

# **Desborough Men's Shed Association**

*Registered Charity No. 1172280*

## **Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

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# **Desborough Men's Shed Association**

## **Report of the Trustees**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

The Trustees present their Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **Reference and administrative details.**

<b>Name of the Charity:</b>	Desborough Men's Shed Association
<b>Working Name:</b>	Desborough Men's Shed Association
<b>Charity Registration Number:</b>	1172280
<b>Correspondence Address:</b>	14 The Ridings Desborough Kettering Northamptonshire NN14 2LW
<b>Current Trustees:</b>	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 2023**

### **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**

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.

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### **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.

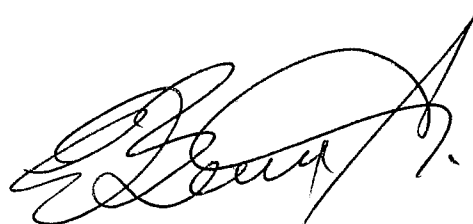
The charity considers that a general reserve in the region of £6,000 is required which represents approximately six months of operation. Due to the grants received in previous years and the lack of operation for that period the general reserve far exceeds this level, but will enable the charity to operate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

	<b>2023</b>			<b>2022</b>
	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	All Funds £	All Funds £
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
<b>Operating Receipts</b>				
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
<b>Voluntary Receipts</b>				
Grants	150.00	3,300.00	3,450.00	4,629.00
Donations	3,344.87	-	3,344.87	1,504.78
<b>Investment Receipts</b>				
Bank/Building Society Interest	45.22	-	45.22	54.12
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>5,802.55</b>	<b>3,300.00</b>	<b>9,102.55</b>	<b>7,449.71</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
<b>Operating Costs</b>				
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
<b>Administration Costs</b>				
Accountancy	240.00	-	240.00	372.00
Stationery	111.65	-	111.65	-
	351.65	-	351.65	372.00
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>11,283.33</b>	<b>2,464.78</b>	<b>13,748.11</b>	<b>9,148.06</b>
<b>NET RECEIPTS/(PAYMENTS)</b>	<b>(5,480.78)</b>	<b>835.22</b>	<b>(4,645.56)</b>	<b>(1,698.35)</b>
<b>NET TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>NET MOVEMENT IN CASH BALANCES</b>	<b>(5,480.78)</b>	<b>835.22</b>	<b>(4,645.56)</b>	<b>(1,698.35)</b>
<b>CASH AT BANK &amp; IN HAND</b>				
Brought Forward	21,355.11	2,000.00	23,355.11	25,053.46
Carried Forward	<b>15,874.33</b>	<b>2,835.22</b>	<b>18,709.55</b>	<b>23,355.11</b>

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

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. 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
	<b>15,862.22</b>	<b>2,835.22</b>	<b>18,709.55</b>	<b>23,355.11</b>
DEBTORS & PREPAID EXPENSES	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
CREDITORS Amounts payable by the Charity				
Expenses owed to G Berridge	-	-	-	89.99
Accountancy	252.00	-	252.00	240.00
	<b>252.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>252.00</b>	<b>329.99</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 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

