

DESBOROUGH MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales · Charity number 1172280

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2017-03-27

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF GOOD HEALTH AMONG PEOPLE IN DESBOROUGH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED OR HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HOBBIES, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION INCLUDING PRACTICAL INTERESTS, SKILLS SHARING, THE LEARNING OF NEW SKILLS, AND HELPING WITH COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Leicestershire
- Northamptonshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,216	£12,812	-	-
2024-03-31	£8,607	£10,137	-	-
2023-03-31	£9,103	£13,748	-	-
2022-03-31	£7,450	£9,148	-	-
2021-03-31	£21,612	£6,546	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
GARY STEWART BERRIDGE		2018-03-14
John Arthur Charles DALE		2018-03-14
Michael Stroud MA		2020-12-01
Raymond Grenville Milson		2021-01-30

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Objectives and Activities

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The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by providing a workspace "The Shed" for members to use on a daily basis to carry out the activities as mentioned above. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements in the Year

We meet on a weekly basis every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10.00 to 16.00 unless it is a Bank Holiday.

Starting the year in April 2024 a rocking chair was refurbished and a broken axe handle was renewed, as were many other garden tools.

In May 2024 we had a request from a local Church, that had just had their floor replaced, to repair and restore their church furniture and refurbish the wooden font cover. All was done and a sum of £80 was donated. A table notice board was made, for another member, so that a seating plan could be shown for a local wedding.

In June 2024 further Church furniture was restored, and also during the month the Shed had a "Shed Sale" and attended at the local Desborough Millennium Green fete and the Desborough Carnival.

In July 2024 we were approached by a pensioner couple, as their rear gate was unsafe. A new tongue and grooved, ledged and braced gate, was constructed at the Shed and then fixed on site. Four dining chairs were brought in, that were very wobbly, and these were stripped and re-glued with additional strengthening added.

In August we were asked if we could make some oversized crochet hook needles to specific sizes. This we were able to achieve on the spindle lathe. During the month we had another "Shed Sale", selling items we had made and also repaired tools. We started making more Hedgehog Houses for the coming winter.

In September, word had spread and another local church needed a table repaired and restored and this was done. We also received many garden tools that needed repairing with new shafts and many blades from garden tools came in to be sharpened. On the Saturday 14th, of that month, we opened the Shed for the annual 1940s Day. We had a 3 track Hornby OO layout on display and also sold surplus tools that we had. Also, in September Desborough played host for the twinning committee to welcome people from twinning committees in other European countries. As a memento the shed was asked if members could make wooden keys as gifts for the people who attended. 36 were made.

October 2024, a local café needed 2 chairs repaired. These were duly done.

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Achievements in the Year continued

During November representatives attended the Remembrance Day service and laid a wreath at the Memorial. Also, during the month another church approached us to see if we could make a base for their advent candle crown as the one that they had was unsafe, this we duly did and a donation was made. At the end of November, the Shed took part in the Annual Gala night. We had items that had been made on display for purchase and also our very own Santa and Mrs Claus, being a member and his wife, as they posed with children so parents could take photos.

In December we again visited a local public house for our annual Christmas meal. In January we took in a wooden Budda, that had been chewed by the owner's dog, to see if we could restore it, and with a missing arm. It was done and handed back and a donation was gratefully accepted.

In February, one of our women members brought in a rocking horse to restore which turned out very well. Also, in February the local Library wanted a notice board making, and this was made for a donation. One of our members brought in a tray from a wooden hostess trolley and wanted one made to the same dimensions as the second tray was damaged beyond repair This was done and a donation was gratefully received.

In March, a chair leg was brought in that was full of woodworm. They asked if we could make one to match? It was said if you bring in the corresponding leg it can be done on the lathe, and a copy was made. At the end of March 2025 a defibrillator was purchased for £1608.00, to be installed in the town. During the year hedgehog houses and bird boxes were also made for sale.

Membership

The society had 34 paid up members during this year.

Financial Review

The charity's general unrestricted income has remained at a similar level to the previous year. Expenditure has decreased slightly mainly due to the timing of rent payments.

A restricted fund was brought forward from the previous year with grants of £2,000 received in a previous year for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator and unused grants for tools and equipment of £847.80 together with a £2,000 grant towards light and heat. The defibrillator has now been purchased, but a small amount of £392 remains towards fitting. Equipment of £429.18 has been purchased and light and heat of £1,601.01 charged against the grant brought forward.

