



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date		
From	01	07	2024	To 30 06 2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name **The Dusty Shed**

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1168742

Charity's principal address 460 Cowbridge Road West

Cardiff

Postcode

CF5 5BZ

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 Penelope Smith	Trustee - Chair	01/07/24 to 17/04/25	AGM
2 Michelle Powell	Trustee	01/07/24 to 17/04/25	AGM
3 Richard Nelmes	Trustee	Whole period	AGM
4 Elliott Crabtree	Trustee	01/07/24 to 17/04/25	AGM
5 Mari Dunphy	Trustee	Whole period	AGM
6 Laurence Maher	Trustee	17/04/24 to 30/06/25	AGM
7 Margaret 'Mags' Lyons	Trustee - Chair	20/05/25 to 30/06/25	Trustee Committee
8 Stephen Lyons	Trustee	20/05/25 to 30/06/25	Trustee Committee

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

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

The Shed executive is the Trustee Committee.
All members are volunteers and participate in the communal management of the organisation.

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Formal Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	All trustees are volunteers. They are either elected by the membership at an AGM; or if a vacancy occurs between AGMs, a replacement is appointed by the other trustees at a formal Trustee Committee Meeting.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

All new Trustees are provided with a copy of the Charity Commission Pack for new trustees, and are encouraged to attend the free trustee's training provided by the Cardiff 3rd Sector Council (C3SC).

Three of the eight trustees who served during the reporting period have had a close association with the Shed prior to volunteering to become a trustee. Those that have been Shed members are already conversant with the policies and procedures and the wider network of interaction with other organisations. Those that have not had a previous association with the Shed are provided with a briefing pack and full guided tour of the facility and introduction to the other members.

Three of the current trustees are also Shed members and play an active role in the day-to-day running of the Shed and provide feedback at Trustee Meetings on membership issues.

There is also a Sheddards Committee that holds bi-monthly meetings. This committee deals with day-to-day management issues and brings to the trustees' attention any issues that may require trustee intervention and/or mediation.

There is also a Sheddards bi-monthly meeting, to which all Shed members are invited. This is a forum to discuss opportunities, issues, questions, concerns and improvements. Anything unable to be resolved in the meetings is escalated to the Sheddards Committee.

During the reporting period a full risk assessment of the Shed working environment was undertaken and where appropriate:

- old machine and tool related safety guards were replaced or updated;
- all personal safety gear was reviewed and any defective items replaced; and
- the dust extraction and air purification systems serviced.

The trustees will continue to monitor safety in the work environment and any financial risks that could threaten the continued viability of the Shed.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning its activities for the year. The charity remains committed to ensuring that its work delivers tangible benefits to the public in line with its charitable purposes.

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

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Mission of the Dusty as stated in our Constitution is:

To facilitate the coming together of lonely and socially isolated people, with emphasis on older men, in a physically and emotionally safe environment where they can participate, with their peers, in woodworking, craft and social activities.

The Shed does not discriminate against anyone on the basis of race, gender, religion or beliefs; however, due to the working environment where dangerous tools and high-speed machinery is operating, the participation by some physically impaired members is restricted to the social activities only.

Our last AGM was held on 17 April 2025; a copy of the draft minutes is attached; these will be ratified at the 2026 AGM.

The Trustees and Shedders' Committee gave full reports to the AGM of Shed activities for the reporting period. A brief summary of the most significant items in these reports is included below:

Report to the AGM:

- Significant events during the reporting period -

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| October 2024 | The Shed was visited by Plaid Cymru party leader Rhun ap Iorwerth (MS) and Liz Saville Roberts (MP) together with their entourage and BBC TV crew. A short clip of the Shed appeared on the BBC news later in the day. |
| March 2025 | The Shed was visited by 3 members of The Royal British Legion to discuss synergies between RBL and Men's Sheds. The visit lasted about 45 minutes. It had been arranged by Robert Visintainer of UK Men's Shed Association - Cymru Development Manager for Wales. |
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| April 2024 | 10 Shed members visited the Viridor recycling facility in Trident Park, Ocean Way, Cardiff. The facility accepts waste from local authorities across South Wales. This was followed by a pub lunch. |
| May 2024 | Becky Matyus of ACE, conducted 'Most significant change' interviews with 3-4 Shed members which enquired into what affects the Shed had had on members' mental health. The interviews were compiled into reports. |
| June 2024 | Penny Smith chaired the 'Most significant change' evaluation panel. Discussions were centred around the reports produced by Becky Matyus. |
| August 2024 | The Shed held a barbecue for members in the yard 'breakout area'. Cooking by Peter, shopping and organised by Mari and Peter. |
| September 2024 | 5 large planters were made for Nant Caerau infants school in conjunction with St.Vincent de Paul of Ely Bridge. |
| October 2024 | 4 large planters were made for Lansdown Primary school. |
| | 4 large planters were made for Pen-Caerau Primary school. |

