

MEN IN SHEDS BEDFORD

England & Wales · Charity number 1174339

Details

Status Registered

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF (PRIMARILY) MEN'S GOOD HEALTH IN THE BEDFORD AREA, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED OR HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HOBBIES, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING PRACTICAL INTERESTS, SKILLS SHARING, THE LEARNING OF NEW SKILLS, AND HELPING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS.

Activities: To promote the preservation and protection of Men's good health in the Bedford area for the public benefit. In particular but not limited to those who are retired, unemployed or have health problems through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation or other leisure time and practical interests, skills sharing, learning of new skills and help with community projects.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Bedford

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-11-30	£8,750	£6,800	-	-
2024-11-30	£6,879	£5,799	-	-
2023-11-30	£4,489	£6,225	-	-
2022-11-30	£5,807	£7,506	-	-
2021-11-30	£6,617	£377	-	-
2020-10-01	£2,812	£2,557	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Anthony Mulhall		2025-11-24
Cllr Stephen Howard Conway B Sc Hons		2025-11-24
Fraser Young		2025-11-24
KEN BADDLEY		2025-11-22
Roy Hutchings		2025-11-24

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Chair of Trustee's report for Men In Sheds Bedford

1st December 2024 to 30th November 2025

Membership has remained consistent with around 90 this year. Sadly, three of our members have moved onto new adventures in the big workshop in the sky this year, including the one of the founding members that was instrumental in setting up the charity.

We have had a very successful project to provide a defibrillator, along with first aid training. This was all done by the Charity raising funds to pay for both the defibrillator and the training. We are planning on running a second first aid course in the future.

There has been some group projects of clearing the parking lot, and Workshop deep clean, landscaping work at the Transfiguration Church; also, one of our members undertook to build three models for Bedford Creative Arts (their River Flow Project).

The Model Train section has continued with effort on the baseboards and setting up the tracks. The art group supported the MS therapy Art again, with many postcard sized art (several members work sold, raising money for the MS charity).

The electronic group has completed our RFID tag login system. This is proving a daily record of attendance, and an emergency fire evacuation list by email of members on site in the event of a fire (or fire drill). The group is working on version 2 of the weather station and programming some small maze solving robots.

There has been some Vinyl records session, and general chats run this year too, which have generated some interesting events.

The lathe group has been setup and is running with quite a few members attending. The CNC /Laser and 3D printing has been making great strides, and we have bought another laptop (mostly) for the 3D printer.

The shed has expanded into fine air brush painting, this is for art, airbrushing models, 3D prints, laser cut projects etc.

We are now on our second tranche of six-monthly sessions of Chair Yoga with Alannah from Bodywise, as part of our support for better, healthier, aging for members.

Unfortunately, we still have not made progress on the toilet area in the Craft Area. One of our trustee is tirelessly trying to get the council to move forward on this (difficult as the council is currently having major budget issues).

Over the year have invested in the model train section, CNC, the art section, and the electronic section. Not to mention all the tea, coffee, milk, biscuits.

Both the Christmas and BBQ get togethers at the Kempston Hammers were well attended and raised some cash for the charity.

The monthly social Friday Pub visit has been a success and recently tried out adding a curry night to the event—this spicy event went down well.

Subscription has been kept at £4 per month, and our joining fee slightly increased from £10 to £15 to cover the cost of the RFID signing in tag. Overall, the charity finances have been in a good position, and our reserves have increased (mostly to cover the planned spending on creating a disabled toilet and tea and coffee area in the Craft area.

CLlr Stephen Conway B.Sc (hons)
Chair of Trustees

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Treasurer's report for Men In Sheds Bedford

1st December 2023 to 30th November 2024

Key points:

- An account with the Redwood Bank has been opened and £10,000 deposited in a 95 day notice variable high interest account. £4,000 has also been deposited in an instant access CafBank Gold variable high interest account paying much better interest than the current account. Since then, £2,000 was transferred from the Cafbank savings account along with a further £1,000 transferred from the Cafbank current account to the Redwood 95-day notice account. We have accrued £562.75 in interest bringing the total in savings to £15,562.75.
- The Cafbank account has been working well and has accrued a small amount of interest, much reduced since the bulk of Shed funds have been transferred into the higher interest accounts.
- All specialist interest groups are now considered to be independent cost centres with both expenditure and income monitored; details of expenditure and income are highlighted towards the end of the report.
- We have invested some £1,648.94 in assets, again details are listed towards the end of the report along with the £297.63 spent on machinery/tools spare parts.
- Donation income reached £1,868.82 the main sources of grant funding were:
 - The Charlie Edwards family fundraising efforts - £520.32
 - Member donations to the defib fund - £190.00
 - Membership overpayments and donations - £498.50
 - Xmas raffle - £235
 - Great Barford walking group - £100.00
 - Bedford Rail station - £125.00
 - Arts and Crafts centre - £100.00
 - Bedford Creations - £100.00

The last three donations followed by items of work for each organisation

- No applications for grant funding were made this year.
- The PayPal account has £78.42 to fund eBay sales of tools.
- There are two ring fenced funds within the accounts, £1,800 for the shed reserve, sufficient to cover foreseeable liabilities if the shed was ever to be wound up and the Craft Centre refurbishment fund, which currently stands at £15,489.90.
- The craft centre fund will be applied to the provision of an accessible toilet and refreshment area as soon as Bedford Council approval is given for the required works.
- Month on month Shed income exceeded expenditure and the Shed available funding was increasing, accordingly we transferred £1000 from the current account to high interest savings accounts. As a result, the Shed current account shows income being less than expenditure for the year by £153.23.
- Funds that are not committed and therefore are available for expenditure at the beginning of the year beginning 01 December 2025 amount to **£3091.14**.

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Financial status at end of year 2024/25

Total in High interest Savings accounts at 01.12.24	14,000.00
Deposits during the year	1,000.00
Interest during the year	562.75
Balance at 10.11.25	15,562.75

	Income	Expenditure	Difference
Cash	1632.40	562.80	
Bank	6564.46	7787.29	
Total	8196.86	8350.09	153.23
	Funds at start of year	Funds at end of year	Difference
Cash	0.87	26.47	
Bank	4965.08	4786.25	
Total	4,965.95	4813.72	153.23

Shed income was £153.23 less than expenditure, however, if we had not transferred £1000 out to a high interest account income would have exceeded expenditure by £846.77

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Committed funds	craft centre refurb	£15,489.90
Total current account funds at end of year		£ 4812.72
Committed funds	Shed reserve	£ 1,800.00
Paypal account		£ 78.42
Funds available for expenditure at the beginning of the year		£ 3091.14

Allocated funding at end of 2024/25 year

	balance 01.12.24	donations during 24/25	expenditure during 24/25	balance at 10.11.25
MIS craft centre reserve	4,000.00	1500.00	0.00	5500.00
Connolly Foundation Grant	1,865.61	0.00	0.00	1,865.51
Bedford and Luton Community Foundation (BL&CF)	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Discretionary Bedford Councillor Ward Funds	2,417.20	0.00	0.00	2,417.20
Joe Green Fundraising	2,101.95	0.00	0.00	2,101.95
Shed tool sales	1389.50	458.50	242.76	1605.24
Craft centre refurbishment available funds				15489.90
Shed Reserve	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00

The craft centre allocated funding is now in effect held entirely in the high interest rate saving accounts.

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Income during 2024/25 and projections for 2025/26

Cost centre	Amount during 2022 -23	Amount during 2023-24	Amount during 2024-25	Projection for 25-26	Comments
Donations	1,059.17	733.17	1868.82	500.00	See note below
Grants	7,917.20	500.00	0.00	1000.00	None applied for
Material sales	204.06	83.60	84.90	100.00	
Tool sales	483.50	486.00	458.50	500.00	
Joining fee	260.00	150.00	145.00	150.00	9 new members
Membership, including assoc members	2,689.24	3,356.00	3817.00	4000.00	
Interest on current account	28.83	37.42	13.64	12.00	Reduced holdings in current account
Member payments for BBQ and Xmas buffet	232.00	597.50	797.50	800.00	
Products sold	nil	172.00	45.00	300.00	No Christmas events attended this year
Art group income			340.00	400.00	
Turning group Income			88.00	100.00	
Yoga classes			533.50	1500	
Interest on high interest accounts			562.75	650.00	£15,000 transferred to high interest accounts

