

OSWESTRY MENS SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1162139

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2015-06-11

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF MEN, LIVING IN SHROPSHIRE, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN BY PREVENTING THEM FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A PREMISES IN WHICH MEN CAN MEET JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY UNDERTAKE AND SHARE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THEIR CHOICE. NOTHING IN THIS CONSTITUTION SHALL AUTHORISE AN APPLICATION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE CIO FOR THE PURPOSES WHICH ARE NOT CHARITABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH [SECTION 7 OF THE CHARITIES AND TRUSTEE INVESTMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2005] AND [SECTION 2 OF THE CHARITIES ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2008]

Activities: Oswestry Mens Shed provides a place for men who may be isolated or lonely to gather together for purposeful and meaningful activities. We are in the process of building a large workshop, a project which, in itself, has provided a satisfying and successful project for the Members. We have given presentations about our activity to local Councils (Whittington) and in a Public Meeting (Oswestry).

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LIVING IN SHROPSHIRE
- Shropshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,569	£9,431	-	-
2023-12-31	£9,148	£7,940	-	-
2022-12-31	£17,194	£17,983	-	-
2021-12-31	£6,995	£5,943	-	-
2020-12-31	£6,975	£5,000	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Thomas		2021-04-01
David Bates		2026-04-02
David Chamberlin		2026-04-02
Denis Kevin Walker		2025-09-02
Douglas Davidson		2023-01-24
Geoffrey Edwards		2025-01-21
Hilbre Jones		2017-02-28
John Williamson		2019-02-19
Stephen Kelly		2025-01-21
jonathan Woddy		2021-12-10

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AGM 2024 Minutes

Held at 11am on 21st January 2025

Present Simon Arnold, David Bates, Ken Baker, Ray Cartwright, Graham Casson, Dave Chamberlin, Doug Davidson, Mike Evans, Chris Forde, George Griffiths, Dave Humphreys, Jez Inglis, Steve Kelly, Hilbre Jones, John Lyons, Dave McLachlan, Dave McLardie, Cliff Mills, Steve Mitchell, Neil Ree, Jack Roberts, Andy Thomas, Peter Wilson, Jon Woddy, Chris Wright.

Apologies Geoff Edwards, Frank Hulse, Mark Openshaw,

Chris Wright opened the meeting at 11.05am and asked the attendees to respect a minutes silence for Oswestry Men's Shed members that have passed during 2024.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman for the meeting was Chris Wright as voted by the Trustees.

Chris welcomed everyone, thanked them all for coming today and read out the apologies. Chris stated that there had been a lot of work completed this year to enhance the Shed facilities and the replacement of the Woodwork Shed roof would not have lasted the recent storms and the work completed by Brendon is doing a great job. The alleyway between the Social Area and the Woodwork shed was also an asset to the members.

Minutes of last AGM meeting

Doug Davidson asked the members if they wanted the minutes of last years meeting read or; as they were sent out to all members; they could be adopted as a true representation of the meeting. Ken Baker proposed and Chris Forde seconded the minutes and the members voted unanimously to adopt them.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising but a suggestion to include the Shed Manager as an Agenda item moving forward could be added. The members agreed that this should be an Agenda item for the next AGM.

Secretary's Report

Doug stated that the Christmas Meal was very successful and there had been good feedback from the members and suggested that we book to go there again for Christmas 2025. The members were happy to proceed with this.

Doug asked the members to consider a Social Secretary position to lead a small team to organise social events i.e. trips, visits, etc. and for anyone interested to contact one of the Trustees.

We have had various requests for help with the current requests from Oswestry Scouts, Oswestry Rugby Club and Higginson's Equine Assisted Learning facility. Doug asked for a small team of volunteers to assist with the assessment of the need of the request and also to draft resource to complete the task if agreed to take on the project.

NOTE:- John Lyons asked to be involved in the team and was happy to lead a small group to projects we agree to progress.

We have members that do a sterling job of making items to sell at events we attend and Doug asked if members that have any skills in making items to sell keep up the good work.

Doug asked the membership to please use the fans in the Woodwork Shed as a matter of Health and Safety.