	A door was made for Grow Cardiff for their polytunnel at the rear of ACE.
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January 2025	Members gathered to wish oldest member Cliff a happy 95 th birthday. ACE staircase was fitted with hand rails by Laurence, Peter and Richard. These successfully aided ascending for staff with mobility issues. Particularly for ACE Director Michelle. Dave made a door to replace the existing one leading from the yard 'breakout area' to the rear of ACE. The new door was better fitted and more secure.
February 2025	Members contributed donations totalling £123.50 for Riverside Community Garden in Llandaff to help with rebuilding their Shed / Meeting Place that had been razed to the ground by arsonists in December.
March 2025	A large quantity of tools in Victoria Park were donated by a daughter whose father had died. These had been collected by a team of Shed members and in turn were collected by Anthony of TWAM (Tools with a mission). A Rabbit hutch was refurbished for Grow Cardiff by Peter, Jason, Keith and Roger then painted by Keith. Jennie very kindly took over the membership role from Tony who wished to reduce the size of his role in the Shed.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We work closely with ACE (Action in Caerau & Ely – commonly known as 'The Dusty Forge'). ACE initiated action that led to the formation of The Dusty Shed in 2016. ACE is also our landlord; they own the building and land on which we are situated. A formal tenancy agreement details the repair and maintenance services provided by The Dusty Shed in lieu of rent. To maintain dialogue between our two organisations on relevant issues, one member of ACE executive staff has been invited to be a trustee of the Dusty Shed. This gives us direct access at the management level to discuss cooperation and resolve issues. There has not been an ACE executive trustee since 17/04/2025 but the option remains open. • Another area of close cooperation between the Shed and an ACE activity, is the support we provide for the monthly Repair Café. Having a Shed member as part of the Repair Café team allows access to a range non-portable tools in our workshop, and this allows the ACE Repair Café to undertake some jobs that other Repair Cafés cannot. 	

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grant making;
- policy programme related investment;
- contributions made by volunteers.

The Dusty Shed does not have support workers and clients. All members are volunteers who provide peer-to-peer support; hence, they are also our clients.

New members joining the Shed are looking for some form of support; and initially it is not always clear to us, or them, what form that support should take. Individuals who have recently suffered a bereavement are often simply looking for company. Others who have recently retired, or are recovering from physical or mental illness, are looking for an activity to occupy their mind or give them a new direction in life. These new members are in what we could call the 'Client' phase.

After these new members settle in, make friends, and find an activity of interest for them to participate in, they begin to help with the introduction of more recent new members and become involved in running activities and Shed administration. They are then 'fully active' members.

In what could be called the 'Tertiary stage' of membership, some members start to take on leading roles in Shed administration and organisation/management of events and wider liaison with other organisations. Some others remain stalwart members content to simply be part of the group. And, of course, some having found what they were looking for move on to other things.

We like to think of what we do as changing people from an 'I cannot' to an 'I can' frame of mind.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The following is a list of regular activities that the Shed engages in during every reporting period to provide support to our members:

- Provision of a meeting place where they can engage in woodworking, craft activities, play games, or simply sit and have a chat with fellow members over a cuppa.
- Provide personal support through our WhatsApp group and telephone calls to members who, due to sickness, infirmity or other reasons, are unable to attend the Shed.
- Support members who are in hospital or experiencing emotional problems due to their current circumstances.
- Provide physical support where necessary in the form of assistance with shopping and transport.