Note: Donations included monies from Charlie Edwards' family fundraising efforts, the Christmas raffle. membership overpayments, member donations to the defibrillator fund and work carried out for outside parties. We also received donations from outside groups

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Expenditure during 2024/25 and projections for 2025/26

Cost centre	Amount during 22-23	Amount during 23-24	Amount during 24-25	Projection for 2025-26	Comments on expenditure during 2024-25
Admin	906.34	1089.99	1650.75	1,800.00	IT services, insurance, two seated yoga courses, UKMSA membership and stationary
Refreshments	266.19	301.30	326.96	350.00	Tea, coffee etc
Xmas event /BBQ	280.96	500.00	410.00	500.00	
Materials	744.87	425.95	424.37	500.00	Workshop materials and £158.96 gardening supplies
Tools /spares	3,996.55	432.92	297.63	500.00	Replacement parts for tools/machines
Craft centre renovation	0.00	51.00	231.77	16,000.00	Craft centre heaters, wood and internet extension
Shed infrastructure update	374.78	0.00	322.11	250.00	New lights and electrical system
Art group		187.10	757.16	750.00	
Bridge group		20.40	43.25	50.00	
Electronics group		526.89	0.00	250.00	
Model railways group		461.06	61.29	250.00	
CNC Group		308.62	96.00	200.00	Software licence
Wood turning group		450.00	742.36	300.00	New sharpening station, extraction system, pen kits and glues tools
3d printing			360.74	100.00	Laptop and filament
Gardening				250.00	
Health and safety			1035.84	500.00	Defib, first aid training and RFID system
Welfare			46.19	100.00	Sympathy cards

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Expenditure and income in Special Interest Groups

• Bridge	£ 43.25
○ Income	nil
• Art	£757.16
○ income	£340.00
○ (includes airbrush system, painting supplies and picture frames)	
• Electronics	nil
○ Income	nil
• Model railway	£61.29
○ Income	nil
○ (Materials to complete layout)	
• CNC	£96.00
○ Income	nil
○ (Software licence)	
• Wood turning	£748.76
○ Income	£88.00
○ (Includes a new sharpening system, dust extraction supplies, penmaking kits and glues)	
• 3D printing	£360.74
○ Income	£8.20
○ (Includes a new laptop computer and printing filament)	
• Laser cutting	
○ materials	£110.00
○ Income	£100.00

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Expenditure on Assets

The Shed has purchased:

• Air brush system for art group	£220.00
• Laptop computer for 3D printer	£309.99
• New workbench for workshop	£419.99
• Heaters for craft centre	£119.98
• Wood turning sharpening system	£578.98
• Total	£1648.94

Expenditure on tools and spares

The shed has purchased:

• Thicknesser blades and fittings	£80.45
• Chopsaw blades	£79.98
• Drill bits	£39.98
• Vacuum/cleaner/filter bags	£37.51
• Router collets	£49.86
• Sanding Sleeves	£9.85
• Total	£297.63

Tony Mulhall
Treasurer Men In Sheds Bedford

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Chairman's Report

It has been a sad year in that four of our members have moved onto new adventures in the big workshop in the sky.

It has been a busy year with membership reaching 90 with 21 new members this year.

There has been some great group projects of putting up a shed in Cryselo Park, clearing the parking lot, and Workshop deep clean. Creating a large train model for the book exchange at the Bedford Train Station. Also the Model Train section has got underway with a lot of effort to create the storage rack and baseboards. The art group supported the MS therapy Art exhibition and ten works were displayed. The electronic group has completed their weather station. The wood store has been radically re-organised. There has been some Vinyl records session run this year too, which have generated some interesting events.

Unfortunately we have not completed the new toilet area in the Craft Area, although tireless work by a committee member has managed to get the council to survey and agreed the work. Currently we are trying to get the council to move forward on this.

Our ongoing cost of insurance and internet are our biggest yearly expenditure, and we have continued to improve safety in the workshop by improving the ventilation on the CNC and lathe.

We have invested in the model train section, CNC, the art section, and the electronic section. Not to mention all the tea, coffee, milk, biscuits.

Both the Christmas and BBQ get togethers at the Kempston Hammers were well attended and raised some considerable cash for the charity.

