

Desborough Men's Shed Association

Registered Charity No. 1172280

Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31st March 2025

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Desborough Men's Shed Association

Report of the Trustees

For the year ended 31st March 2025

The Trustees present their Report together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st March 2025

Reference and administrative details.

Name of the Charity: Desborough Men's Shed Association

Working Name: Desborough Men's Shed Association

Charity Registration Number: 1172280

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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

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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, 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 Buddha, 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> |

Desborough Men's Shed Association
Statement of Assets & Liabilities As At 31 March 2025

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 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
Treasurer
15 January 2026