The charity considers that a general reserve in the region of £6,000 is required which represents approximately six months of operation. Due to the grants received in previous years and the lack of operation during the Covid period the general reserve far exceeds this level, but will enable the charity to operate going forwards.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee and Treasurer, that the Trustees:

- Have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Gary Berridge, Treasurer
15 January 2026



Desborough Men's Shed Association
Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2025

	2025			2024
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Operating Receipts				
Members' fees	834.00		834.00	802.00
Session fees	1,367.70		1,367.70	1,317.50
Metal Recycling	43.70		43.70	-
Tea Fund	526.50		526.50	403.00
Gala Night	162.10		162.10	-
1940s Day	68.20		68.20	34.60
Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	-		-	3,180.00
Donations	3,960.39		3,960.39	2,713.60
Investment Receipts				
Bank/Building Society Interest	252.95		252.95	156.38
	<u>7,215.54</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,215.54</u>	<u>8,607.08</u>
PAYMENTS				
Operating Costs				
Rent	7,800.00		7,800.00	7,151.00
Electricity & gas	-	1,601.01	1,601.01	672.36
Insurance	576.75		576.75	563.97
Purchases	403.22	2,037.18	2,440.40	1,134.37
Business rates	-		-	224.44
Remembrance wreath	27.50		27.50	27.50
Refreshments	55.01		55.01	63.41
Membership fee	30.00		30.00	30.00
	<u>8,892.48</u>	<u>3,638.19</u>	<u>12,530.67</u>	<u>9,867.05</u>
Administration Costs				
Accountancy	264.00		264.00	252.00
Stationery	16.98		16.98	17.47
	<u>280.98</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>280.98</u>	<u>269.47</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>9,173.46</u>	<u>3,638.19</u>	<u>12,811.65</u>	<u>10,136.52</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(1,957.92)	(3,638.19)	(5,596.11)	(1,529.44)
NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES	<u>(1,957.92)</u>	<u>(3,638.19)</u>	<u>(5,596.11)</u>	<u>(1,529.44)</u>
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
Brought Forward	12,332.31	4,847.80	17,180.11	18,709.55
Carried Forward	<u>10,374.39</u>	<u>1,209.61</u>	<u>11,584.00</u>	<u>17,180.11</u>

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The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (general) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

The charity has equipment purchased and donated in previous years. In the current year the trustees purchased a defibrillator for £1,608 and an automated material system for the 3D printer for £316.95 plus sundry tools.

MONETARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2025			2024
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds	All Funds £	All Funds £
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
MHBS - Revenue account	978.28	-	978.28	2,666.63
MHBS - Capital account	4,817.09	1,209.61	6,026.70	9,070.14
MHBS - Buffer account	4,199.82	-	4,199.82	5,114.79
Co-operative bank account	317.08	-	317.08	317.08
Cash in hand	62.12	-	62.12	11.47
	10,374.39	1,209.61	11,584.00	17,180.11
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity				
Accountancy	276.00	-	276.00	264.00
	276.00	-	276.00	264.00

FUNDS

General Fund - Unrestricted

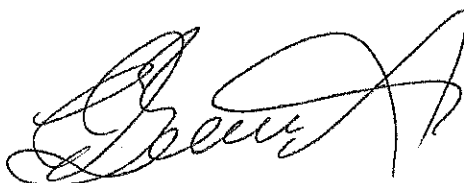
This represents the fund that the Trustees are free to spend in fulfilling the general objectives of the Charity

Restricted Funds

This comprises £2,000 donated towards a defibrillator, which was brought forward from last year and although it had been purchased in the year the fitting has not yet been done and £392 is carried forward for this. There is also a fund for machinery and tools consisting of £847.80 brought forward less £429.18 spent during the year leaving a balance to carry forward of £418.62 and a balance of a grant of £2,000 received at the end of the previous year towards future costs of light and heat of which £1,601.01 has been spent in the year leaving £398.99 to carry forward. This gives a total restricted fund of £1,209.61.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gary Stewart Berridge
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Achievements in the Year

We meet on a weekly basis every Monday, Wednesday and Friday unless it is a Bank Holiday 10.00 to 16.00.

The year started as we took in a broken chair to mend and also, we sharpened numerous garden tools ready for the spring. Some of the tools were for the community whilst others were donated so that we could repair and sell for donations in order to maintain the Community Shed.

In May 2023 one of our members made three benches for one of our local churches to site in their grounds. We also had donated two wrought iron bench ends. These were then rubbed down and painted and new wooden slates were fitted. Another job was a small child's bench was then brought back to life by our members. Also, in May we fitted a new counter front to the office in the local Library in Desborough. The Shed inherited a dolls house and this was given a makeover ready to sell. Word had travelled and another bench was brought to us to renovate and the owner was very impressed with the result.