Also the Kempston Christmas light switch on last year was a success and raised money for the charity.

A ward fund donations from Cllr Caroline White (Kempston Central and East) enable us to buy a new thickness planer.



Chairman's Report: continued

The management committee, Trustees, and Keyholder (Openers) have worked hard throughout the year; and a big thanks goes out to them—and all the other members who have support the charity (sorting donations, chatting on the WhatApps etc.)

Cllr Steve Conway (Chair and Trustee)

Reports from specific interest groups.

Wood turning group – led Tony Mulhall

Following an expression of interest from a couple of newer members, contact was made with a local wood turning YouTuber who has offered training in woodturning on a commercial basis. The initial contact resulted in a first coaching session on a trial basis for a small group of eight members. This session resulted in the trainer taking up membership of the shed. Subsequently a group practice session and a second training session have been held. The group is very much in its early days and will likely move to an afternoon session in the new year for both practice and ongoing training sessions.

Bridge Section Report

Currently we are continuing to run Bridge training sessions with two tables on Monday afternoon at 13:30 for two hours. One table for the those who have the basics and, starting in September, a table for those just leaning how to play.



Specific Interest Groups

Art Group Report.

First a big thank-you to Cllr Terri Conway for running this. What started as an idea for a few taster sessions has turned into a hugely popular weekly event. Twelve members, including two ladies, routinely attend and are producing some amazing art.

Whilst this started out as just watercolour painting, this has grown to cover colour pencils, and coloured watercolour pencils (we also have acrylics and airbrush materials).

For those that cannot attend on a Wednesday, there are materials and brushes available for members who wish to give it go on other sessions.

CNC Section

The club has bought Ooznest Workbee 1000 CNC along with a yearly licence for Makerspace Vcarve programme. This allows all club members to use the CNC and software for free.

This year we have completed the dust extraction system.

To date we have run introductory courses and one to one training for about twenty four members. The majority of interested members have been through this (but it is still ongoing). We now propose to run courses for members on demand.

Quite a few projects have been completed for beginners through to advanced and include 2.5 D wall plaques, various animals, serving trays, and wall art; and recently a train station sign for the model train group.



Specific Interest Groups

Electronics Section

The Shed computer group was formed in early 2023 and has spent nearly all its time so far working on “The Never-Ending Project” (or so it seemed) to make, from scratch, a weather station to go on the shed roof. The project started as broad vague ideas which then went through a long trial-and-error phase where we changed our minds several times: on the hardware, software, power supply (amongst others) for the station. Eventually a design has emerged from the mists and is now undergoing further testing on the roof and in the computer room. We expect to be able to say we have a working model, producing weather data, this month.

We recently started a new project to produce a computerised form of a logging-in system to replace the paper-based attendance sheet. Learning from our past mistakes, we’re making good progress and hope to present a working system before Christmas (2024, that is!)”

Also our computer systems couldn’t work without connections to the internet. Unfortunately everything these days needs to talk to servers for licences and updates; and our laptops, printer, CNC, PC, and Chromebook all cannot function without a connection to the outside world.

Members also benefit for being able to connect to our fast internet, for streaming, downloading, searching the internet, WhatsApp etc. Since we are a charity, we do have to have a business internet account, and this is with BT currently, and we will look at other possible (value for money) options once we are out of contract with them.





Specific Interest Groups

Train Section

We have rekindled the model railway group within our shed. Please feel free to join in at our sessions, currently Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon, though we do work on specific elements during

other shed times. All are welcome, come along and grab a tea, play trains and reminisce about those childhood train sets we had, in fact you can even run some of the original stuff with us! Several years ago the group built a superb N gauge layout which we still operate.

At the present time we have fourteen core members taking part with support from five other members who are offering their specific skills. There is something for everyone to join in with including woodwork, painting, electrical, scenery and modelling. No experience necessary as we are growing and learning from each other as we go.

Currently, we are building a modular layouts, which can be added to or even reduced in size to suit different situations. Individuals can build their own modules (provided they follow some set rules and use the track jig to ensure that all the boards line up).

Recently the committee approved the purchase of a large amount of OO (Hornby/Peco) stock and model railway items, these are now being put to good use.





