

# **Desborough Men's Shed Association**

*Registered Charity No. 1172280*

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

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# **Desborough Men's Shed Association**

## **Report of the Trustees**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

The Trustees present their Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

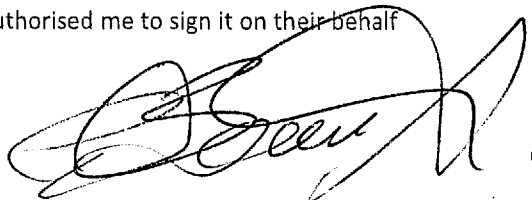
A restricted fund has been established with grants of £2,000 received in the year for the purchase and installation of a defibrillator. In addition, a further restricted fund existed during the year for the provision of first aid training, a grant of £233 was received and expenses of £185.40 incurred. 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**

	<b>2022</b>			<b>2021</b>
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Operating Receipts</b>				
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	-
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Grants	2,396.00	2,233.00	4,629.00	20,707.21
Donations	1,504.78	-	1,504.78	763.00
<b>Investment Receipts</b>				
Bank/Building Society Interest	54.12	-	54.12	67.25
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,216.71</b>	<b>2,233.00</b>	<b>7,449.71</b>	<b>21,612.46</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Operating Costs</b>				
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
<b>Administration Costs</b>				
Accountancy	372.00	-	372.00	-
	372.00	-	372.00	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>8,962.66</b>	<b>185.40</b>	<b>9,148.06</b>	<b>6,545.89</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	(3,745.95)	2,047.60	(1,698.35)	15,066.57
<b>NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	47.60	(47.60)	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES</b>	(3,698.35)	2,000.00	(1,698.35)	15,066.57
<b>CASH AT BANK &amp; IN HAND</b>				
Brought Forward	25,053.46	-	25,053.46	9,986.89
<b>Carried Forward</b>	<b>21,355.11</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>23,355.11</b>	<b>25,053.46</b>

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

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	2022			2021
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds	All Funds £	All Funds £
<b>CASH AT BANK &amp; IN HAND</b>				
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
	<b>21,355.11</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>	<b>23,355.11</b>	<b>25,053.46</b>
<b>DEBTORS &amp; PREPAID EXPENSES</b>				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
<b>CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity</b>				
Expenses owed to G Berridge	89.99	-	89.99	-
Accountancy	240.00	-	240.00	372.00
	<b>240.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>240.00</b>	<b>372.00</b>

**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