In June 2023 we helped again with the Carnival Court trailer. Also, in June we received a grant of £680.00 from Persimmon Homes, builders, towards tools and equipment.

In July 2023 a new member joined and wanted to fulfil a dream to do some carving so with the tools that we had acquired started to carve faces and indeed made a few very good carvings. Summer was here and we received many lawn mowers to clean and have their blades sharpened, again for donations. Stools and tables were constructed by members and more chairs were mended during September and October.

At the end of September, as a Shed, we joined in the 1940s Day. We had refurbished tools for sale and also a 3 rail Hornby Dublo layout for people to come and see. Also in September the local Library asked if we could check the wheels on their movable book racks, and a donation of £50 was received to funds.

In November we revamped a wall notice board for the local library and also, we were presented with a cheque for £200 by the Carnival committee for our charity work. With the money received from the Carnival Committee, plus some additional monies we bought a compound mitre saw for £274.38 to replace the one that we had that had become a safety issue.

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Achievements in the Year continued

On the last Friday in November the Town put on a Gala Night and we joined in selling items that had been made by members such as hedgehog houses, bat boxes and bird boxes. We also had the model railway on display, and this time it was a winter's scene. Not to mention one of our members and his wife dressing up as Father & Mrs Christmas for photographs. On the lead up to Christmas the local Carnival Committee toured the town, over three nights, with a trailer and wooden sleigh made by the Shed members. On the 15th of December 2023 we held our AGM in the morning followed by the Shed's annual Christmas lunch at a local hotel.

In January we used part of the earlier grant received to purchase a 3D printer and small test pieces were printed, such as small deer. Also during January we mended a Guitar rack and an 'A' frame for a Kettering Church. Knowing that the Shed had made good jobs of these items we were asked to restore two wooden plant stands, a multi-canvas hymn scroll board and many church tables. We were also asked by a local Desborough Church to adapt a pedestal candle holder as the candle sizes had changed.

In February we had to change bandsaw blades, for £79.43 as the ones that we had were becoming blunt. In March 2024 we were asked if we could take parts of a long church pew and reduce the size to small two-person pew which we duly did. We were still restoring and revitalising garden tools for local people also one of our new members was making clocks from old wood and installing new battery workings with a face and clock hands.

Yet again quite a busy year for members of the Shed in Desborough.

Membership

The society had 41 paid up members during this year.

Financial Review

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A restricted fund was brought forward from the previous year with grants of £2,000 received in that year for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator and unused grants for tools and equipment of £835.22. The defibrillator has still not been purchased. Grants for equipment of £680 have been added and equipment purchased of £667.42 and a grant of £2,000 towards future light and heat received.

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	2024			2023
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Operating Receipts				
Members' fees	802.00	-	802.00	864.00
Session fees	1,317.50	-	1,317.50	879.55
Bank compensation	-	-	-	25.00
Tea Fund	403.00	-	403.00	372.10
Business rates refund	-	-	-	121.81
1940s Day	34.60	-	34.60	-
Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	500.00	2,680.00	3,180.00	3,450.00
Donations	2,713.60	-	2,713.60	3,344.87
Investment Receipts				
Bank/Building Society Interest	156.38	-	156.38	45.22
	<u>5,927.08</u>	<u>2,680.00</u>	<u>8,607.08</u>	<u>9,102.55</u>
PAYMENTS				
Operating Costs				
Rent	7,151.00	-	7,151.00	8,450.00
Electricity & gas	672.36	-	672.36	1,003.89
Insurance	563.97	-	563.97	521.83
Purchases	466.95	667.42	1,134.37	3,084.71
Business rates	224.44	-	224.44	161.28
Remembrance wreath	27.50	-	27.50	27.50
Water heater	-	-	-	89.99
Refreshments	63.41	-	63.41	27.26
Membership fee	30.00	-	30.00	30.00
	<u>9,199.63</u>	<u>667.42</u>	<u>9,867.05</u>	<u>13,396.46</u>
Administration Costs				
Accountancy	252.00	-	252.00	240.00
Stationery	17.47	-	17.47	111.65
	<u>269.47</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>269.47</u>	<u>351.65</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>9,469.10</u>	<u>667.42</u>	<u>10,136.52</u>	<u>13,748.11</u>
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(3,542.02)	2,012.58	(1,529.44)	(4,645.56)
NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES	<u>(3,542.02)</u>	<u>2,012.58</u>	<u>(1,529.44)</u>	<u>(4,645.56)</u>
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
Brought Forward	15,874.33	2,835.22	18,709.55	23,355.11
Carried Forward	<u>12,332.31</u>	<u>4,847.80</u>	<u>17,180.11</u>	<u>18,709.55</u>