MenInSheds: Nov 2023—Nov 2024 Report

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report for November 2023 to November 2024

Key points

The Cafbank account has been working well and has accrued a small amount of interest

An account with the Redwood Bank has been opened and £10,000 has been deposited in a 95 day notice variable high interest account. £4,000.00 has also been deposited in an instant access CafBank Gold variable high interest account paying much better interest than the current account.

The Shed has received a total of £733.17 in donations, the majority came from members or as a result of members actions – repairs etc. The 2023 Christmas raffle raised £178 and the Quakers donated £117.17

The Paypal account has £78.42 to fund eBay sales of tools

There are two ring fenced funds within the accounts, £1,800 for the shed reserve, sufficient to cover foreseeable liabilities if the shed was ever to be wound up and the Craft Centre refurbishment fund, which currently stands at £13,723.16.

The Craft Centre refurbishment fund is made up from a fixed, maximum amount from shed funds of £4,000.00, an increase of £1,000.00 during this reporting year, as well as donations, grants funds and shed tool sales.

The craft centre fund will be applied to the provision of an accessible toilet and refreshment area as soon as Bedford council approval is given for the required works.

Shed income has exceeded expenditure for the year by £1,080.93

Funds that are not committed and therefore are available for expenditure at the beginning of the year beginning 01 December 2024 amount to £3,521.21



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Treasurer's Report

Financial status at end of year 2023/24 (31st November 2024)

	Income	Expenditure	Difference
Cash	976.6	1019.68	
Bank	5,903.09	4,779.08	
Transfer cash to high interest		-14,000	
Total	6,879.69	5,798.76	1,080.93
	Funds at start of year	Funds at end of year	Difference
Cash	43.95	0.87	
Bank	17,841.07	18,965.08	
Total	17,885.02	18,965.95	1,080.93
Shed income was £1,026.84 more than expenditure			

Current funds to carry over from 23/24	£18,965.95
Redwood 95 day account	£10,000.00
Cafbank gold high interest account	£ 4,000.00
Cafbank current	£ 4,965.08
Petty cash	£ 0.87
Committed funds craft centre refurb	£13,723.16
Committed funds Shed reserve	£ 1,800.00
Paypal account	£ 78.42
Funds available for expenditure at the beginning of the year	£3,521.21



Treasurer's Report: the numbers

Allocated funding at end of 2023/24 year

	balance 01.12.24	donations during 23/24	expenditure during 23/24	balance at 30.11.24
MIS craft centre reserve	3,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Connolly Foundation Grant	1,865.61	0.00	0	1,865.51
Bedford and Luton Community Foundation (BL&CF)	2,000.00	2,000.00	0	2,000.00
Discretionary Bedford Councillor Ward Funds	2,417.20	2,417.20	0	2,417.20
Joe Green Fundraising	2,101.95	0	0	2,101.95
Shed tool sales	893.50	496.00	51.00	1,338.50
Craft centre refurbishment available funds				13723.16
Shed Reserve	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00



Treasurer's Report: Income during 2024 and projections for 2025

Cost centre	Amount during 2022 -23	Amount during 2023-24	Projection for 2024-25	Comments
Donations	1,059.17	733.17	500.00	Donations
Grants	7,917.20	500.00	1,000.00	Donations
Material sales	204.06	83.60	100.00	Charity Activities
tool sales	483.50	486.00	500.00	Charity Activities
Joining fee	260.00	150.00	150.00	Donations
Membership	2,689.24	3,356.00	3,600.00	Donations
Interest on current account	28.83	37.42	12.00	Interest
Member payments for BBQ and Xmas buffet	232.00	597.50	500.00	Other activities
Products sold	nil	172.00	300.00	Other activities
Cash transfer between accounts		764.00		
TOTAL		6879.69		

Note: grant applications will be made as we develop further plans for improvement of facilities and activities for members.

Transfers between cash float and bank account will show as both income and expenditure on the cash and bank account ledgers, depending on the direction of the transfer– they will balance out overall.



