

**MOSELEY & KINGS HEATH SHED
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st
MARCH 2025**

Charity Registration No. 1161505

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COMPANY INFORMATION

Trustees at time of AGM held on 13th November 2025	Martin Mullaney: Chairperson Nicola Abbot David Alger Dillon Close – Vice-Chair Stephen Jay Jacyntha Kelly Marguerite Lawrence - Secretary Joanne Mauro - Treasurer Barry Poxon Robert Treadwell Stephanie Williams
Charity number	1161505
Principal address	Moseley and Kings Heath Park Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham B14 7TQ
Bankers	National Westminster Bank Ltd, 112a High Street, Kings Heath Birmingham B14 7LQ.

TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees' present their report and accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's Constitution and Financial Policies, applicable law and the requirements of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008.

Objects of the charity

The charity was registered on 30th April 2015, (No. 1161505) and is affiliated to the UK Men's Shed Association. The registered office and principal address is Moseley and Kings Heath Park, Vicarage Road, Kings Heath, Birmingham, B14 7QT.

The charity's aims are:

- The advancement of health.
- The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the primary object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended and who live in south Birmingham and nearby areas.
- The advancement of education through the development of individual capabilities, skills and understanding through informal education and learning opportunities.
- The advancement of citizenship, volunteering, the encouragement of voluntary activity and increasing the involvement of individuals in community activity and the promotion of civic responsibility.
- Any other purpose that may reasonably be regarded as compatible with any of the preceding purposes.

Moseley & Kings Heath Shed will meet these aims by providing a space that is warm, welcoming and friendly where (mainly older) people can gather to chat,

have a hot drink and perhaps a light snack, share experience, skills and stories so that they can learn from each other, solve problems and gain perspective on their lives. They will also be able to take part in the activities that the 'Shed' has to offer, facilitating the acquisition of skills and benefiting participants through informal education.

Moseley & Kings Heath Shed recognises the need to secure relevant financial and human resources if it is to meet its core aims.

The Charity is governed by its Constitution, which set out the role and method of election of members of the Management Committee. The Management Committee meets at least quarterly and is responsible for the governance of the Charity, the actions of any paid employees and for all policy, organisation and financial matters.

The 'Shed'

For brevity, during this report the Moseley & Kings Heath Shed will also be referred to as the 'Shed'.

Also, for clarity in this report we will call the workshop known officially as the 'Potter Shed' as the woodworking shed, and the 'Branch Shed' as the craft shed. Both Sheds were named after two members of the Shed, but we feel that it is better to use these alternative names so that their use is clear for any third parties reading this report.

Trustee Board

The trustees, who served during the year, 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, are listed below.

We have put in brackets the Annual General Meeting (AGM) date that each trustee was approved for their current term of office as trustee. The Constitution states that at every AGM, any trustees who have served more than 2 years and

11 months, must stand down. They may seek re-election at that annual general meeting.

- Nicola Abbot (14th November 2024)
- Robert Close (16th November 2023)
- Saeed Ghinai (19th November 2021) – resigned April 2025
- Stephen Jay (16th November 2023)
- Jacyntha Kelly (14th November 2024)
- Marguerite Lawrence (16th November 2024)
- Joanne Mauro (16th November 2023)
- Sandra McInally – resigned November 2024
- Rob Treadwell (14th November 2024)
- Stephanie Williams (14th November 2024)

We would like to thank both Saeed Ghinai and Sandra McInally for their work as Trustees.

During Saeed's time as trustee he raised considerable amounts of funds for the 'Shed' and took a lead role in numerous projects. He was Chair from November 2023 to April 2025.

Sandra was a trustee for 8 years, during which she took on the positions of Membership Secretary and Vice-Chair. During the national Covid lockdown she sat on the Administration committee when so many of our current policies were renewed or created.

There are no trustees that need to stand down at this AGM.

The following trustees were co-opted during the year and will need their co-option approved by the members.

- David Alger
- Martin Mullaney
- Barry Poxon

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the charity or received any

payments, other than for approved reimbursement of expenses. All trustees have either made financial contributions or contributed in kind, in addition to giving their time to the project.