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MONETARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2024			2023
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds	All Funds £	All Funds £
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
MHBS - Revenue account	666.63	2,000.00	2,666.63	2,335.92
MHBS - Capital account	6,222.34	2,847.80	9,070.14	9,932.80
MHBS - Buffer account	5,114.79	-	5,114.79	6,066.53
Co-operative bank account	317.08	-	317.08	317.08
Cash in hand	11.47	-	11.47	57.22
	12,332.31	4,847.80	17,180.11	18,709.55
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity				
Accountancy	264.00	-	264.00	252.00
	264.00	-	264.00	252.00

FUNDS

General Fund - Unrestricted

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Restricted Funds

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Achievements in the Year

We meet on a weekly basis every Monday, Wednesday and Friday unless it is a Bank Holiday. 10.00 to 16.00.

At the end of July 2021, the Community Managed Library and Hub approached the Shed to inspect the wheels on the mobile book racks this was carried out by one of our members, and we received remuneration for the task. We have been asked to do this on a 6 monthly basis and we are continuing to carry this out. The local Library also asked the shed to repair two bucket chairs that had broken legs this was duly carried out and a donation was received.

In addition to members carrying out their own projects several lawnmowers were mended and serviced for members of the community during August in return for donations to the Shed. A sofa was mended for a local resident.

In December 2021 the Shed was approached by the East Midlands Co-op to assist with their project of building a sensory garden at the main Co-op in Desborough. This was agreed by the Shed members, and items were made to complement the garden. We made three bug boxes to fit in the raised garden sleepers and a 4ft tall boot was carved out of an oak tree trunk using a chainsaw, planers, sanders and chisels. This was commenced in February 2022 and completed in April, for which we received a donation towards the Shed funds. We attended the opening ceremony at the Co-op, which was attended by many civic dignitaries.

In June 2022 we put together the Carnival Court trailer again, re-purposing the previously constructed Santa sleigh, for the local Carnival Charity. We were also fortunate to receive tools and other items that we could clean, renovate and sell to make money for the Shed, and also during the year we cleaned and sharpened garden tools brought in by residents of the Town and surrounding area. In June also, a member of the shed made 4 rostra chimney tops, and painted them as brickwork, for a local Kettering dance academy to perform a tap number from Mary Poppins.

In July a child's outdoor bench was refurbished and further donation made. In August a lucky-dip box was made and painted for a local resident and donation made, and also for the same lady a hook a duck sign was painted and sign written. In August also, a locally donated 1960s table was repaired and a dealer from London came to collect. At the end of August outdoor planters were made for the local Baptist Church.

Desborough Men's Shed Association CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2023

Achievements in the Year continued

During September a commission was accepted to make a game that was a current craze in the USA. This involved making a sloping board with a hole at the top so that players could toss bean-bags into it to score points. In September also, the Shed took part in the annual 1940s event in the town, and the members had on display the Hornby 3 track railway layout. Previously donated tools that had been refurbished were on sale for donations. Some 40's style games were made for children to play, and older visitors enjoyed reminiscing.

In October a garden swing seat, with very bad wet rot, arrived and this was repaired and the owner, on collection, said it looked better than when it was new. In November also we took part in the annual Gala night. We again had the Railway layout, this time with snow and items such as hedgehog and bird houses were sold for donations.

In December we were asked by the Carnival Committee if they could use the Sleigh, that we had constructed a few years ago, to transport Santa around Desborough again over three evenings, much to the delight of the town's folk. We also had our annual Christmas meal in December, and feasted at the local hostelry (the George). As always, the meal did not disappoint. During this time also, many garden tools were brought back to life and sharpened, chopping boards were made, bird and hedgehog houses built, plus bat roosting boxes, shoe racks and tables were constructed.

Quite a busy year by the members of this Shed in Desborough.

Membership

The society had 41 paid up members during this year.

Financial Review

The charity's general unrestricted income has increased during this year by £585.84 partly due to increased membership and also a higher level of donations. Expenditure has increased by £1,969.02 due to the rent returning to a whole year at its full amount after the Covid discount and also because the activities have recommenced so more costs have been incurred.

A restricted fund was established in the previous year with grants of £2,000 received in that year for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. This has still not been purchased. Grants for equipment of £3,300 have been added and equipment purchased of £2,464.78.