Treasurer's Report: Expenditure during 2024 and projections for 2025

Cost centre	Amount during 2022 -23	Amount during 2023 -234	Projection for 2024-25	Comments
Admin	906.34	1005.96	1,200.00	IT services, insurance and stationary
Refreshments	266.19	301.30	350.00	Tea, coffee etc
Xmas event / BBQ	280.96	500.00	500.00	
Materials	744.87	425.95	500.00	Including machine spares, NB equipment for craft centre activities and materials accounted for separately
Tools /spares	3,996.55	432.92	500.00	Replacement tools/machines
Craft centre renovation	0.00	51.00	14,000.00	Awaiting council approval to start the work
Shed infrastructure update	374.78	0.00	250.00	Maintenance and improvement to workshop facilities
Art group		210.98	250.00	
Bridge group		20.40	50.00	
Electronics group		232.28	250.00	
Model railways group		501.40	250.00	
CNC Group		242.04	200.00	
Wood turning group		450.00	500.00	New sharpening station and tools
Assets		649.98	1000	Thicknesser and extractor / cleaner
Refunds to members		10		
Transfer to high interest account		14000		
Cash transfers		764		
TOTAL		19798.76		



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Treasurer's Report: Expenditure on Special Interest Groups

As the numbers of special interest groups grow and will continue to grow, budgets and reporting lines have been established to manage expenditure. During 2023/24 funding has been made available to support the following special interest groups in the craft centre and also the workshop. Each group has had spending on consumables and some on capital items.

The groups and relevant expenditures are:

Bridge	£ 20.40
Art	£210.98
Electronics	£232.28
Includes new components	
Model railway	£501.40
Includes a purchase of pre-owned rolling stock, track, accessories etc	
CNC	£242.04
Includes a new Camvac dust extraction unit	
Wood turning	£450.00
Includes a new Camvac dust extraction unit	



Treasurer’s Report: Expenditure on Special Interest Groups

Expenditure on Assets

The shed has invested in:

Two Camvac extraction units for the CNC machine and the wood lathe	£692.04
A new thicknesser	£510.00
Vacuum cleaner/dust extractor	£139.98

Expenditure on tools and spares

The shed has purchased:

Hand saw sharpening equipment	£158.05
Dress press plate (for a repair)	£ 64.45
Grinding wheel (wood turning)	£ 33.58
Thicknesser blades	£ 25.50
Chop saw blades	£ 39.98
Belt sander spares	£109.63

Breakdown of Income for charity commission report

Cash Donation and Grants	1233.17
Member donations from purchase of donated tools and materials	569.6
member donations for member events	597.5
membership	3506
donations from sales of items made by members	172
bank interest	37.42
TOTAL	6115.69



MenInSheds: Bedford

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Appendix

These are the current elected positions for 2024-2025 for Men In Shed Bedford

Elected Officers to the Management Committee

Name	Role	Nominated	Seconded
Steve Conway	Chair	Geza Ferenczi	Daniel Skidmore
Warwick Holden	Secretary	Ray Dixon	Jim Gunther
Tony Mulhall	Treasurer	Colin Mayston	Fraser Young
Stephen Clare	Management Committee	Neil Russell	Clive Richens
Ken Baddley	Management Committee	Larry Healy	Jim Gunther
Fraser Young	Management Committee	Salvatore Spinelli	Jim Gunther
Roy Hutchings	Management Committee	Peter Bowtell	Steve Conway

Ex officio Trustees and election of two trustee (note: Elected Trustees stand for three years)

Name	Role
Stephen Clare	Elected 2022
Ken Baddley	Elected 2022
Chair	Ex officio trustee
Secretary	Ex officio trustee
Treasurer	Ex officio trustee

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Chair of Trustee's report for Men In Sheds Bedford

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We have had a successful year growing our membership, and we are well within our five-year business plan for membership numbers. Christmas lunch 2022 was a huge hit with the membership, where we held a pizza and other food party in the craft area. We invited members' significant others to the party as well, which produced a very positive atmosphere. The event was slightly lossmaking, although the recycled tool sale broadly covered this; however, it focused the committee more on making sure that future events did cover the cost. Our communication to members is moving more to WhatsApp, where we have a main group and several specific WhatsApp groups for different interests (Wordle, Watercolour class, Bridge Class, CNC group, keyholder group, management committee). However, we continue with email, and a newsletter every few months.