Workshop Facilities

The 'Shed' maintains two buildings which are both located behind Kings Heath House on the Kings Heath Park site. The two buildings are: the craft shed and the woodworking shed.

The craft shed is used for the craft activities of stained-glass construction and tile mosaics.

The woodworking shed is used for woodworking only and also contains the kitchen and toilet facilities.

The 'Shed' is continually maintaining and improving these two buildings for its members use. During the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025, the following improvements were made:

- a wheel chair ramp that conforms to the disabled regulations for size and construction was installed outside the craft shed so as to allow wheelchair users to access. In addition, the ramp is used by many members who have trouble with steps and stairs.
- Installed a Wi-Fi cable from the main wi-fi hub inside Kings Heath House, immediately next to shed buildings, to the glass-work. This has allowed users inside the craft shed and in the area outside to get a mobile signal. Not only does this allow members to stay in touch with family members, but it allows supervisors to contact emergency services if required.
- Both repaired and replaced leaking down pipe from the guttering on the woodworking shed. The previous saturated brickwork was evident inside the shed and has dried out since the new guttering was installed.

Art classes

he group has grown and through Rob Treadwell's efforts and leadership, is now well established in their new home at Holders Lane Allotments. The group started

life as part of our response to COVID emergency via Outreach at the Friends Meeting House. The amount of negotiation and behind the scenes partnership work mustn't be underestimated. We are privileged to have access to such a good space at such little cost.

Glass and Mosaics

The craft shed has continued to develop the glass and mosaics sessions on offer. Tuesday mornings are dedicated to leaded glass work with Dillon Close leading. The waiting list for these sessions has been steadily worked at, and a number of people have been through the course with excellent results.

Tuesday afternoons were started with the aim of new beginners to learn the basics of Tiffany Copper Tape Glass work. In keeping with our theme of consolidation, this was under the leadership of our "home grown" new supervisors, Nicky Abbott, Sue Wilmer and Marguerite Lawrence. The aim was to teach new members the basics and then move them to our other glass sessions on Thursday and Saturday.

Thursday morning advanced sessions started with Dillon and Maxine Ross and Intermediates in the afternoon with Mike Hewitt, Jill Parry and Maxine Ross. These sessions have been very successful and rely on bookings made in advance via the good offices of Denise Griffin.

With regards Mosaics, Steve Jay and Jo Potter have steadily continued to make the Wednesday morning Mosaics sessions a big success. It is pleasing to see members working away at the designs and coming away with great results.

Working with external partners

Over the years, the Shed has run numerous projects to help local residents and charity organizations. These have previously ranged from constructing hedgehog boxes for the Friends of Brandwood Cemetery to building a wooden pergola for a local Primary School.

In the financial year 2024 to 2025, the Shed constructed and supplied wooden signage posts for Thrive Horticultural Training Centre in Kings Heath park. Thrive offers social and therapeutic horticulture programs using gardening to improve physical and mental health, communication skills and overall well-being for people with disabilities, ill health, isolation or other need.

The 'Shed' continues to work closely with another charity South Birmingham Tools for Africa (SBTfA), who are based immediately adjacent to the woodworking shed. SBTfA collects and refurbishes tools to help African craftsmen and women lead more sustainable and viable lives in Africa.

Every Tuesday, SBTfA use the facilities in the woodworking shed to refurbish tools that will be sent to Africa. Also, the 'Shed' will direct any offers of tool donations to SBTfA if they are not required by the 'Shed'.

Expansion in the 'Park Rangers workshop'

Although the 'Shed' operates from two buildings space is still a premium and is held back by the lack of space to expand its activities. In the past, the trustees have been approached by members and groups who want to use the 'Shed' for pottery classes, stone mason sessions and blacksmith classes. These have been politely refused since the 'Shed' doesn't have the physical room to accommodate these activities. So, the trustees are always looking for opportunities to expand its physical space.

There is an opportunity to expand into an area immediately next to the woodworking shed that is called 'The Park Rangers workshop'. This area is approximately 4 metres by 4 metres in area and until recently was primarily used as a workshop both for Birmingham City Council park rangers and South Birmingham Tools for Africa (SBTfA). The park rangers have now vacated this area and with the support of SBTfA, we are seeking to expand into this area.