Over the years our shed has accumulated many tools that were offered to us from deceased estates and old tools that we have replaced with newer models, all of them still in working order although requiring a little refurbishment. So, during the reporting period we continued contact with Tools With A Mission (TWAM) to see if they might be interested in them. TWAM is a charity that collects unwanted usable tools, refurbishes them, sorts them into trade tool kits, and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation. In doing so they also help UK communities through volunteering opportunities and contribute significantly to environment sustainability, by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK. Annually TWAM sends almost 400 tonnes of tools to over 500 organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa. A TWAM representative visited our Shed a number of times during the reporting period and took delivery of a full car boot of tools.

Section D

Achievements and performance

We provided the following support for the work of ACE:

- Undertake minor repairs and maintenance.
- Support for their monthly Repair Café to undertake general repairs and back-up support for other repairers.
- Support for their craft activities.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We hold sufficient reserves to cover payment of all our envisaged costs should a situation occur that required The Dusty Shed to cease operating and close.

We have limited regular income from member subscriptions, and we bid for grants, principally through C3SC and the National Lottery 'Awards for All' scheme, to cover our overheads and day-to-day running/maintenance costs for our tools and woodworking machines.

We also periodically bid for funding from other grant providing organisations to procure new equipment or undertake more significant development projects.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We do not impose any compulsory fees on our members; however we set an optional attendance contribution and ask for member donations to cover tea & coffee costs and subsidise social activities. We do sell some of the items produced by our members and we accept commission work from people wanting items of garden furniture or custom items to fit in confined spaces, etc.

We do not have any investments.

Although not mandatory for a small charity, our accounts were fully reviewed by a partner charity's finance officer and certified to be correct.

Section F

Other optional information

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Margaret Lyons	Richard Nelmes
Position	Chair of Trustee Committee	Trustee
Date	8th April 2026	8th April 2026

Attachments:

1. Trustees' Report to members for the 17th April 2025 AGM



Registered Charity No: 1168742

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE DUSTY SHED

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17TH April 2025 at 17:00

TRUSTEES REPORT TO MEMBERS

Introduction

The last Annual general Meeting (AGM) of the Dusty Shed was held Thursday 10th April 2024. In accordance with our Constitution, this AGM is being held within 15 months of that date. Accordingly, this report covers the period from 12th April 2024 to 17th April 2025.

Mission of The Dusty Shed

Our mission is to facilitate the coming together of lonely and socially isolated people, with emphasis on older men, in a physically and emotionally safe environment where they can participate, with their peers, in woodworking, craft and social activities.

Governance and Trustees

The Dusty Shed is a registered charity with the Charity Commission of England and Wales and must operate within the guidance provided by that Commission. In accordance with that guidance, the Dusty Shed has developed a governing document, The Dusty Shed Constitution, which has been accepted by a general meeting of Shed members.

Our Constitution requires the appointment of trustees to undertake governance of The Dusty Shed, and specifies the requirements for their selection and appointment.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that all activities of The Dusty Shed comply with, and contribute to, the Mission and Objectives specified in the Constitution; and that those activities are also conducted in accordance with the legislative requirements of Wales and the United Kingdom.

Over recent years the requirement to comply with contemporary legislation has become a significant issue for the trustees, because public scrutiny of the performance of charitable organisations in regard to areas such as health and safety, discrimination and financial probity, has increased significantly. This has had a flow-on effect for our fund-raising team who have had to identify and apply for grants to provide the training, equipment, and evaluation review mechanisms necessary for our compliance.

As detailed in last year's Trustees' report - Health & Safety training, use of personal hearing & eye protection and use of the procured noise measuring instrument - has been introduced into The Shed activities programme.

During the reporting period the Trustees held meetings on the following dates:

Thursday 25th July 2024,
Thursday 28th November 2024,
Tuesday 21st January 2025,
Tuesday 4th March 2025 and
Tuesday 8th April 2025.

A record of the proceedings of these meetings has been filed on the Trustees' cloud storage and a printed copy in the Trustee Meetings Minute Book where it is available to registered Shed members on request.

The following are the trustees who served the Shed during the reporting period:

Penelope Smith	Trustee - Chair	01/07/24 to 17/04/25
Michelle Powell	Trustee	01/07/24 to 17/04/25
Richard Nelmes	Trustee	Whole period
Elliott Crabtree	Trustee	01/07/24 to 17/04/25
Mari Dunphy	Trustee	Whole period

The trustees have been well supported in their work by George Keane who attends all meetings and produces the record of proceedings (minutes).

