

## **MENS SHEDS CARDIFF TRUSTEES REPORT 2025**

No Trustee received remuneration of any kind and no funds were received from any source.

The Mens Shed project was set up as a result of a long established Woodcraft Club becoming over-subscribed. Additionally, there was growing interest that the activities within the Club could be developed to support various sections of the community.

The activities of the project reflected the demand for activities in addition to woodwork. DIY and gardening for members of the community formed the original objectives but future opportunities were to be considered as they came along.

The group reflected steady growth in all areas until Covid put a halt in particular to community support activities. During Covid, members initiated a variety of initiatives that would safely counter the effects of social isolation. The end of the Covid lockdown coincided with our group being advised that despite having been tenants for some 30 plus years, future access to the rented workshop was denied.

The search for a new “home” that would accommodate the Woodcraft Club and provide a base for the project was stepped up but, despite coming close on a number of occasions, no suitable affordable accommodation could be found. At this point it was decided to restart workshop activities within a school that had a very well equipped workshop. The location was not ideal but at least we were up and running to a limited degree. It soon became apparent that the new arrangements were not acceptable to many members, due to the relatively remote location and the significant increase in the associated costs.

However, a number of members from the original group, have developed Sheds providing easier access, at a more affordable cost. These Sheds have been successful in obtaining a variety of grants and are showing real signs of continued growth.

Our project will continue with the well supported allotment activities and the range of community supporting services. Access to a variety of stress management services, supporting individuals experiencing difficulties in dealing with challenging life events, will continue.

The demand for a facility that has convenient access at a lower cost remains. The search for such a venue continues. Being a part of something that meets individual needs, and gives life more meaning, remains a proper goal.

## **MENS SHED CARDIFF FINANCIAL RETURN FOR 2025**

Mens Sheds Cardiff income was NIL

Mens Sheds Cardiff expenditure was NIL