shadow** feature implemented in WordPress 6.5. has been made available in the u3a colour palette. A Dropped Shadow can be added to an image block, Columns block together with an individual Column or Button.
- **LiteSpeed Cache:** This plugin remains an ongoing issue, while the modification to the contact form has in part resolved some of the issues, further work and testing is ongoing.

Website Administrators are recommended to review the documentation available in the User Guide, shortly after the release of the upgrade.

Release Consists of the Following Plugins

Compatible with: WordPress 6.5.2 **Theme:** [u3a SiteWorks 1.9.8](#)

Plugin	Version	Plugin	Version
Gutenslider [§]	6.1.0	Imsanity [§]	2.8.4
Independent Analytics [§]	2.4.3	Lightbox for Gallery and Image Block [§]	1.13
LiteSpeed Cache ^{§†}	-	Loginizer [§]	1.8.4
MainWP child [§]	5.0.1.1	Meta Box [§]	5.9.7
Meta Field Block [§]	1.2.9	u3a SiteWorks Contact Form	1.1.0
u3a SiteWorks Core	1.1.0	u3a SiteWorks Dashboard	1.1.0
u3a SiteWorks Import Export	1.6.1	u3a SiteWorks Maintenance Mode	1.1.0
u3a SiteWorks WordPress configuration	1.1.0		

[§]Third Party Software Plugins, version numbers outside the control of SiteWorks

[†]Should not be activated, see Known Defects or Limitation.

New Features, Enhancements and Bug Fixes.

Plugin	Summary of Reason
Core	#991: Improve display of group contacts when 'hide email addresses' is off.
Core	#994: Add editable attributes to Event List and Group List Widgets.
Core	#1002: Choice of alphabetic flow in group list.
Configuration	#1010: Add facility for cautionary notice to the Add New Plugin page with link to SiteWorks help on plugins.
Core	#1023: On the list of Groups, the venue can be shown.
Core	#1024: Support multiple u3a_group categories in REST API endpoint.
Configuration	#1025: An author can not delete a group where they have been assigned as the author, [Change Board minutes 34(i), 40].
Contact Form	#1026a: Change spam protection mechanism in contact form to address page caching issues with LiteSpeed Cache plugin, [See 972 and Change Board minute 11]. #1026b: Add optional log of messages sent using the contact form.
Core	#1032: Change short format group status from 'Suspended' to 'Dormant'.
Import Export	#1033: Resolves CSV issue in the <i>Days</i> field.

Unreferenced Modifications ‡

Plugin	Reason
Configuration	Add medium.large to the list of image sizes available when adding an image in the block editor.
Theme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Add drop shadow presets to theme.json in black, u3a dark blue and u3a orange. (b) Simplify code in Functions.php and rename references to u3a test to u3a.theme. (c) Remove test patterns from Functions.php. (d) Add button colours to the alternate styles, for consistency across themes. (e) Add spacer block to single.html template to prevent large left aligned images overlapping footer (f) Add restore search box min width to style.css. (g) Change css so that only one sub menu item is underlined in the menu.

‡ Identified by the Development team either to optimise code or align the current *Theme* to the enhancements implemented in WordPress 6.5.

Known Defects or Limitations

LiteSpeed Cache: This is an ongoing issue, currently the plugin should not be activated. Detailed in OpenProject #972, Change Board Minute 11.

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