George is employed by ACE. ACE invoice The Dusty Shed for one day per week to undertake duties for the Shed under direction of the Shed Trustees. George spreads this time over the week to the equivalent of one day per week.

Financial Management

The Trustees are also responsible for ensuring the financial viability of the Dusty Shed. In this regard they are responsible for forecasting the future funding requirements, identifying and applying for suitable grants, managing the expenditure of grant monies, and reporting back to the funding bodies on the benefit the Shed has derived for the money they provided. We have been fortunate over the year to have trustees with the experience and talent to undertake these tasks. We were particularly fortunate to have had Penny Smith use her fund raising experience to apply to organisations for funding to finance the many activities we have undertaken and the excellent range of machine and hand tools we have in our workshop.

The Treasurer will provide a separate report on Shed finances. On behalf of all Shed members, the trustees would like to thank Gavin Davidson and Paul Perera for the work they have put in over the reporting period to prepare the accounts.

Shedders

The formal structure of the Shedders' Committee was documented last year. The division of responsibilities between the trustees and shedders in regard to the running of shed activities and management of finances has continued to operate successfully.

The Shedders meetings are held every two months. During the reporting period meetings were held on the following dates:

Tuesday 4th June 2024
Tuesday 6th August 2024
Tuesday 1st October 2024,
Tuesday 3rd December 2024,
Tuesday 4th February 2025 and,
Tuesday 15th April 2025.

A record of the proceedings of these meetings has been filed on the Trustees' cloud storage and a printed copy in the Shedders' Meetings Minute Book where it is available to registered Shed members on request.

The trustees would like to thank the Chair of the Shedders Committee Laurence Maher, and Peter Kearns, who manages Shed finances at the working level, for the excellent job they have done to coordinate Shed activities, training, and the continued implementation of health & safety procedures.

The Chair of the Shedders Committee will provide a separate report on Shed activities.

Significant Events

April 2024	10 Shed members visited the Viridor recycling facility on Ocean Way, Cardiff.
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Equipment

Several new items of equipment have been purchased during the reporting period and a range of safety items have been added.

Association with ACE (Action in Caerau and Ely)

ACE initiated action that led to the formation of the Dusty Shed in 2016. ACE is also our landlord; they own the building and land on which The Dusty Shed is located. The formal tenancy agreement to provide repair and maintenance services in lieu of rent that was agreed last year, has continued to work successfully.

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To maintain dialogue between our two organisations on relevant issues, one member of ACE executive staff is invited to become a trustee of the Dusty Shed. This gives us direct access at the management level to discuss problems and resolve issues.

The relationship between ACE and the Shed has continued successfully during the reporting period, with a lot of interaction between ACE project staff and The Dusty Shed members. The Dusty Shed members continue to use ACE facilities and ACE continues to refer new members to our group.

Conclusion

The Trustees believe that our Shed has played a significant role in improving the social wellbeing of the local community by providing a facility, and an atmosphere, where lonely and socially isolated people can regain their self-confidence by engaging in activities, making new friends, and feeling that their life experiences are valued.

The Trustees also believe that the Dusty Shed is financially solvent with sufficient funds to continue operating for another twelve months; and we are reasonably confident that for the foreseeable future new grants will be obtained to cover the non-discretionary overhead costs of electricity, insurance and contract with ACE for George - the Shed development officer.

We also believe that the recent purchases of new equipment has upgraded the capabilities of the workshop to a standard that can cope with most projects that Shed members are likely to undertake individually or become involved in as a group.

Penny Smith
(Chair of Trustee Committee)

4th April 2025

2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting of 17th April 2025

The Dusty Shed Annual General Meeting at ACE - Our Place: Dusty Forge, Main Hall, Thursday 17th Apr 2025, 5pm - 7pm

Attendees:

Penny Smith	Chair Trustee
Mari Dunphy	Trustee
Richard Nelmes	Trustee
Gavin Davidson	Treasurer (non-Trustee)
Laurence Maher	Chair of Dusty Shed Members Committee
George Keane	Dusty Shed Development Officer
Apologies	Michelle Powell - Trustee
	Elliot Crabtree - Treasurer

Members also attended: Darren George, Doug Smith, Jannie Perera, John Rasmussen, Mark Salter, Paul Perera, Peter Kearns, Tony Wallace, Owen Evans.

