



Trustees' Annual Report to the Charity Commission 2024-25

Premises move

In mid-2024 we were given notice to quit by the end of 2026 by our landlords, Milton Keynes Community Foundation, who are planning to redevelop for full commercial letting the buildings on the block of units we presently occupy.

Our landlords are proposing a yet-to-be-developed community hub in South Milton Keynes, to house us and other voluntary and charitable organisations currently within the Burners Lane site. Assuming that we can continue with MKCF as landlords, we have been informed that this will come with increased costs on base rent. We are not yet committed to the Granby location and will continue to seek alternative premises that might better meet our needs and financial situation.

Community Projects

An increase in skilled volunteers has allowed us to take on many more community projects, including some that have helped with larger revenue generation.

The largest project brought to us was an obstacle course for a schools robotics competition run by local company, Niftylift, who make mobile elevated work platforms. This brought together the skills of just about every area of the Shed from woodworking, metalwork, painting/finishing and electronics, using a variety of tools from woodworking, 3D printing through to laser cut parts and a custom designed electronic timing system.

Membership and outreach

Our membership has continued to grow and thrive, with people from a huge range of backgrounds and with a diversity of skills and interests coming to join us. The paid-up membership now stands at over 150.

Our renewed approach to Health and Safety, along with equipment accreditation for users, has continued to evolve, to the benefit of all. Manuals have been updated and processes documented.

Following on from the Milton Keynes Heritage Open Days held last year, we have once again opened our doors during September to the public, with over two hundred visitors. This has attracted some new members, but also raised awareness in local communities about the Shed, and the Shed movement in general.

Management and Finance

The Management Committee remains stable but we have co-opted some additional members to ensure a better representation.

Our finances remain in good health, and we have started work on building up a reserve, as any premises move will come with many one-off costs. The increase in paid projects, along with an uplift in donations, should enable us to continue to grow our war chest.

Our energy costs have stabilised and have even come down a little, but not to the level they were at a few years ago. Once again we are trying to keep the social and crafts areas heated

Sponsors

We continue to have support from Wickes, Jewsons, MKM Building Supplies, Bellway Homes and B&Q for materials and equipment. Trend Tool Technology very generously donated a replacement table router. Other help was gratefully received when our old internal cold-water tank failed and a new tank donated by local company Plumbing & Gas Solutions, meant no financial outlay.

We are delighted also to have entered into a long term sponsorship and partnership arrangement with The WD40 Company, who have their UK HQ in Milton Keynes.

We remain grateful to our landlords, the Milton Keynes Community Foundation, for continuing to subsidise the rent on the building.

Conclusion

While we look forward to the future, we were sorry to hear of the passing of Peter Gallagher. Peter was instrumental in getting the Shed off the ground and contributed hugely to its running between 2012 and 2022.

The Shed will continue to develop its mission to provide meaningful recreation and companionship to its members, and we will seek to build on our relationships with the groups and communities that we support, and which support us.

Michael West – Chair

Nigel Pigott – Secretary

Henry Suppiah – Treasurer 2022-25

January 2026



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/04/2024		31/03/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Donations	£10,506.60		£10,506.60	£9,640.66
Local Giving	£29,030.19		£29,030.19	£24,820.60
Matched Funding	£965.00		£965.00	£2,520.80
Grant Funding	£650.00		£650.00	£4,228.00
Sale of Goods	£15,772.98		£15,772.98	£5,222.17
Other	£21.20		£21.20	£583.50
Interest				
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	£56,945.97		£56,945.97	£47,015.73
Asset and investment sales				
Interest	£100.05		£100.05	£79.50
Sale of investments				
Sub total	-£100.05		-£100.05	-£79.50
Total receipts	£56,845.92		£56,845.92	£46,936.23
Payments				
Rent	£8,368.00		£8,368.00	£10,336.87
Insurance	£2,492.76		£2,492.76	£515.52
Power	£3,712.66		£3,712.66	£4,153.74
Telephone, Internet	£1,317.32		£1,317.32	£1,351.99
Water	£519.96		£519.96	£508.00
Health and Safety	£1,461.16		£1,461.16	£1,300.00
Consumables	£3,494.32		£3,494.32	£2,465.90
Fixtures	£326.40		£326.40	£4,254.24
Waste disposal	£460.07		£460.07	£816.42
Other	£47,313.88		£47,313.88	£2,605.78
Sub total	69,466.53		£69,466.53	£28,308.46
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	£36.72		£36.72	
Workshop machines	£1,173.14		£1,173.14	£300.00
Sub total	£1,209.86		£1,209.86	£300.00
Total payments	£70,676.39		£70,676.39	£28,608.46
Net of receipts/(payments)	-£13,830.47		-£13,830.47	£18,327.77
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	£50,804.91		£50,804.91	£32,318.14
Cash funds this year end	£36,974.44		£36,974.44	£50,804.91

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Current account	£36,974.44		£36,974.44	£50,804.91
Deposit account	£51,279.14		£51,279.14	£6,132.38
Cash				
Total cash funds	£88,253.58		£88,253.58	£56,937.29
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		OK		



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name

John Robert Baucutt

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2025

Charity no
(if any)

1156425

Set out on pages

Given Below

the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and basis
of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's
statement

[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]].
Delete [] if not applicable.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below *) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

J.R. Baucutt

Date:

24/09/2025

Name:

John Robert Baucutt

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Fellow of the Institute of Certified Bookkeepers (FICB)
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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

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