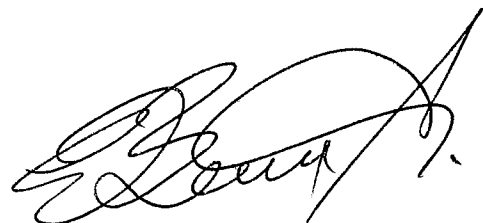
The charity considers that a general reserve in the region of £6,000 is required which represents approximately six months of operation. Due to the grants received in previous years and the lack of operation for that period the general reserve far exceeds this level, but will enable the charity to operate going forwards.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee and Treasurer, that the Trustees:

- Have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

Gary Berridge, Treasurer
23 January 2024



Desborough Men's Shed Association
Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

	2023			2022
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Operating Receipts				
Members' fees	864.00	-	864.00	277.00
Session fees	879.55	-	879.55	470.41
Bank compensation	25.00	-	25.00	-
Tea Fund	372.10	-	372.10	203.40
Business rates refund	121.81	-	121.81	311.00
Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	150.00	3,300.00	3,450.00	4,629.00
Donations	3,344.87	-	3,344.87	1,504.78
Investment Receipts				
Bank/Building Society Interest	45.22	-	45.22	54.12
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,802.55	3,300.00	9,102.55	7,449.71
PAYMENTS				
Operating Costs				
Rent	8,450.00	-	8,450.00	7,110.01
Electricity & gas	1,003.89	-	1,003.89	324.01
Insurance	521.83	-	521.83	459.85
Purchases	619.93	2,464.78	3,084.71	585.61
Business rates	161.28	-	161.28	82.33
Remembrance wreath	27.50	-	27.50	-
Water heater	89.99	-	89.99	185.40
Refreshments	27.26	-	27.26	28.85
Membership fee	30.00	-	30.00	-
	10,931.68	2,464.78	13,396.46	8,776.06
Administration Costs				
Accountancy	240.00	-	240.00	372.00
Stationery	111.65	-	111.65	-
	351.65	-	351.65	372.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS	11,283.33	2,464.78	13,748.11	9,148.06
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(5,480.78)	835.22	(4,645.56)	(1,698.35)
NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES	(5,480.78)	835.22	(4,645.56)	(1,698.35)
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
Brought Forward	21,355.11	2,000.00	23,355.11	25,053.46
Carried Forward	15,874.33	2,835.22	18,709.55	23,355.11

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31 March 2023

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The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (general) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

The charity has equipment purchased and donated in previous years. In the current year the trustees purchased a bandsaw for £2,014.80 and a planer and extractor for £449.98.

MONETARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES

	2023			2022
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds	All Funds £	All Funds £
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
MHBS - Revenue account	2,335.92		2,335.92	8,534.72
MHBS - Capital account	7,097.58	2,835.22	9,932.80	8,432.64
MHBS - Buffer account	6,054.42	-	6,066.53	6,054.42
Co-operative bank account	317.08	-	317.08	317.08
Cash in hand	57.22	-	57.22	16.25
	15,862.22	2,835.22	18,709.55	23,355.11
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity				
Expenses owed to G Berridge	-	-	-	89.99
Accountancy	252.00	-	252.00	240.00
	252.00	-	252.00	329.99

FUNDS

General Fund - Unrestricted

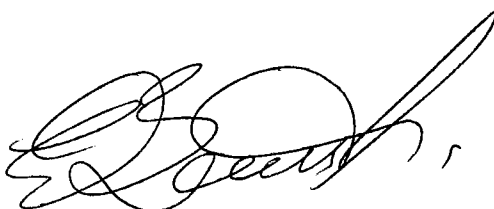
This represents the fund that the Trustees are free to spend in fulfilling the general objectives of the Charity

Restricted Funds

This comprises £2,000 donated towards a defibrillator which was brought forward from last year and had not been spent by the year end. During this year donations of £3,300 were received towards a bandsaw and other tools, the balance unspent of £835.22 is carried forward to next year.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Gary Stewart Berridge
Treasurer
23 January 2024



DESBOROUGH MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

England & Wales - Charity number 1172280

Accounts

Desborough Men's Shed Association

Registered Charity No. 1172280

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2022

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Desborough Men's Shed Association

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31st March 2022

The Trustees present their Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2022

Reference and administrative details.

Name of the Charity: Desborough Men's Shed Association

Working Name: Desborough Men's Shed Association

Charity Registration Number: 1172280

Correspondence Address: 14 The Ridings
Desborough
Kettering
Northamptonshire
NN14 2LW

Current Trustees: Michael Stroud – Chairman
John Arthur Charles Dale - Secretary
Gary Stewart Berridge - Treasurer
Raymond Grenville Milson

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by a written constitution, which was adopted on 24 March 2017 when the charity was registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO.