1. Welcome

The Chair opened the meeting at 5:10pm, welcomed all members present to the meeting and thanked ACE for providing the venue.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 10th April 2024

The Chair proposed that the previous year's AGM minutes are correct as written. Seconded by Tony Wallace and Laurence Maher.

3. Chair's Report

The Chair thanked everyone, in whatever capacity, for their hard work and working together as a team. The Shed had expanded its openings, from 3 days to 4 days, it has a good turnout for Shed members meetings and good companionship amongst members. The Shed Committee is operating very well, where everything is kept organised, shed spaces are clean, as well as managing Shed's petty cash, membership and registrations. Many thanks for all the behind-the-scenes work. This work is important, such as keeping the register of attendance by members. This provided evidence of increased attendance and the value placed by members, and therefore can be written into funding applications to help secure funding.

Many thanks to the Trustees throughout the year, and to the support to help update the policies and procedures. Also, the team work between trustees to help finance accounting and IT support.

A special note is given to ACE, as they provide an important relationship and agreement to the Dusty Shed, where we get free rent in exchange for 2 days per month work by Shed members to undertake jobs around the building.

A key point in the year was the evaluation work that members participated in last summer. This work contributed to the raising funds and showed the need for the Wellbeing Group, a further day session was needed, as well as to develop community contributions, building on Shed members giving back to the local community and community skill sharing. This all helped secure the full amount of funding for the next year.

Though I will be stepping down as Chair, I will continue to help with funding bids and applications for the Dusty Shed.

A very great thank you to be involved with you all.

3. Treasurer's Report

It was a successful year as we had income which exceeded expenditure, which meant we had a surplus at the end of the year, to assist with the day-to-day spends.

Current year starts with £15,500 in the bank, and we received £16,000 from the National Lottery. This provides a net surplus of over £30,000, but we need to be cautious as we may be in difficulties by the end of the financial year. This is due to starting the financial year with the £15,500, and not receiving the National Lottery funding until the last quarter of the year.

Gavin will be stepping down as Treasurer. Mari has agreed to becoming Treasurer, and will be supported by Gavin. Agreed by members.

Trustees agreed that there should be additional training and support for Mari to do the Treasurer role.

Moving AGM and Shed's Financial Year

There was a discussion on whether it was worth moving the AGM to be closer to the end of the Shed's financial year (June to the following May). Also, a further discussion on whether it was better for the Shed to move its financial year to April to the following March.

Proposed - to move the AGM to July, so that the event was closer to the end of the Shed's financial year.

Agreed - in principle, but will need further discussion in the Trustee meeting.

Seconded - Tony.

Moving the financial year to April will also be discussed at the next Shed Trustee meeting.

4. Shed Members Committee Report

A copy of this report will be an appendix to these minutes.

Additional points made include:

- Peter talked about the visit to Viridor, saying how good it was, and explained the process of how they deal with Cardiff Councils waste.
- Our eldest member Clifford Ward, now has dementia but is still pleased to be attending the Shed (though his condition is deteriorating).
Richard wanted a special thankyou to Laurence, for driving Clifford to attend the shed each week for many years.
- Tony is now stepping down as Shed Membership Coordinator. This role will be taken up by Jennie. Many thanks to Tony for his work on managing the membership for many years.

5. Trustee Resignations and Elections

There are 3 Resignations:

Elliot Crabtree, Michelle Powell and Penny Smith.

Many thanks to these trustees for their time and efforts to the Dusty Shed.

There are 3 Nominations:

Laurence Mahar, Mags Lyons, Steve Lyons.

Proposed - Laurence as a Trustee - from Mari

Seconded - Richard

Nominations agreed by members.

Proposed - Trustees agree in principle for Mags and Steve as Trustees, but will discuss a next Trustee meeting.

6. Any other business

Purchase of new Planer/Thicknesser

Axminster Tools is closing down and is offering the Shed 25% off. Peter would like to purchase a new planer/thicknesser, but it was agreed that we should seek new funding to purchase this item.

7. Meeting Close

The AGM closed at 6:20pm.