Expansion into the Park Rangers Workshop will allow us to move the wood turning lathe and belt saw into this area. Both machines create a lot of dust and noise and use of them is therefore limited to times when the Shed is quiet. Having them both located away from the core of the woodworking shed will allow them to be used more often.

Negotiations with the Council have been slow and have not yet reached a conclusion. The Trustees are hopeful that an agreement can be reached.

Finance and Fundraising

Success bids have been made on the following projects:

- Masonic charitable foundation - £256.25
Awarded October 2024, as a donation to the 'Shed'.

Workshop committee

The workshop committee was revitalized with Rob Treadwell taking on the coordinated role. This started meeting on Monday mornings with a clear desire to remove much of the accumulated materials and a redesign of the layout. Considerable space under the benches was cleared with the surplus aluminum being cashed in for scrap. A new lockable cupboard for tools was purchased to house our good quality hand tools.

We welcomed Barry Poxon as an additional supervisor for woodwork and members have benefitted from his excellent carpentry skills. Pete Currell has continued to support the woodwork sessions and we must thank Pete for his determined efforts to keep afloat our wood work sessions over the years.

Volunteers

The Moseley and Kings Heath Shed relies totally on volunteers. Every Monday there is a Shed Cleaning and Improvement day where members volunteer to help clear and maintain the craft shed and the woodworking shed.

Every session that the 'Shed' runs has a volunteer supervisor who has received safety training in using any machinery in their session. All supervisors have basic Emergency First Aid training.

The Trustees meet monthly and an Administration sub-committee oversees that all policies and procedures are kept up-to-date.

Training

No training took place during the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

However 12 members who also act as supervisors have received Emergency First Aid training in April and August 2025. Further Emergency First Aid training sessions are planned in 2026 for other supervisors.

Membership

Membership is renewed at every AGM, which in turn occurs every November.

For the purposes of the Shed's Annual Reports, the membership figures in the end-of-year reports are the numbers at the AGM. The highest membership numbers during a year are at the AGM. Immediately after the AGM, the membership sees a sudden drop, since some members do not renew or renew later in the year.

The current membership as of 1st November 2025 is as follows:

	Membership as of 1 st November 2025
Total membership	70
Men	28
Women	42
Under 50yrs	2
50 to 65yrs	18
65 to 80yrs	45
Over 80yrs	5

Thank You

The trustees would like to extend our thanks to:

- The gardeners and managers in Kings Heath Park who have offered us support throughout the year
- John Owen for his help with our Accounts.
- Saeed Ghinai for fundraising and leadership in recent years.

- Tools for Africa for their support throughout the year
- All supervisors who have led the many sessions held in our Shed, purchase of materials and donation of materials to enable smooth running of sessions in particular for beginners
- The willing volunteers who have done the cleaning and carried out other responsibilities, including admin, cleaning materials, First Aid.

Future Strategy

Recent Strategic developments April 2025 - November 2025

The above report has focused on the period April 2024 to March 2025, however this AGM is taking place in November 2025 and much has been achieved since March 2025.

The Shed has achieved the following during the period April 2025 – November 2026:

- Continued to run a busy weekly timetable of activities.
- Run Emergency First Aid training sessions for our volunteer supervisors who manage each session.

Current sessions are as follows:

- Monday 10am to 12.30pm– Shed Cleaning and Improvement day - clean and help out in the Shed.
- Tuesday – Craft shed – 10am to 12.30pm – stained glass using lead – invitation only
- Tuesday – Craft shed – 1pm to 3pm - stained glass using copper foil – for novices
- Tuesday – Woodworking shed - 11am to 1.30pm– South Birmingham Tools for Africa.
- Wednesday- Craft shed - 10am to 1pm– Tile Mosaics.
- Wednesday – Woodworking shed - 1pm to 4pm– Woodwork.
- Thursday – Craft shed - 10am to 12.30pm– Stained Glass using copper foil.