Appointment, induction and training of new Trustees

The Body of Trustees shall be at least three in number and no more than a maximum of twelve.

One third of the Trustees are elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the charity and all members of the Society are welcome to put their names forward for election. Those who have the appropriate skills, knowledge and experience for the effective administration of the Charity are particularly encouraged to stand. Each new Trustee will be briefed on their legal obligations under charity law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision making processes and the most recent financial performance of the charity. In addition, all trustees will be actively encouraged to attend external training courses to enhance understanding of their responsibilities and to improve their effectiveness.

Desborough Men's Shed Association CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2022

Objectives and Activities

The object of the Charity is the preservation and protection of good health among people in Desborough and the surrounding area, including those who are retired, unemployed or have health problems, through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation or other leisure time occupation including practical interests, skills sharing, the learning of new skills, and helping with community based projects.

The Trustees aim to achieve this objective by providing a workspace "The Shed" for members to use on a daily basis to carry out the activities as mentioned above. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements in the Year

Due to the Covid restrictions, we, as a Shed could not start back until the 19th July 2021. However, weekly building checks were still made regarding utilities and safety, and to comply with insurance requirements. While the building was not in use the Treasurer took the opportunity to improve the toilet facilities, and rearrange large quantities of donated items, from wood, ironmongery, tools and paint, so they could be more easily found and put to good use in future.

At the end of July 2021, the Desborough Community Managed Library asked for assistance with some damaged chairs. These were successfully restored rather than needing to be replaced with new items, in return for which a donation was given to The Shed. In addition to members doing their own projects several lawn mowers were mended and serviced for members of the community in August, in return for donations to the Shed.

On Saturday the 11th September 2021, The Shed took part in the annual 1940s event in the town, and the members had on display a Hornby 3 track railway layout. Previously donated and refurbished tools were on display and offered for sale for a donation. Many people appreciated the superior quality of the older gardening tools especially compared to modern ones, and £235 was raised in donations during the afternoon. Many of these tools would have been condemned to landfill in their previous state. After the 1940's event, September saw many more local people coming into The Shed asking to have their lawnmowers, hedgecutters, chainsaws and other garden equipment serviced and sharpened.

In November 2021 we did a piece of work for Corby Community Arts Project. A rug making frame was made, after carrying out research as to how it needed to function, and the dimensions. The timber used on this project had been donated some time previously by a member of the public and stored until a suitable use became available. This was finished off with some donated wood dye, and raised a donation of £66. There are photographs of the frame being used by group members on the Corby Community Arts Project website.

Every year, on the last Friday evening in November, Desborough runs a Christmas Gala, when the main street is closed to traffic and stalls erected. As The Shed is situated just off the main street, we open the building and sell items like hedgehog and bird houses that members have made for sale, using recycled materials. Local builders merchants donate damaged slate tiles, which are cut down for the roofs. Gala Night 2021 raised £76.00 for funds. As soon as Gala Night has passed each year Shed members reconstruct the sleigh that is used by Desborough Carnival Committee to transport Santa around Desborough on a float. This item is also loaned to a local school for 'their' Santa to sit in during Christmas festivities.

The sleigh was designed and constructed by members of The Shed several years ago, and had been repainted and transformed into the Carnival Queen Float in previous years, before becoming a sleigh again each December, but sadly the carnival was cancelled in 2021 due to Covid issues.

During December the Members enjoyed a Christmas lunch at a local public house, each member paying for their own meal. In January 2022 we mended a sofa for a local resident and made £50 for the funds.

The same month we were approached by Central England Co-Operative Society, as they were constructing a new garden area outside the local Co-op store. We were asked if The Shed could construct some bird houses, bat boxes and bug boxes to be incorporated into the scheme that would be carried out by a professional team, using the revenue from plastic bag sales for community benefit. As a centre piece for the planned sensory garden seating area, they envisaged a carved boot, to represent the industry that the town was famous for. This was created from a section of an oak tree trunk, and the finished items stands approximately 3'6" tall. A Shed member documented its creation, and uploaded a short film entitled 'The Desborough Boot' to YouTube, to record the construction process, and delivery to the garden' for posterity.

Over the year members attended to their own projects as well as community projects. We have been likened to the Town's very own Repair Shop.

We were fortunate to receive several grants during the year from Kettering Borough Council, The Arnold and George Yeomans Feakin Charitable Trust, Wacoal and the Elaine Barrett Charitable Trust.

Membership

The society had 14 paid up members during this year.