3. Shed Committee report to Annual General Meeting of 17th April 2025

The Dusty Shed AGM

Committee Report to Trustees and Members

The Committee comprises five members, they are Mari, Mark, Paul, Peter (vice chair) Laurence (chair).

The shed committee manages the day to day running of the shed, making sure everything is running as it should, ably supported by our Trustees, and led by Penny our chair of trustees, who has done an absolutely brilliant hands on job in the period she has been in office.

The Shed is open every Tuesday and Friday between 10am and 2pm for woodworking activities, members regularly bring different items from home to repair in the shed, that way there is always different members especially Dave and Peter on hand to give valuable advice.

The shed has recently opened on a Thursday for woodworking activity, led by Peter one of our lead volunteers, ably helped by Dave and Richard taking turns to assist, we decided that we needed a third day as we found at times had some overcrowding in the shed on Tuesday and Friday, and in the late winter early spring it was too cold for members to go out into the breakout area, Peter is best able to speak on the Thursday opening and how popular it has become.

Our fourth day is on a Wednesday a group called the Well-being Group, its run by Tony and has become popular, it lasts for about three hours of various discussions with tea coffee biscuits sat around our workbench when the guys open up for a couple of hours followed by an hour in the breakout area playing various games.

Gavin has been kind enough to take over my role on Tuesdays going forward, checking our Shed telephone for missed calls, any voicemails and text messages, also any paperwork that needs checking, as well as welcoming any potential future members. Thank you Gavin.

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with Penny, as she has made sure that we the committee are made aware of everything that is going on in the background, especially explaining a lot about Funding, to do this Penny has given her time at least once every 3 or 4 weeks to meet us guys for an hour in the shed after we have closed the shed, unfortunately through health issues Penny has rightly decided to step down as Chair of Trustees, you will be sadly missed Penny, but hopefully for as long as you feel you can still continue submitting applications for funding, as there's nobody better, a very big thank you from all at the Dusty Shed.

We unfortunately have another Two Trustees who for personal reasons have decided to step down from their position as Trustee, Michelle and Elliott, thank you both very much for giving your time for our Shed over the years.

Our Treasurer Gavin, for personal reasons has also decided to step down, thank you very much Gavin, I believe you are staying in post until June, once you have completed the accounts for 30/6/25.

I'm afraid the resignations has left the Shed with only Two Trustees, Mari & Richard.
I myself am hoping to join as a Trustee, Proposed by Mari and seconded by Paul.

So now I will continue letting you know about the work we do in the Shed, and more especially for our local community.

We at the Shed have six key holders now, Peter, Gavin, Dave, Richard, Tony and myself, all of us have a sequence of opening and closing the Shed, making sure everything is switched off and securely locked before we leave.

The Shed members meetings are held bimonthly, during the past year the shed held meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the following Months,

April 2024
June 2024

August 2024
October 2024
December 2024
February 2025
April 2025.

17th April 2024.

Ten of our Shed members had a very good and informative visit to Viridor Trident Park Ocean way Cardiff. The visit was very interesting, for people who aren't aware, Viridor is the company who accept waste from the whole of Cardiff, Gwent and as far as Port Talbot to the west.

And this is where Peter comes in to explain the process in the plant.

Afterwards we had a lovely meal in a local public house, courtesy of shed funds.

During May 2024, Becky Matyus who works for ACE, took on the task of interviewing some of our shed members to enquire how they found attending the shed helped them with their mental health. I believe 3/4 in-depth interviews took place.

Which resulted in late June, Penny called a Dusty Shed: Most Significant Change evaluation-panel discussion, Chaired by an independent chair. Hopefully Penny can explain further.

August 2024, BBQ in the breakout area, organised by Mari and Peter, Mari and Peter shopped for all the ingredients, then Peter did the cooking, it was lovely food, enjoyed by lots of members, thanks to Mari and Peter, and also to Jennie and Paul for some lovely extras.

Community Projects.

September 2024, 5 large planters made for Nant Caerau Welsh infants school Caerau lane, this was in conjunction with SVP Ely bridge.

October 2024, 4 large planters made for Lansdown primary school.
Also 4 large planters made for Pen-Caerau primary school in Caerau.

The Shed made a door for Chris Grow Cardiff, for their polytunnel at rear of ACE.

