

Knighton Mens Shed Charity Commission Report
1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023

On Tuesday 24th May 2022 the Shed AGM was held at The Bank P.H., Knighton High Street. Eight of the 15 members at that time were present. Because of the increase in materials and the cost of electricity it was agreed on a vote of 7 to 1 to increase the session fee from £2 to £3 to include a beverage and biscuit. Some considerable discussion took place. Other issues were discussed regarding Shed cleaning, tool maintenance, welcoming of new members, Shed insurance and the purchase of a new lathe. The same committee members were elected and no volunteer's forthcoming to replace or fulfil vacant posts.

In April 2022 Stapleton Parish Council put an order in for four notice boards that raised £200. On the 25th and 26th June 2022 we were invited by Elizabeth Passey to attend the Hymns Open Garden, an annual event in aid of the National Garden Scheme. 3 members attended with a trailer load of our products and sold nearly £200 of stock but not as good as the previous year. It was good income in light of our closure due to Covid -19 but two long days as footfall was not as high as previous years.

In May a local resident who uses a motorised wheelchair was unable to get out of the house due to a double step. We manufactured and fitted the ramp for him giving him a new lease of life.

In June we made a planter for Cottage View Nursing Home in town next to the hospital which they were very pleased with.

Three members attended the Knucklas village fete. We had made a set of stocks for them on order that went down well. It was an enjoyable day and we will be doing it again this year on the 5th of August 2023.

Our relationship with the Radnorshire Wildlife Trust has gone from strength to strength. We have supplied them with £3,505 worth of goods, bird boxes, owl boxes, insect hotels, planters and signage. Recently their grants ran out but they are applying for more so I anticipate further business in the future.

In November we purchased a new Charnwood lathe. It has been set up and the gouges & tools racked on the wall. Recently a number of hardwood blanks have been donated by a lady whose brother works at a furniture manufacturer and uses these as firewood.

In December Town Councillor Holly Adam-Evans approached us to provide some wildlife habitats for the town that brought in £800. Further orders for the community garden brought in another £330 and seven planters to be placed up The Narrows in town added a further £560 making £1690 in total.

Following the making of the two wooden picnic benches for the Community Centre in 2021 we received two further orders, one for a private customer and two benches for Llanfair Waterdine Community Centre. This brought in a further £750 less materials.

In December two members attended the Christmas market at the Knighton Community Centre. One has become very involved in the Community and has forged excellent links with many other organisations and people, spreading the word of the Shed. The local community shop has been displaying and selling our goods for some time now and has an excellent display of our products in both windows. However, the lack of opportunity to attend other events leaves a large stockpile of goods that take up a lot of space and we need to be more conscious of what we are making and whether there is a market for such items.

At Christmas we displayed a wooden Christmas tree with fairy lights and some of our products at St Edwards Church, Knighton.

St Stephens church in Old Radnor requested the construction of a large altar box and but we received a good donation for it and they are very pleased.

Sadly, founder member Henry Morgan is no longer able to attend the Shed due to health issues so with regret cancelled his membership. At a recent Trustees meeting it was unanimously decided to make Henry, one of the founder members, an Honorary lifetime member. At the time of submitting this report our membership has now grown to 26 members.

Knighton Men's Shed Statement of Receipts and Payments for Period April 1st 2022-31st March 2023

RECEIPTS

Member subs and attendance	1535.50
Sales of goods and services	8046.52
Sharpening, repairs and tools(lathe £50)	763.50
Donations (mainly PayPal)	550.62
Miscellaneous	71.25
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>10967.39</u>

PAYMENTS

Rent (now £120 X 12)	1440.00
Electricity	633.15
Website hosting	78.00
Phone	269.52
Travel costs	89.00
Raw Materials, Consumables & Tools	3701.30
Plant and Machinery	807.95
Public Liability Insurance	361.01
Bank Charges	91.86
Sundries (incl PAT testing £60)	215.49
<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>	<u>7687.28</u>

NET EXCESS

3280.11

Bank balance (£13539.22) and cash at shed (200.87)

13740.09

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