Financial Review

The charity's general unrestricted income has decreased during this year by £16,395.75 as the level of grants received was much reduced from the previous year when Kettering Borough Council provided a huge level of support due to Covid. Expenditure has increased by £2,416.77 partly due to the rent returning to its full amount after the Covid discount and also because activities have recommenced so more costs have been incurred.

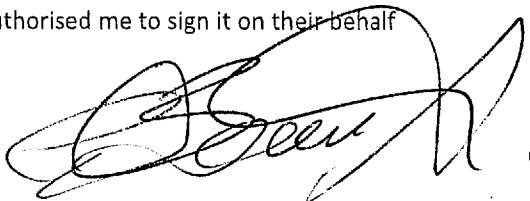
A restricted fund has been established with grants of £2,000 received in the year for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. In addition, a further restricted fund existed during the year for the provision of first aid training, a grant of £233 was received and expenses of £185.40 incurred. The small balance left of £47.60 has been transferred to general funds.

The charity considers that a general reserve in the region of £6,000 is required which represents approximately six months of operation. Due to the grants received in the previous year and the lack of operation for that period the general reserve far exceeds this level, but will enable the charity to operate going forwards.

Declaration

I declare, in my capacity of Charity Trustee and Treasurer, that the Trustees:

- Have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf



Gary Berridge
Treasurer
11 January 2023

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 March 20 22

	2022			2021
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Operating Receipts				
Members' fees	277.00	-	277.00	72.00
Session fees	470.41	-	470.41	3.00
Sales	-	-	-	-
Tea Fund	203.40	-	203.40	-
1940s Day & Gala night	311.00	-	311.00	-
Voluntary Receipts				
Grants	2,396.00	2,233.00	4,629.00	20,707.21
Donations	1,504.78	-	1,504.78	763.00
Investment Receipts				
Bank/Building Society Interest	54.12	-	54.12	67.25
TOTAL RECEIPTS	5,216.71	2,233.00	7,449.71	21,612.46
PAYMENTS				
Operating Costs				
Rent	7,110.01	-	7,110.01	6,000.00
Electricity	324.01	-	324.01	173.38
Insurance	459.85	-	459.85	376.86
Purchases	585.61	-	585.61	76.93
Business rates	82.33	-	82.33	(81.28)
1940s Day & Gala night	-	-	-	-
First Aid course	-	185.40	185.40	-
Refreshments	28.85	-	28.85	-
Update shed	-	-	-	-
	8,590.66	185.40	8,776.06	6,545.89
Administration Costs				
Accountancy	372.00	-	372.00	-
	372.00	-	372.00	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	8,962.66	185.40	9,148.06	6,545.89
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	(3,745.95)	2,047.60	(1,698.35)	15,066.57
NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	47.60	(47.60)	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES	(3,698.35)	2,000.00	(1,698.35)	15,066.57
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
Brought Forward	25,053.46	-	25,053.46	9,986.89
Carried Forward	21,355.11	2,000.00	23,355.11	25,053.46

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31 March 2022

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NON-MONETARY ASSETS

The charity has equipment purchased and donated in previous years.

MONETARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2022			2021
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds	All Funds £	All Funds £
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND				
MHBS - Revenue account	8,034.72	500.00	8,534.72	11,981.41
MHBS - Capital account	6,932.64	1,500.00	8,432.64	6,692.93
MHBS - Buffer account	6,054.42	-	6,054.42	6,038.97
Co-operative bank account	317.08	-	317.08	317.08
Cash in hand	16.25	-	16.25	23.07
	21,355.11	2,000.00	23,355.11	25,053.46
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity				
Expenses owed to G Berridge	89.99	-	89.99	-
Accountancy	240.00	-	240.00	372.00
	240.00	-	240.00	372.00

FUNDS

General Fund - Unrestricted

This represents the fund that the Trustees are free to spend in fulfilling the general objectives of the Charity

Restricted Funds

This comprises £2,000 donated towards a defibrillator which had not been purchased by the year end. During the year £47.60 remaining from a donation of £233 towards first aid training costs not yet spent was transferred from restricted to general fund.

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Gary Stewart Berridge
Treasurer
11 January 2023

Accounts

Desborough Men's Shed Association

Registered Charity No. 1172280

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Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31st March 2021

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Working Name:	Desborough Men's Shed Association
Charity Registration Number:	1172280
Correspondence Address:	14 The Ridings Desborough Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 2LW
Current Trustees:	Michael Stroud – Chairman (appointed 1 December 2020) John Arthur Charles Dale - Secretary Gary Stewart Berridge - Treasurer Raymond Grenville Milson (appointed 30 January 2021)

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

The Charity is governed by a written constitution, which was adopted on 24 March 2017 when the charity was registered with the Charity Commission as a CIO.

