

**Knighton Mens Shed – Charity Commission report**  
**31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024**

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2023 the four Trustees met at Kington Golf Club to discuss issues regarding the progress of the charity and to set the agenda for the AGM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

On that date the four trustees attended with only 6 other members being present. Minutes of the two meeting are available.

In April a local councillor who runs an O gauge railway for charity purposes asked if we could construct some buildings for the railway out of sustainable materials. This was a project taken on by our chair and we managed to make 9 buildings for him.

In May 2023 two Trustees attended the UK Mens Shed, Shed of the Year awards at the House of Lords in London. Knighton Mens Shed had been one of three Sheds in the UK nominated for the award of Community Shed of the year. As such a small unit we were highly honoured to be nominated.

In June a survey was carried out by an extraction company as there were concerns amongst the trustees that the dust generated during operations could have health implications. The survey came back with a price of £11,000 to fit high powered dust extraction units that would have required structural alterations to the building. Although consideration was given to applying for a grant for this work to be carried out. After consultation with the landlord it was deemed not only too expensive but impacted on other building occupants. Consequently 3 x high powered mobile dust extraction units were purchased and are used to interconnect between power tools thereby reducing significantly the amount of dust generated.

In July 6 members travelled to Worcester to attend the UKMSA Shed Fest and made good contacts with a number of other Sheds and manufacturers of power tools and fixings that offered good discounts to Shed groups. From Ronseal we were able to take delivery of over £600 worth of free Ronseal wood care products, from TiteFix screw manufacturers we were able to purchase a large quantity of fixings at half the normal retail price and from Lumberjack we were able to purchase our dust extractors with a 20% discount.

On 5<sup>th</sup> August two members attended Knucklas Fete and sold many of our products.

On 27<sup>th</sup> August a stall was set up at Knill open gardens as part of the National Garden scheme.

In September we were approached by a member of the Knighton Rotary who lives in the local village of Norton to construct 14 x 6' pallet wood Christmas trees to be placed along the village street with lights for the Christmas period. Following these being erected a further 6 are on order for next year.

On 7<sup>th</sup> October Fay Jones, the local MP visited the Shed and was given an introductory tour ending up with her buying a coat and hat rack.

On 21<sup>st</sup> October, in conjunction with the Knighton Literature Festival we held an Open Day. It was an outstanding success with a steady flow of people visiting most of who did not know we existed. It was a highly successful PR event as well as great sales.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> December we visited Leintwardine monthly market in the village hall. We made an astonishing £270 in 3 hours.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December we attended Knighton Community Christmas market and again made sales worth £190.

As the year has progressed the order book has been filling up fast with many diverse and unusual requests being made, most of which we have been able to fulfil.

**Knighton Men's Shed Statement of Receipts and Payments for Period April 1<sup>st</sup> 2023-31<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

**RECEIPTS**

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Member subs and attendance    | 1213.00  |
| Sales of goods and services   | 10104.31 |
| Sharpening, repairs and tools | 165.00   |
| Donations                     | 45.60    |
| Miscellaneous                 | 20.00    |

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **11547.91**

**PAYMENTS**

|                                    |         |
|------------------------------------|---------|
| Rent (£120 x 12)                   | 1440.00 |
| Electricity                        | 553.05  |
| Website hosting                    | 78.00   |
| Phone                              | 150.66  |
| Travel costs                       | 157.80  |
| Raw Materials, Consumables & Tools | 2866.24 |
| Plant and Machinery                | 650.19  |
| Public Liability Insurance         | 406.35  |
| UKMSA(Shed of the year)            | 392.41  |
| Bank Charges                       | 87.60   |
| Sundries                           | 187.64  |

**TOTAL PAYMENTS** **6969.94**

**NET EXCESS** **4577.97**

**Bank balance (£14,466.39) and cash at shed (282.43)** **14748.82**