

Men's Shed Horsham

Chairman's Report 2024/25

The aim of this report is to provide members and other interested parties, including the Charity Commission, with an insight into the development and running of the Charity. You will find attached the Treasurer's report.

Men's mental health remains a top priority for the charity. The trustees took specific action during the year to add focus to this important subject – please see below.

The Charities AGM took place on the 28th October 2024 and the members' meeting took place on the 25th November 2024. Trustees' meetings are held quarterly.

Background Information

For further information relating to the background and history of MSH, please reference earlier annual reports.

Membership

We currently have 83 members of which 60 are active; the average age is seventy-one. Due to the popularity of the Shed we have a membership waiting list and the annual fee stays at £35.

Management and Supervision of the Shed

Two new trustees were appointed during the year and one resigned. These changes were registered with the Charity Commission. Two additional Supervisors joined the Leadership team which provides additional cover regarding sickness leave and holidays.

Men's Health and Wellbeing

Although the trustees are aware that the Shed contributes to men's health simply by being there, it was felt that more could be done. During the year talks took place with an organisation called "Menshare" who hold regular meetings to promote men's wellbeing. As a result MSH are in the process of formalising a partnership with Menshare to both parties benefit.

Shed Finances

I am pleased to report that as a result of financial support from various sources, coupled with money received from annual member subscriptions and donations and sales of goods, that the Shed is in good financial standing. Reserves have accumulated which have allowed the Shed to purchase some new capital equipment, e.g. bandsaw and wood lathe. In addition the trustees have agreed that the remaining reserves should be held, pending a discussion regarding the renting of additional premises. For further information please reference our treasurer's report.

Additional Premises

The previous annual report referenced this subject. Although we are pursuing a number of options, to date we have not been able to acquire or rent additional premises. The search continues.

More Aspects of Shed Life

Shed Activities

Although woodworking remains the main activity in the Shed a number of members have taken an interest in metalwork. The use of the metal lathe and associated equipment has increased and members are being trained and encouraged to develop their skills.

Shed Socials

Socials are held on a regular basis and include monthly visits to the local pub. In addition, the annual summer BBQ took place during the year with an excess of seventy members and partners attending.

Communications with the Community

The Shed is now into its eighth year and as a result it has been able to establish a firm connection with the local community. Quarterly Newsletters are circulated to interested parties, with our website and Facebook keeping readers up to date with events.

Recycling

As mentioned in last year's report, the recycling of tools and equipment plays a major part in Shed life. MSH continues to provide a local recycling service involving the clearance of members of the public's sheds. The service is usually as a result of a loss in the family and the need to dispose of tools and machinery. MSH will collect the items, make use them in the Shed, sell them, or send them to Africa via a charity

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Chairman MSH

November 2025

Men's Shed (Horsham)
Profit & Loss
01 Apr 2024 to 31 Mar 2025

INCOME

Bank Interest	£16.78
Courses	£0.00
Donations	£1,857.97
Fundraising	£2,694.01
Gift Aid	£0.00
Grants	£0.00
Membership	£3,200.00
Miscellaneous Income	£2,069.51
Project contribution	£1,400.00
Repair donation	£0.00
Sold Merchandise (Misc.)	£746.51
St.Marks	£1,625.00
Tool sale	£0.00
Total Income	<u>£13,609.78</u>

EXPENSE

Admin costs	£1,082.25
Bank Charges	£0.00
Capital equipment	£0.00
Chesworth	£0.00
Community Work costs	£383.87
Consumables	£0.00
Equipment Repairs & Renewals	£889.95
Fees and Subscriptions	£132.42
Insurance	£889.78
IT Support	£605.99
Meetings	£108.94
Membership Cards	£0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	£785.38
New Equipment & Supplies	£1,818.18
Office Expenses	£58.00
Old Cadet Centre Lease	£1,200.00
Social costs	£2,484.09
Telephone	£0.00
Training Courses	£0.00
Travel Expenses	£383.29
Trustee Expenses	£0.00
Volunteer Expenses	£0.00
Total Expenses	<u>£10,822.14</u>

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NET INCOME

£2,787.64