Doug also asked the members to make use of the Tools Loan Book that is on the noticeboard as the tools can be taken away but we need to keep note of these for or inventory.

Treasurers Report

In the absence of the current Treasurer; Colin Pratt; the incoming Treasurer; Steve Kelly; gave a brief outline of the current state of the accounts.

Outgoings for 2024 was about £800 as our normal 'flat' expenses. We had a major expense for the Woodwork shed roof which was completed in October. This was completed in batches of £2000, £1000 and the final total was about £5000.

We started the year with about £9000 and we ended the year with around £7000 reaching a high of about £11000 during the year.

Dave Chamberlin asked Steve for the grants that we have received this year so we could acknowledge them on our Website. Steve agreed to collate and feedback.

A full breakdown of the accounts will be included as an Addendum once received from the Treasurer Colin Pratt.

Trustee re-election and new positions

As per the Constitution, 3 Trustees are required to step down. This year Ken Baker, Jon Woddy and George Griffiths have reluctantly stepped down.

Steve Kelly, Peter Wilson and Geoff Edwards have put themselves forward for election and this was passed unanimously by the members.

Doug explained that Colin Pratt was stepping down as Treasurer but staying on as a Trustee with Steve Kelly taking on the role of Treasurer.

A vote was taken and the three new Trustees were duly elected.

Our Board of Trustees for 2025 now comprises:-

Ray Cartwright, Doug Davidson (Secretary), Geoff Edwards, Steve Kelly (Treasurer), Hilbre Jones, Colin Pratt, Andy Thomas, John Williamson, Peter Wilson and Chris Wright.

Subscriptions for 2025

Chris stated that the Subscription for 2025 was to remain at £96 as agreed by the Trustees

Any Other Business

Chris Forde thanked the Trustees for their efforts during 2024.

George Griffiths explained that the fans in the Woodwork were not effective when running various machines such as the band saw and planer together. There is a need to put in an efficient process to extract the dust from the Woodwork shed. Peter Wilson explained that he had worked on extraction systems before and he would be happy to contribute to any discussions on the subject.

APAGM1 – Andy Thomas – Put suggestions to the Trustees on best way to extract dust for the Woodwork shed with consultation with Peter Wilson.

George also expressed concern that there was a suggestion to dispose of the two lathes. George would like to be included in any proposals to replace them as he was one of the main users. Andy Thomas explained to the members, that the replacement suggestion was raised at the recent Trustee meeting but nothing had been decided and any proposals would be put to the members for feedback.

Neil Ree asked about the Christmas Meal costs as he had to cancel and wondered what he could do about the loss of his £25. Chris Forde stated that a lot of places need 48 hours notification of a cancellation. Doug agreed to check on the status of refunds with the Boote Inn and check e-mails to see if there were any restrictions.

APAGM2 – Doug Davidson – Investigate refunds for the Christmas meal at the Boote Inn.

George Griffiths explained that his sometimes aggressive nature was due to his medication and apologised for any outbursts.

Date of next A.G.M.

The next A.G.M. will be held on 27th January 2026.

Close

The meeting closed at 11.35am

NOTE FROM COLIN PRATT...

Total Income from 2024 -	£7,569.09
Major income	
Membership subs recd	£4,430.00
Market stall payment	£ 600.00
Total Outgoings for 2024 total -	£9,430.23
Major expenditure	
Compressed Air materials	£ 475.63
Woodwork Shed roof	£4,527.20
Market stall materials	£ 356.29
Electricity	£1,207.00
Rent	£1,000.00
Insurance	£ 652.07
Year ending total	£7,191.60

ADDENDUM

Oswestry Men's Shed Treasurers Report 2024 – Colin Pratt

Another good year for the Shed.

Our Opening Balance was £9,052.74 and our Income was made up of membership subscriptions of £4,434.23, donations of £1,067, sales of £1,952.46 and cancelled and refunded £115.40.

Making our total income for the year £7,569.09.

Expenditure was £9,430.23 comprised of £475.63 Air Project, £115.59 Broadband, £115.40 Cancelled and Refunded, £523.25 Cost of Sales, £1,207.70 electric, £163.45 Equipment, £113.86 Fuel, £225.00 Groundwork, £652.07 insurance, £1305.59 Maintenance £4,527.20 Roof Project, £5.49 Tea & coffee.

