



Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed Trustees Annual Report for the year ending March 2025

Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered charity number 1171613. Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed operate from its own purpose built shed at Gurkha Path, Naishes Lane, Church Crookham GU52 8DT. The trustees of Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed present their annual report and accounts for the year ending March 2025.

The trustees are:

Allan Walker (Chairman)

Bob Stokes

Robert Norris

Brian Jones

Keith Prosser

Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed is governed by its constitution dated 24th January 2017. Our objects as specified are: "The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit of men and women living in Church Crookham/Fleet and the surrounding area to combat loneliness and social isolation arising as result of their age, infirmity, disability, financial hardship or social circumstance. To do this we will provide workshop facilities where they can meet to socialise and engage in activities together, such facilities being aimed at increasing their engagement, skills and condition of life." The trustees believe we have complied with our objects as stated in our constitution and will continue to do so for the benefit of our members and the public.

At the end of March 2024, the total value of the current account was £4005, and the savings account bank deposits was £40409.

At all times Church Crookham and Fleet Men's aim to have reserves of a minimum of £5,000 which equates to approximately one year's annual operational costs.

Membership At the end of the reporting year, we had 66 members.

Covid-19 Impacted activities and these thankfully are behind us. We, as a result operated a waiting list for memberships, something that the trustees do not want to do, but as space is limited, and as we have a duty of care to every member this was deemed necessary. The trustees negotiated the use of another building in the hope of being able to spread membership over two sites and whilst partially successful it was not as successful as we would have hoped. To that end it was decided to create another Men's Shed in the local area and Hartland Mens Shed Fleet (CIO 1207159) was formed. The two Mens Sheds both chaired by Allan Walker are working closely together to ensure that Hartland Mens Shed is successful. Allan will be standing down as Chairman in April 2025 as Hartland's Committee have taken the successful running of the Mens Shed which has 39 members.

Activities and Achievements In the year reported, our activities and achievements included:

Increased our membership to 66.

Carried out workshops with local youth groups (Cubs/Brownies/Guides) making 264 bird boxes.

Have established an internal program of training with pen, bowl and snowman wood turning sessions, and sessions on tool sharpening for bowl wood turning tools and flat chisels and plane blades.

Held 3 Sausage Sizzle events for members, 1 off which included partners and had 90 attended.



Undertook a workshop deep clean and repainted the shed floor.

As a result of the deep clean we undertook a study of the dust extraction capabilities and have carried out an upgrade of various extractors. This was funding by support from the local parish council and Hampshire councillors who continue to support us.

Visited RNLI in Poole Dorset.

Each of these activities relates to our objectives and contributes to the wider community in which we live. The atmosphere at the Shed is generally good and helpful. New members are welcomed, and there is usually someone to give a helping hand about anything – ranging from advice and guidance to solving technical problems. In addition to members using their skills to help each other, specific help is given to members with some disabilities to enable them to make and mend things.

We continued to work with new or forming, Sheds in the local area, and our Chairman Allan Walker has undertaken the role of an Ambassador for the UK Men's Shed Association to give help and advice on how to get started.

The future Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed is continuing to grow at a steady rate. The creation of Hartland Mens Shed has reduced the burden on the waiting list which has been reduced dramatically. We have invited all those that remained to join and whilst not everyone has, we still receive regular requested from potential new members who we invite to visit in a controlled manner so as not to out stretch the capabilities.

The Shed is a valuable community charity, and the trustees are determined to get back in business as soon as possible, delivering our main aim of reducing social isolation and loneliness. We provide a valuable service to our members; it is clear there is a need for us (many of our members report that the Shed has given them back the banter and camaraderie that they lost when retiring from work).

Thanks, the trustees and members of Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed express their appreciation for the support provided by Church Crookham Parish Council and the local community for their continued support.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Allan Walker", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Signature

Full NameAllan Walker.....

PositionChairman.....

Date20th October 2025.....

Income & Expenditure Report for Church Crookham and Fleet Mens Shed
For Period: 01/04/2024 to 31/03/2025

TURNOVER

General Sales	6,309.88
Sales of Assets	190
Subscription Income	5,560.00
Donations Income - NON Gift Aid	3,110.69
Grants Income	3,250.00
Hart Lottery Ticket Commision	410
Bank Interest	1,340.34

Total: £20,170.91

LESS COST OF SALES:

General Purchases	339.83
Miscellaneous Purchases	80.54
Project Materials	2,056.19
Consumable Materials	345.6

Total: £2,822.16

GROSS PROFIT: £17,348.75

LESS EXPENSES:

Miscellaneous Expenses	118.98
Heath & Safety	329.67
Rent	113.4
Electricity	2,464.20
Postage and Carriage	6.75
Stationery	59.9
Hosting Fees and IT Consumables	428.07
Repairs and Renewals	3,560.89
Cleaning	397.55
Premises Expenses	216.56
Bank Charges	20.89
Donations	50
Subscriptions	269.98
Clothing Costs	18.2
Insurance	555.51
Refreshments / Staff Welfare	352.9
Food & Beverages	240.02
Small Tools	173.61
Security and Alarm Monitoring	250.04
Repairs and Renewals(Tools)	600.18

Total: £10,227.30

Income Before Tax: £7,121.45

Balance Sheet for Church Crookham and Fleet Mens Shed
For Period:31/03/2025

FIXED ASSETS:

Capital Expenditure	1,900.90
Plant and Machinery	484.94
Office Equipment	299.52
Furniture and Fixtures	1,821.22
	£4,506.58

CURRENT ASSETS

Debtors Control Account	647
Current Account	4,005.22
95 Day Notice	40,409.25
Petty Cash	10.86
	£45,072.33

Total Assets	£49,578.91
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CURRENT LIABILITIES

Sundry Creditors	894.12
	44,178.21
Net Assets	£48,684.79

P&L Account	48,684.79
	£48,684.79