October 2024, we had an official visit for approx 90 minutes from Plaid Cymru leader Rhun ap Iorwerth and his Entourage and BBC TV crew, I think the shed was on the Welsh news for about 40 seconds.

December 2024, Peter and his helpers made 8 bird nesting boxes, 4 for two schools in Caerau, Peter decided to deliver the boxes in flat pack, to allow the children to assemble them in school.

Jan 7th most of the members gathered in the shed to wish our oldest member Cliff a very happy 95th birthday, we had a big card and a cake for him, but not 95 candles.

January 2025, Peter and Richard fitted hand rails on stairs in ACE, we hope they have helped Michelle.

Late January 2025, Dave our excellent carpenter finished making and fitting the door leading from our breakout area to the rear of Ace, helping to make our breakout area more secure, thank you Dave for an excellent job.

Middle of February, the Shed collected £123:50p for Riverside Community gardens in Llandaff to help rebuilding their Shed/meeting place that had been burned to the ground by Arsonists in December.

The Dusty shed members wish them the very best of luck going forward.

Beginning of March 2025, the Shed had a very good visit from three members of the Royal British Legion, arranged by Robert Visintainer, Development Manager Men's Sheds Cymru, the visit lasted for about 45 minutes. An interesting in-depth discussion took place.

March 2025, A large amount of surplus tools, donated by a lovely lady in Victoria park, along with surplus tools we had in our Shed, was collected by Anthony from Tools with a Mission (TWAM), they are a Christian charity who

collects unwanted usable tools, Refurbishes them sorts them into trade tool kits, and sends them to the developing world for livelihood creation.

In doing so they help UK communities through volunteering opportunities and contributes significantly to environmental sustainability, by reducing waste and carbon emissions in the UK. Annually TWAM sends almost 400 tonnes of tools to over 500 organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa, also preventing all of those tools from crowding UK landfill sites.

End of March 2025, Isla Horton Director at Grow Cardiff, brought in a large Rabbit Hutch and Run to the Repair Cafe hoping for it to be repaired there.

Tony brought it into the shed breakout area, and a week later Peter with help from Keith Jason and Roger repaired what was a dilapidated structure. Keith has now volunteered to paint it.

Tony our long standing Membership Coordinator, has mentioned a couple of month ago that he felt that he would like to lighten his load in his Coordinator role, and if anyone wished to take over he would be happy to hand over. So Jennie came forward and offered to take on the job.

Good luck with the job Jennie.

The Shed would like to take this opportunity to thank Tony for doing the job so very well for a long time.

Next Month Peter is organising a shed afternoon of fish and chips in the shed, followed by a film of his choice (Sahara) in ACE training room, Michelle has very kindly allowed peter t set up his equipment and use the projector, thank you very much Michelle Very kind!

That ends my report, I hope I haven't bored everyone too much.

Thank to everyone for listening,

Laurence Chair of Committee.

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 7/1/2024	To	Period end date 6/30/2025
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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					
Subscriptions	981	-	-	981	1,578
Donations	252	-	-	252	220
Grants	17,715	-	-	17,715	22,790
Sales / event income	401	-	-	401	169
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other	10	-	-	10	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	19,359	-	-	19,359	24,756
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of Assets	140	-	-	140	-
Sale of Investments	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	140	-	-	140	-
Total receipts	19,499	-	-	19,499	24,756
A3 Payments					
Heating and Lighting	1,139	-	-	1,139	685
Insurance	620	-	-	620	627
Materials & consumables	628	-	-	628	354
Small tools (<£25)	169	-	-	169	122
Repairs and renewals	224	-	-	224	78
Refreshments & cleaning	19	-	-	19	184
Staff and admin	12,489	-	-	12,489	12,354
Training	487	-	-	487	-
Sundry	436	-	-	436	295
Maintenance	1,128	-	-	1,128	-
Sub total	17,339	-	-	17,339	14,699
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Hand and Power Tools (>£25)	-	-	-	-	-
Workshop Machines	213	-	-	213	-
Sub total	213	-	-	213	-
Total payments	17,552	-	-	17,552	14,699
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,947	-	-	1,947	10,057
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	15,509	-	-	15,509	208
Cash funds this year end	17,456	-	-	17,456	10,265

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	Current account	17,456	-	-
	Deposit accpount	-	-	-
	Cash	200	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,656	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	