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Desborough Men's Shed Association CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

Objectives and Activities

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The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

Achievements in the Year

During the period from 1st April 2020 the Charity has attempted to achieve its objectives and benefit the public, but this was extremely difficult due to the government enforced lockdown and subsequent social distancing requirements. During the first part of lockdown Gary Berridge worked alone to finish a chest of drawers that had been started previously and this helped funds a little. The toilet at our premises was also redecorated with the renovator working in isolation.

We achieved a few Zoom meetings with several participants never having seen Zoom previously. Over lockdown our machines were inspected, maintained and oiled.

We were fortunate to receive several substantial grants during the year from Kettering Borough Council together with smaller amounts from the Maud Elkington Trust and the Elaine Barrett Charitable Trust.

Membership

The society has only had 3 paid up members during this year due to the Covid pandemic as The Shed has not been operational.

Financial Review

The charity's general unrestricted income has increased during this year by £7,920.77, primarily due to the grants received as very little income was received otherwise. Expenditure has decreased by £11,106.76 as there have been no outgoings apart from premises expenses for rent, electricity and insurance with a rebate being received for business rates.

The charity considers that a general reserve in the region of £6,000 is required which represents approximately six months of operation. Due to the grants received in the year and the lack of operation the general reserve far exceeds this level, but will enable the charity to operate going forwards.

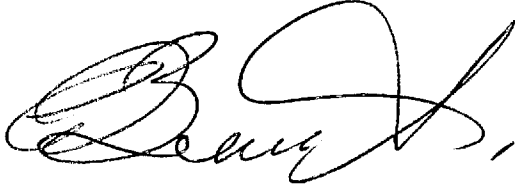
Desborough Men's Shed Association CIO

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31st March 2021

Declaration

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- Have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Berridge', with a large, stylized initial 'G' and 'B'.

Gary Berridge
Treasurer
17 January 2022

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ended 31 March 2021

	2021		2020
	General Fund £	All Funds £	All Funds £
RECEIPTS			
Operating Receipts			
Members' fees	72.00	72.00	1,207.00
Session fees	3.00	3.00	1,194.50
Sales	-	-	66.00
Tea Fund	-	-	268.22
1940s Day & Gala night	-	-	228.60
Voluntary Receipts			
Grants	20,707.21	20,707.21	7,000.00
Donations	763.00	763.00	3,681.35
Investment Receipts			
Bank/Building Society Interest	67.25	67.25	46.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	21,612.46	21,612.46	13,691.69
PAYMENTS			
Operating Costs			
Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	7,800.00
Electricity	173.38	173.38	109.52
Insurance	376.86	376.86	369.59
Purchases	76.93	76.93	8,408.31
Business rates	(81.28)	(81.28)	250.78
1940s Day & Gala night	-	-	195.84
Refreshments	-	-	84.66
Update shed	-	-	433.95
	6,545.89	6,545.89	17,652.65
Administration Costs			
Accountancy	-	-	-
	-	-	-
TOTAL PAYMENTS	6,545.89	6,545.89	17,652.65
NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)	15,066.57	15,066.57	(3,960.96)
NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	-	-	-
NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES	15,066.57	15,066.57	(3,960.96)
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND			
Brought Forward	9,986.89	9,986.89	13,947.85
Carried Forward	25,053.46	25,053.46	9,986.89

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31 March 2021

These accounts are presented on a receipts and payments basis, which is a factual record of the money received and paid by the Charity during the financial year. This basis is considered to be the most appropriate for non-company charities with an annual income of less than £250,000. A Statement of Assets & Liabilities, listing the significant possessions and outstanding financial commitments of the Charity at the end of the financial year is set out below.

The trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (general) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

NON-MONETARY ASSETS

The charity has equipment purchased and donated in previous years.

MONETARY ASSETS & LIABILITIES	2021		2020
	General Fund £	All Funds £	All Funds £
CASH AT BANK & IN HAND			
MHBS - Revenue account	11,981.41	11,981.41	2,989.37
MHBS - Capital account	6,692.93	6,692.93	680.52
MHBS - Buffer account	6,038.97	6,038.97	6,000.00
Co-operative bank account	317.08	317.08	317.00
Cash in hand	23.07	23.07	-
	25,053.46	25,053.46	9,986.89
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity			
Accountancy	372.00	372.00	-
	372.00	372.00	-

FUNDS

General Fund - Unrestricted

This represents the fund that the Trustees are free to spend in fulfilling the general objectives of the Charity

The accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Gary Stewart Berridge
Treasurer
17 January 2022