Making our Closing Balance £7,191.60

Our £1,000.00 rent is being paid on the 1st of each month by Standing Order at £83.33 until December when our Lease expires. During the year will need to negotiate the renewal of our Lease. Meanwhile we are paying an additional £250.00 Quarterly to catch up with two previous years unpaid rent. Even if the Showground required all the rent arrears, they failed to collect by Direct Debit, paid in one lump sum we have sufficient funds to cover this.

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Apologies David Bates, Mike Bossen, Dave McLachlan, Kev Walker, Colin Pratt.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chairman for the meeting was John Williamson as voted by the attendees.

John welcome everyone, thanked them all for coming today and read out the apologies. Before starting John stated that there were some general housekeeping matters:

There was no Fire Drill this morning therefore if the alarm sounded could we all assemble at the Fire Point to the right of our compound by the fence.

To avoid unnecessary interruptions please switch off mobile phones.

Those that have not signed in could you please do so now.

John stated the current Health & Safety issues relating to ear and eye protection.

John asked the Acting Secretary, Doug Davidson, to read out the minutes of last year's meeting.

Minutes of last AGM meeting

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Chris Wright and seconded by Ken Baker. These were passed unanimously.

Matters Arising

The only matters arising related to a visit to Cosford and a Barbeque. Jon Woddy agreed to progress.

Secretary's Report from Ken Baker

Good morning all,

2023 has been a very busy year for the shed.

Projects completed include a new roof over the passage between the canteen and the woodworking shed, re-insulating the canteen, installing a diesel heater in the art shed and a decking patio at the rear of the canteen.

The original plan for a small porch between the doors of the canteen and the workshop was dropped, and instead a full roof was installed to the full length of the passage, this was paid for by a grant of £750 from Viola, and has been a great success. Thanks to Andy for his hard work on that.

It was decided by the trustees that, in view of the rising cost of electricity, the insulation in the new canteen needed to be replaced.

Colin Pratt volunteered to Project Manage this and went ahead and ordered the materials at a cost of £1500. The insulation duly arrived and, very unfortunately, at this point Colin was taken ill. We had an agreement in place with the Showground that we could open for a full week, to do this work, so, no other dates being available we had to press on without him. Thanks to everyone who helped to

strip out the old lining, move everything up to the art shed and then replace the insulation and inside walls and then paint them. Hard work, but a lot of fun and banter. A special thanks to Andy Thomas who took on the project managers role and did an excellent job of it! Work is still ongoing to improve the ventilation, and stop condensation.

A diesel heater was bought, and installed in the art shed, by Chris and Andy, this is now working very well.

We have now upgraded our Wi-Fi to 4/5G, so it is now available in all the sheds, thanks to all who helped with this.

The up-grading of the metalwork shed is still ongoing, but we should soon have compressed air available in both wood and metal working sheds. We will also have a sand blaster installed, outside, alongside the compressor.

While Andy was installing the passage roof he noticed that the woodwork shop roof and guttering needed some maintenance. This is to be inspected when the weather improves and may need professional attention during the Summer. The art shed roof also has a leak, but Andy thinks this can be repaired by ourselves.

We have attended fetes at West Felton (didn't win a prize this year) and Whittington and had stalls at the Oswestry Market and Cabin Lane Church. All of which raised money to enable us to continue to run the shed, and carry on helping the community we live in.

Thanks must again go to George for his work making mud kitchens etc. for local schools and hospitals. Well done George!

The trustees decided, during 2023, to limit the membership to 50. So we started a waiting list, which is now up to 9. We have been informed by several members that they will not be joining us this year for various reasons so have informed those on the waiting list to apply, and membership is now open again until we reach 50 once more

I would like to encourage you all to seriously consider becoming a Trustee of the shed, we desperately need some new, younger blood on the Board, for fresh ideas in the future.

This will be my 80th year on the planet, and I have been a Trustee of the shed for 10 of them, so, I think I will make 2024 my last year.