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- Friday – Woodworking shed - 1pm to 4pm - Woodwork.
- Friday - Art Reachout - Holders Lane Allotment Pavilion 11am – 1pm. 35 Fridays per year sessions informed through WhatsApp Group
- Saturday – Craft shed - 10am to 12.30pm – Stained glass and tile mosaic work

Future Strategy November 2025 - March 2026

The trustees are planning on doing the following in the period November 2025 – March 2026

- Continue with negotiations with Birmingham City Council to allow the ‘Shed’ to expand into the former Park Rangers workshop.
- Run another Emergency First Aid training session for the supervisors who were unable to attend the sessions in 2025.
- Explore the possibility of starting a sewing machine class inside the craft shed. The ‘Shed’ has several sewing machines that were purchased for an outreach project and are currently not used.
- Replace missing and damaged hand tool equipment in the woodworking shed. The Trustees are realistic that in a community workshop tools will get damaged or go missing and maintain a small fund to replace them when required.
- Look at further opportunities to physically expand the Shed so more sessions can be run.

Martin Mullaney

Chairperson

Profit and Loss Sheet 1st April 2024– 31st March 2025

	12 months to 31/03/2025		2023-2024	
Income	Operating	Grants	Operating	Grants
Donations	£4,681.25		£1,995.59	
Compensation	0		0	
Membership	£1,914.00		£1,973.50	
Attendance	£4,359.39		£4,141.25	
Fundraising	0		£330.00	
Members Works sold for fundraising	0		£759.05	
Sales of other items	£170.00		£189.80	
Sale of Glass Mats (Solder)	£570.16		£1,146.40	
Donations Members Discretionary Funds	0		0	
Recovered glass cost	£301.52		0	
Bank Interest	0		0	
Operating income		£11,996.32		£10,535.59
Income released from grants received to match expense				
Funds released from Heart of England outreach fund		0		£16.28
Income released from National Lottery fund		0		£972.28
Income released from Eveson fund		0		£892.40
Outreach Project		0		£2,984.81
Commonwealth Games fund		0		£2,889.30
Birmingham City Council		0		£3,460.00
Further grants received		0		£1,200.00
Birmingham City Council (to be used in conjunction with National Lottery)				
Total Income		£11,996.32		£22,950.66
Expenditure				
Rent	£902.92		£802.92	
Insurance	£806.43		876.00	

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Telephone and Broadband	£627.33		674.92		
Admin Costs	£1,001.94		£513.17		
Security	0		0		
Training	0		£1,250.73		
Woodworking Equipment	£280.58		£462.58		
Computers, office equipment & safety equipment	£577.28		£615.28		
Building Improvements	0		£543.39		
Fund Raising Costs	0		0		
Printing and stationery, including AGM circulation	0		£178.55		
Consumables Woodworking	£306.11		£275.39		
Art Class	£20.59		0		
Mosaics Class	£671.68		£650.16		
Glass Materials (Solder)	£1,692.91		£937.44		
Operating expenditure		£6,887.77		£7,780.53	
Released from grants					31/03/2025
					Balance remaining
Expenses made from Heart of England outreach fund		0		£16.28	
Expenses from National Lottery fund		0		£972.28	
Expenses from Birmingham City Council grant		0		£3,460.00	
Expenses from Eveson fund		0		£892.40	
Outreach Project (Severn Trent)		0		£2,984.81	
New Fund received from Grimmitt Trust		0		£1,200.00	
Commonwealth Games fund		0		£2,889.30	
Members benefit fund					£461.10
Total expenditure		£6,887.77		£20,195.60	
					Total cash available
Excess of income over expenses	£5,108.55	£5,108.55	£2,755.06	£2,755.06	£18,017.76
				FREE	£17,556.88

FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2025

Review of financial position

The 'Shed' shows a healthy financial position with £17,556.88 free to be spent of projects. The Trustees will continue to monitor how this is spent to ensure best value for money at all times.

Our immediate focus will be to identify where tools are missing or need replacing in the woodwork shed, and to ensure that supervisors receive all their necessary training.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Charity law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its net income and expenditure for the year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to: - select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently; - make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and - prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation. The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.