

2021 AGM CHAIRMANS REPORT

A reminder

The Havant men's shed was conceived in June 2014

The first AGM was in March 2015

The HMS CIO was Founded 5 years ago in October 2017

In this our 5th year of being a CIO we have been striving to maintain our aim of promoting a good mental Health and Wellbeing in our local community, which I believe has been achieved by the Management and Membership.

The Shed has made great efforts through the community to make our membership aware of the opportunities within the local area to help keep them all occupied.

Our thanks go to Havant Borough Council and Hampshire County Council (through their local counsellors) for their continued support.

Still on a positive vein here is a list of some of the achievements over the last year.

New Electrics including lighting

Externally shed guttering repaired

Newly refurbished toilets complete with new secure windows

Alarm system installed

New computer

New machinery complete with a dust extraction system.

Recreation area upgraded.

Whilst every member has made a contribution to the changes I would to make an exception and pass on our thanks to one particular member Michael Skelton who went beyond his duty to make the shed workshop area working friendly ,refurbished the recreation area ,then to cap it all, redecorated all areas. Please assist me by us all showing our appreciation." Claps".

I am sure that the new management system that the trustees devised and accepted by the entire membership will help the Shed to further their aims within the community.

It will also give the members an instant connection to the workings of the shed.

The shed has now a complete workshop and ancillaries to be able to undertake most projects for our members to be of great use in the local community.

A reminder to all the membership, the elected Trustees and elected Members of the management committee carry out their duties on a volunteer basis to help the Shed maintain our smooth running,

There is no hierarchy just elected members with ability to help in their particular positions.

My sincere thanks to all the members for their support (and Banter) over the last 6 years.

I am sure the incoming chairman Mr Cavan O'Beirne will have everybody's support as have the previous chairman.

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Treasurer Report (accounts attached)

On the face of it a difficult year however thanks to Government, HBC and HCC grants we find ourselves in a very healthy position with a balance creditor of over £18,000.

Our balance at the end of 2020 was £12,000 and despite a very large spend on numerous new equipment and infrastructure projects we still came in at around £6,000 better off.

New Equipment included a new CNC Machine, Computer, Vacuum Cleaners, Mitre Saw and Lathe equipment.

Infrastructure included an electrical re-wire and new lighting, new windows, toilets, wheelie bins, guttering and internal stud wall and sliding doors to separate the communal area from the workshop. We also had an intruder alarm fitted which alerts Key Holders.

Utilities, Gas/Electric/Sewerage/Internet/Landline was around £1200.

A couple of community projects accounted for £700 in donation income.

For the 2020-2021 and for 2021-2022 it has been agreed to waive individual membership donations with a nominal pro-rata charge of £12 for new members. The tea/Coffee boat no longer asks (but will accept) donations from Members.

Slightly on the down side the Buildings and Contents insurance is likely to be quite high this year as we have increased the contents cover for new equipment. The insurance premium for 2021 of around £550 was paid in Oct 2020 and does not appear in the accounts submitted. This will not be the case this year. I am expecting around £750 or higher for this year.

This makes the 'running' costs for the Shed to be around £2,000 p.a. Membership donations normally account for around £1,000 so from 2022-2023 we will need to generate around £1000 from other sources just to break even on running costs.

Membership Report

As with the finances this has been a difficult year for Members, with stop/start opening until finally getting underway.

We currently have a core of attending members of around 40 which is down from 60 from the last full year of attendance, normal daily attendance varies from between 10 and 20.

We have had a couple of new joiners and I am about to undertake a validation of the membership database to firm up membership and archive those who no longer wish or are unable to attend. We currently have over 160 on the books so the exercise is long overdue. Members will be asked to validate information and agree to the data protection policies.

Martin Carr

Treasurer and Membership