We were very successful at the Kempston Mayor's Christmas light switch on, November 26th 2023. In return for providing a supporting structure for Santa Grotto and building a stage for the mayor to stand on, we were able to attend with our gazebo for free. Members contributed quite a lot of objects for sale at the event, with several members putting in considerable effort into making objects. Overall, we made over two hundred pounds of profit. As well as informing the community of our charity and distributing our publicity leaflets.

Our major purchase for the year was our new CNC machine (an Ooznest workerbee). This has involved not only the assembly of the machine but also building a custom table for it, and a complete reorganization of the workshop area.

Tied in with the CNC project was a refresh on our two laptops (with new hardware fitted) and the purchase of a state-of-the-art tower PC system (which is for CNC design, photo editing, and movies editing). We also finished this off with a ASUS touchscreen Chromebook for CNC machine control and as a teaching aid to introduce members to Chromebook technology (as used by schools and colleges). In addition, the tower PC has been used by the electronic subgroup for coding up the Arduinos for their scratch-built weather station project.

Another expenditure was the contactless payment machine (Square), and this was used for the Christmas light event and collection for the Christmas party 2023. Obviously, this gives us far more flexibility in collecting funds from members and people at events.

We have successfully built a very large Trug for the community, which generated a sizable donation. One member created a book sharing unit for a local charity, and that too generated a generous donation.

We have been continuing our learning bridge sessions (mini bridge) on a Monday afternoon for several months, and this has a loyal following, although numbers are not high. In addition, we have started up learning Watercolour sessions (on a Wednesday morning). After an initial trial, these proved to be very popular, and the charity has supported this with the purchase of paints, brushes, pallets, and paper. This group has been growing quite a bit over the last few months.

The final phase of refurbishing the new Craft area continues to be the refurbishment of the toilet, and creating a section for tea, coffee, and light refreshments. We were successful in getting several local building firms to quote for the work. Unfortunately, it being an election year for the Bedford Council and Bedford Mayor, followed by a change of control from Liberal to Conservative, the council staff were understandably very busy. Fortunately, we have made some good contacts and are currently making progress with the council surveyors for this work.

Overall, our financial situation continues to be positive, and we have continued with our low cost of membership (£4 per month) for over seventy members, along with supporting five members who, for various reasons, currently do not pay. This income is more than enough to cover our current fixed costs. Currently we are still holding some £14000 back for refurbishment of the Craft Area.

ClIr Stephen Conway B.Sc (hons)
Chair of Trustees

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Treasurer's report for Men In Sheds Bedford 1st December 2022 to 30th November 2023

Key points:

- Cafbank account now operating effectively, and the Barclays bank account is now closed.
- Cafbank provides online banking requiring dual authorization for payments, and this has been working well with four trustee authorizers.
- Three trustees, plus the Treasurer (also trustee), have access to statements and to view the day-to-day transactions.
- The Chair and the Treasurer have access to a debit card limit set at £250 (which is the minimum available).
- The account has a monthly fee and also pays a small amount of interest.
- The shed has received a total of £7917.20 in grants from Bedford and Luton Community Foundation (BL&CF) and Discretionary Bedford Councillor Ward Funds. These grants will help support refurbishment needs in the craft Centre together with expanding our members engagement and creativity ambitions. Specific engagement projects include upgrading our IT equipment to develop our creative media ambitions and the introduction of a dedicated CNC router facility for the workshop.
- The workshop has been reorganized and new electrical infrastructure installed to support the reorganized workshop and the CNC Router
- The PayPal account has £78.42 to fund eBay sales of tools.
- There are two ring-fenced funds within the accounts, £1800 for the shed reserve, sufficient to cover foreseeable liabilities if the shed was ever to be wound up, and the Craft Centre refurbishment fund.
- The Craft Centre refurbishment fund is made up from a fixed maximum amount from shed funds (£3000) donations, grants funds and shed tool sales.

Financial Report.

	Income	Expenditure	Difference
Cash	909.54	252	
Bank	11921.1	6185.51	
Total	12830.64	6437.51	6363.13
	Funds at start of year	Funds at end of year	Difference
Cash	140.69	3.23	
Bank	11232.68	17762.97	
Total	12867.77	117766.20	6393.13
Shed expenditure £6313.13 less than income.			

