

Stratford upon Avon Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 27th January 2023 Period Start Date to 26th January 2024 Period End Date

Charity name: Men's Shed Stratford upon Avon CIO

Charity registration number: 1167338

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of older men, primarily over 50 years of age, by preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those men and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of a premises in which they can meet jointly or individually undertake and share creative, physical, social and recreational activities of their choice.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	The provision of our space allows older men to meet. And undertake practical projects and activities which keep their minds active. The social interaction with their peers voids an opportunity for them to engage with others in a familiar and relaxed environment. The group has undertaken specific projects for local groups and organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm they understand the guidance relating to public benefit. We believe there is a need for our group. A section of society we focus on is older men. It has been shown in research that men, primarily older men, are less likely to engage in a wider social activity. A survey of the population of Stratford upon Avon, shows that 25% of the residents were older men.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Men's Shed is not a grant making charity.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Men's Shed has not made any social investments.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	There are Trustee, supervisor, and volunteer roles at the Men's Shed.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The objectives that support our key purpose are: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote social inclusion and well-being through friendships and social interaction within the group.2. Provide opportunities for members to share, and learn new skills.3. Build relationships with groups, and individuals in the local community. This allows us to achieve our aims.4. Provide a permanent base for Men's Shed in Stratford upon Avon: until 1st June 2023.5. Provide a credible income stream for the charity.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. We provide a location with a workshop space, where primarily older men meet up to five times a week, engaging in woodworking and other activities. We undertake personal projects, or projects for local groups and charities. Some projects made are sold to raise funds for our charity. The group has 41 members at present. Anecdotal evidence gathered from within the group, shows our members benefit from the Shed's social activity and interactions with others. Some of the members of the group have formed friendships, and meet outside the times of the formal group. Until 1st June 2023.2. Some of our members are professional tradesmen, and others are experienced in DIY. They share their knowledge and experience with others in the group.3. We have been particularly successful developing relationships with other charities, and groups.4. We were established in our workshop within the community hub, Foundation House. This is managed by Stratford Town Trust. We were advised in 2017 that the lease would run until mid-2027. This was a licence agreement renewed each year; and we were not required to pay any fees. However, in 2021 just as COVID-19 restrictions were reducing, we were advised to contribute to the running costs of this building. This licence fee of £2,895 per annum, placed an unexpected burden on our charity. On 25th January 2023, we were advised by Foundation House, and Stratford Town Trust, that the owners of the building were exercising, a 'break clause' in the lease, and there may be a risk of either an increased licence fee, or the complete closure of the charity hub.5. In May 2023, we were successful in achieving a Warwickshire County Council grant funding of £1,000, to support the Men's Shed survival.
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		6. In June and July 2023, we were successful in achieving a Stratford Town Trust grant funding of £1443.90, for the Removal,, Packing and storage of the Men's Shed assets.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>1. In May 2023, we were successful in achieving a Warwickshire County Council grant funding of £1,000, to support the Men's Shed survival.</p> <p>2. In June and July 2023, we were successful in achieving a Stratford Town Trust grant funding of £1443.90, for the Removal,, Packing and storage of the Men's Shed assets.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No Investments
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The Trustees believe the finances were sound for a small charity, up to the end of the reporting period; 26th January 2024
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves were set to cover six months running costs.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£3,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	None
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>The Charity Hub at Foundation House closed 1st June 2023. We then put all of our assets into a local storage facility.</p> <p>The Trustees are researching alternative viable locations. If we are unable to find a suitable premises, it may be detrimental to our charity existence. To date we have not been able to find suitable affordable premise.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Donations 2. Sale of goods 3. Grant Applications 4. Members voluntary subscriptions
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	No investments held
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>We are uncertain of our future, and the Trustees are researching alternative viable and affordable locations.</p> <p>This may be detrimental to our charity existence</p>
Other		We are also looking into alternative options for the Men's Shed.

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Association – Constitutional Document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The constitution requires that Trustees are elected on a rotating basis, with one third retiring at the charity AGM; as directed in our constitution. However, the Trustees may recruit and appoint additional Trustees up to a maximum of nine.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Our Trustees have been recruited from the charity membership. Each potential nominee, and subsequent elected Trustees are given copies of our constitution document, and Charity Commission documentation.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	There is a constitutional requirement for a minimum of four Trustees, and a maximum of nine Trustees. Trustees, only, now hold the key roles: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	None
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Men's Shed Stratford upon Avon CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1167338
Charity's principal address	4 Firethorn Crescent, Whitnash, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, C31 2RX

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 trustee (if any)
1	Mr. Anthony Watts	Trustee.		Membership reappointed at AGM 22/09/2023
2	Mr. Barry Thorne	Chair, Secretary, Co-Treasurer. (Trustee).		Membership at AGM 08/04/2022. Trustee Board Election
3	Mr. Keith Madden	Trustee.		Membership at AGM 08/04/2022.
3	Mr. Peter Lavington	Co-Treasurer. (Trustee).	22/09/2023	Trustee Board Election.
5	Mr. Robin Hammond	Trustee.	07/06/2023	Membership at AGM 08/04/2022.
6	Mr. Roy Egerton	Trustee.		Membership at AGM 08/04/2022.
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	None

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)		
Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)
N/A

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details
N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.		
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees		
Signature(s)		
Full name(s)		
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)		
Date		



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name	No (if any)
Men's Shed Stratford upon Avon CIO	1167338

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	27/01/2023		26/01/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	2,444	-	-	2,444	750
Sale of goods	133	-	-	133	219
Members Subscriptions	51	-	-	51	234
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Petty Cash Paid into Bank	270	-	-	270	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,998	-	-	2,998	1,203
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	2,998	-	-	2,998	1,203
A3 Payments					
Tools / Equipment / materials	-	-	-	-	68
Insurances	698	-	-	698	444
Rent / Lease/ Removal & Storage	5,910	-	-	5,910	57
Repairs / Maintenance	-	-	-	-	171
Meals and entertainment	-	-	-	-	159
Office Expense	32	-	-	32	124
Travel	-	-	-	-	43
Other Expense	366	-	-	366	32
Grants - Unused Returned	-	-	-	-	91
Sub total	7,006	-	-	7,006	1,189
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	7,006	-	-	7,006	1,189
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 4,009	-	-	- 4,009	14
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,485	-	-	10,485	10,471
Cash funds this year end	6,477	-	-	6,477	10,485

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash Funds	6,477	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	6,477	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details			
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details			
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details			
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	