As you know I am resigning as Secretary and Doug Davidson is taking over. Please give him the same help and respect that you

have given me for the past 2 years and I'm sure he'll do a much better job than I have.

Colin, our treasurer, can't be here today because he is having treatment in Birmingham, so your new secretary, Doug, will present the treasurers report after this, my last, report.

I would like to wish Colin a speedy recovery and all the best for the future and to thank him for the splendid work he is doing as Treasurer.

I would also like to thank my Trustee colleagues for their help and friendship over the last few years, and also to you, the members, without you, there would be no shed!

I think we do a terrific job here and are a great benefit to our community.

Treasurers Report from Colin Pratt

The Treasures Report was sent across from Colin Pratt but Doug could not open them so here is the submitted report post-meeting.....

I am delighted to report that financially we have had a good year; our income was greater than our expenditure therefore increasing our funds by £1,208.68. This was achieved whilst undertaking and completing the four projects (highlighted below) at a combined value of £3,492.24, thereby

enhancing our facilities together with equipment purchases and ongoing maintenance without adversely affecting our finances. On the 1st January 2023 our opening bank balance was £7,844.06, and during the year our income totalled £9,148.48 whilst our expenditure was £7,039.80, resulting in a closing bank balance on 31st December 2023 of £9,052.74. See breakdown below.

Transaction	Debit	Credit
Broadband	(£134.00)	
Decking Project	(£422.85)	
Diesel Heater	(£231.97)	
Donations		£4,440.93
Electric	(£1,950.48)	
Equipment	(£659.57)	
Fate Fees	(£15.00)	
Groundworks Project	(£665.00)	
Insulation Project	(£1,601.89)	
Insurance	(£495.13)	£37.00
Internet	(£60.19)	
Maintenance	(£303.78)	
Membership Fees		£3,419.00
Porch Project Donation		£750.00
Porch Project	(£802.50)	
Attending Rod's Funeral	(£85.68)	
Router	(£45.11)	
Subscription Nat Mens Shed	(£30.00)	
Xmas Meal	(£436.65)	£501.55
Grand Total	(£7,939.80)	£9,148.48

Unfortunately I am unable to attend today's AGM due to hospital appointments, however I would be happy to continue in the roles as Trustee and Treasurer if no one else wishes to volunteer.

Best wishes to you all.

Colin Pratt
Trustee & Treasurer Oswestry
Mens Shed

Trustee Resignations

We currently have 9 Trustees and our Constitution requires that one third resign each year at the AGM. These are, J. Williamson, S. Mitchell and A. Thomas. Thanks to them all for serving us so well for the past year.

Opening Balance **£7,844.06**

Funds Increase **£1,208.68**

Closing Balance **£9,052.74**

Trustee re-election and new positions

a Trustee.

Steve Mitchell has resigned as

Colin Pratt & Andy Thomas put themselves forward for re-election and this was passed unanimously.

Ray Cartwright was proposed by Hilbre Jones and seconded by Ken Baker.

George Griffiths was proposed by Chris Wright and seconded by John Woddy.

A vote was taken and both were duly elected.

Our Board of Trustees for 2024 now comprises:-

Ken Baker, Ray Cartwright, Doug Davidson (Secretary), George Griffiths, Hilbre Jones, Colin Pratt (Treasurer), Andy Thomas, John Williamson, Jon Woddy and Chris Wright.

Any Other Business

Jon Woddy asked about the things being stored in the alleyway. John Williamson stated that these were not designated for the dump!

Dave Chamberlin has sorted out the Internet connection and paid the fees accordingly. John thanked Dave for resolving this and the costs will be refunded as soon as possible.

Frank Hulse wished to state that keyholders were not necessarily Trustees.

Ken Baker stressed that any work on a commercial basis could not use the Shed's facilities.

Dave McLardie asked if old compost could be brought in for Andy Thomas for the rear of the Shed. George Griffiths stated that he could arrange the soil for wild flowers so old compost was not required.

John Williamson emphasised that subs need to be paid by the end of January,

Date of next A.G.M.

The next A.G.M. will be held on 21st January 2025.

