

Trustees' annual report for the period

1/11/2023 – 31/10/2024

Charity name: The Gosport Shed. **Charity number:** 1159661

Charity's principal address:

The Drill Hall
St Vincent College
Mill Lane
Gosport
PO12 4Q4

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustees
1	Harry Ansell	Chairman		
2	Maurice Pickles	Vice Chairman		
3	Paul Stephen Millard	Secretary		
4	David Miles	Treasurer		
5	Ian Bainbridge	Workshop Manager		
6	Bill Willets	Social Secretary		
7	Julian Andrew Rees	Members Rep		
8	Robert Lewis Day	Membership Secretary		
9	Julian Yeardley	Health & Safety Rep		
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Names and addresses of advisors

None

Names of chief executive or names of senior staff members

None

Additional governance issues

Membership of The Gosport Shed (TGS) is open to individuals who have retired from full time work, are disabled or in financial hardship, or organisations who are approved by the Trustees. The Trustees oversee the day to day running of TGS.

TGS is located in the grounds of St Vincent College from who it rents its accommodation. TGS is also part of the Regional and National Men's Shed Networks. All Trustees and Shed members give their time voluntarily and receive no payments or other benefits.

TGS is aware of the financial risks in relying on membership fees and donations to cover its running costs and has adopted a reserves policy to cover its major risks

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing documents

To provide or assist in the provision of facilities, in the interest of social welfare, for recreation or other leisure time activities for TGS members. This is with the objective of improving their mental and physical health.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects

Activities during this financial year have included:

Projects

TGS members, utilising their wide range of skills, have carried out a number of projects assisting local schools, nurseries and sheltered accommodation, as well as individuals within the Gosport community. They have also carried out projects for local Naval establishments and The Mary Rose Museum. Projects have ranged from repairing and replacing play equipment to refurbishing Naval ceremonial cannons.

Trips

Visits have been arranged to museums and other places of interest both locally and nationally together with trips to London and a visit to Parliament.

Musical Activities

TGS has increased its musical activities and now has a Ukulele band a choir together with a Guitar band and a Skiffle group which give regular concerts and shows out in the local community. TGS utilising the skills of Shed members a musical revue was performed raising funds for both the Shed and The Poppy appeal.

DIY

TGS has developed workshop and DIY facilities enabling members to carry out their own projects in a social environment.

TGS activities allow the sharing of skills and experiences developed by members over long careers.

All activities carried out by TGS have benefited its members by overcoming loneliness and depression through social interaction.

Additional details of objectives and activities

All project work is carried out by TGS members volunteering and working in teams. This together with volunteers carrying out fundraising activities has contributed both to TGS funds and the social engagement benefiting its members.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

Accommodation

TGS Is continuing discussions with our landlord, St Vincent College, to confirm a lease for its old drill hall. TGS is looking to achieve a 5-year rolling lease which would give us some certainty when looking to the future. The College has agreed in principle to offer the lease and is awaiting approval from its board.

Membership

TGS has maintained its membership and now has over 180 members and continues to see new members wishing to join on a regular basis. Our membership makes TGS one of the biggest Sheds, if not the biggest, in the country.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

TGS relies on its membership fees, donations and fundraising for its income so its reserves policy is set to ensure that sufficient funds are held to enable it to cover operating costs for a minimum period of 6 months. Additionally, TGS is building up a building fund with the aspiration of obtaining its own premises.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details

TGS relies on its membership subscriptions, donations and fundraising activities to cover all its operational costs. All income is used to cover these costs and for the benefit of its members.

Future Plans

Initially to obtain a lease on our current accommodation with the intention of looking to find permanent accommodation in the future.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature: 

Full name: David Miles

Position: Treasurer

Date 2/7/25

Men In Sheds
Income and Expenditure for the period
ending 31st October 2024

Income

Donations	3,673.00
Event Income	2,879.50
Gift Aid	1,230.63
Gosport Lottery	528.40
Membership	8,150.00
Fundraising	14,373.27
Metal Sales	1,229.00
Shed Sales	£1,759.84

£33,823.64

Expenditure

Drill Hall Facilities	13,867.14
First Aid	997.70
Drill Hall Cleaners	1,080.00
Members Refreshments/welfare	777.77
Event Expenses	5,916.54
Shed Supplies/Equipment	654.07
Project Expenditure	546.98
Rent	600.00
Shed Insurance	637.26
Shed phone	172.15
Shed IT	2,650.48
Mileage/Travel	1,113.45
P18	962.38
office supplies	269.92
Bank/Card charges	147.56

£30,393.40

Net Surplus/Deficit

£3,430.24

Independent examiner's report on the Accounts of The Gosport Shed

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31st October 2024.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under s145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under s145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Signed: *AWT*

Date: 19 June 2025

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