Close

The meeting closed at 11.37am

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OMS 2021 AGM

22nd MARCH 2022

Present Hilbre Jones, John Williamson, Colin Pratt, George Griffiths, Roy Steiner, Neil Ree, Kev Walker, Jon Woddy, Andy Thomas, Dave McLachlan, Ken Baker, Brian Wilbraham, Steve Mitchell, Rod Jarvis, Frank Hulse, Mike Evans, Doug Davidson, David Humphries, Bill Wright.

Apologies Austen Coleman, Keith Palling.

Chairmans Remarks

Welcome all and thank you for coming today. I am Colin Pratt and have been nominated by the other Trustees to act as Chairman for today's AGM. Before we start there are some general housekeeping matters:

Has everyone signed in, if not could you please do so now. We do not have a Fire Drill this morning therefore if the alarm sounds could we all assemble at the Fire Point to the right of our compound by the fence.

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It has only been a short while since we held our 2020 AGM which was delayed due to Covid restrictions until the later part of 2021. Therefore It was decided to delay the 2021 AGM from January until today and the reports that will be presented today relate to Shed Activities and Funds for the year ending December 2021.

As usual these proceedings will be conducted in accordance with our Constitution as submitted to the Charities Commission.

Agenda

I will shortly be asking for the minutes from our 2020 AGM to be adopted, copies are available to read for those who have not been able to do so previously.

We will then receive the Secretary's Report from John Williamson. Next I will call on Hilbre Jones our Treasurer to present his Report. However I would ask that any members having questions arising from either of these Reports to wait until the end of the respective report before addressing their questions

Then we will move onto to the matter of Trustee resignations and appointments. Finally we will consider any questions that have been submitted for AOB.

2020 AGM Minutes

The adoption of the minutes was proposed by Hilbre Jones and seconded by George Griffiths, and passed unanimously.

Matters Arising.

- All Shed purchases will be agreed and signed off by the trustees to ensure fit for purpose.
- PAT testing of all electrical equipment – This has been completed.

Secretary's Report.

Once again our activities during 2021 have been severely curtailed due to Covid and only during the later part of the year did things return to normal. However behind the scenes the Trustees have continued negotiations with the Showground and early in 2022 a new 5 year contract with the show ground was signed. This new contract secures our tenancy through to 2027. I would like to formally thank Janet Ward (Show Ground Chairperson) for all her hard work in supporting the Oswestry Men's Shed during the Covid 19 period as well as securing the new agreement.

In addition we continue to engage with many organisations regarding funding, from government, councils, AICO, Co-Op, Clevertouch, Tudor Griffiths, Reach etc., to provide ongoing support and funding for the future. To that end we have also approached several funding organisations for future funding applications for the

shed which will continue throughout 2022. The focus of fund raising for 2021 was to replace the Canteen/electronics/meetings cabin.

Grants have been agreed to support this from the Co-Op, Oswestry Town Council, Three parishes (Big Local Grant) with several other grant applications still being under consideration.

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Work this coming year will need to support the maintenance of our buildings as well as ensuring the membership get the benefit from the facilities we have on offer. In addition I would like to thank members for the efforts made in keeping the Shed clean and maintaining the Shed going forward.

The membership at present for 2022 is 30 members.

Treasurers Report

Rate & Reward Savings Account

Opening Balance £5548.71

Money In £2795.53

Money Out £1530.00

Closing Balance £6814.24

Community Cheque Account

Opening Balance £2029.20

Money In £4200.00

Money Out £4413.31

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As agreed at our last AGM a donation of £100 has been made to Prostate Cancer, a male issue worthy of our support.

Resignation and Election of Trustees

Currently there are nine Trustees out of a possible ten and our Constitution requires one third of the Trustees to stand down at each AGM, these are, Ken Baker, Hilbre Jones and Steve Mitchell, there were no new nominations for the vacant positions, the resigning Trustees agreed to serve again and were re-elected unanimously

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Account Number - 23778576

Rate reward account 2020 starting balance - £6975.00

Rate reward account 2020 ending balance - £5000.00

These accounts are the figures that will be submitted the the charity commission.

John Williamson

Secretary of OMS

11.9.2021