Likely expenditure flows for 2023/24

Average monthly income will be around £440 average monthly expenditure will be around £220, however there will be peaks and troughs in both incomes, subject to receipt of fund from tool sales and donations and expenditure as larger bills like insurance or replacement tools/machines become due. We have limited funds for increased expenditure in any area without grant funding to cover those costs or raising more funds from other shed activities. We have committed funds currently amounting to £1800 shed reserve and around £12200 for craft Centre structural renovations.

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Treasurer's Report: the numbers

Current funds to carry over from 22/23:	£17776
Committed funds craft Centre refurb:	£12200
Committed funds craft Centre refurb:	£1800
Funds available for expenditure at the beginning of the year:	£3576

(Figures have been rounded for clarity)

Allocated funding at end of 2022/23 year

	balance 01.12.23	donations during 22/23	expenditure during 22/23	balance at 30.11.23	Comments
MIS craft Centre reserve	3000.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00	
Connolly Foundation Grant	1865.61	0.00	0	1865.51	
Bedford and Luton Community Foundation (BL&CF)	0	2000.00	0	2000.00	
Discretionary Bedford Councillor Ward Funds	0	2417.20	0	2417.20	
Joe Green Fundraising	0.00	0	0	2101.95	
Shed tool sales	410.00	413.0	0.00	888.50	
				12208.16	Craft Centre refurbishment available funds
Bedford and Luton Community Foundation (BL&CF) membership engagement initiatives	0	3500	3829.33	0.00	Purchase of new PC, CNC Router with Chromebook and associated. £329.33 balance from Shed funds
Shed Reserve	1800.00	0.00	0.00	1800.00	

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Income during 2023 and projections for 2024

Cost Centre	Amount during 2021-22	Amount during 2022 -23	Projection for 2023-24	Comments on 2023/24 figures
Donations	2949.50	1001.17	1000.00	Does not include grant income
Material sales	63.00	123.06	100.00	Wood sales
tool sales	410.00	523.50	500	Tool sales
Joining fee	100.00	200.00	100	10 new members during 2023/24
Membership	2541.00	2612.00	3360	70 members for 2023
Interest on current account	0.87	28.80	30.00	
total	6064.37	4288.53	7090.00	

Expenditure during 2023 and projections for 2024

Cost centre	Amount during 2021-22	Amount during 2022 -23	Projection for 2023-24	Comments on 202/24 figures
Admin	880.95	870.70	1000	It services, insurance, and stationery
Refreshments	229.79	502.10	400	Tea, coffee etc. Pizzas etc. for membership events
Materials	166.05	599.99	150	Including machine spares, equipment for craft Centre activities and materials
Tools /machines	2579.52	3876.57	500.00	Replacement tools/machines
Craft Centre renovation	3552.58	0	14,000	Awaiting council approval to start the work
Shed infrastructure update	0	375.18	500	Maintenance and improvement to workshop facilities
total	7588.89	6224.54	16,550	

Tony Mulhall

Trustee Treasurer

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This year we had to open a new bank account with the CAF bank. Barclays (who we have had an account with since we formed in 2012) has been unable to resolve the issues around our treasurer dying, and changes in their policy which require us, as a registered charity, to have a different type of bank account. After eighteen months of stalemate with Barclays, we opened an account with the CAF bank, and we have now transferred all our business to this new bank account, and we are in the process of closing the Barclay account.

The new account is accessible by four of the trustees for oversight, and being an online account, can be managed far more efficiently than the Barclays account, which still required checks to be issued rather than online bank transfers. Currently we have two cards for payment of goods, and bank transfers that require two of the trustees to authorise payments. We had to stop our 1-2-1 sessions as we were not covering off our safeguarding issues (after advice from several agencies, including our umbrella organisation UKMSA). We hope to arrange a partnership with another charity that can provide fully trained dementia staff, but currently we have not been able to set up anything.

We have successfully obtained the use of three rooms in the main building in the Raleigh Centre from Bedford Council. One small room is used for meetings and activities such as teaching the game of bridge, weaving, and presentations on a large screen TV. A second small room is used for IT and electronics and contains several computers and Wi-Fi. Finally, the large area is configured as a multi-use space where we have run the AGM meeting (with thirty plus people), a Christmas party for members, and a member's opening pizza party. It is a large indoor space that has allowed space for activities such as changing a Gazebo into a Santa's Grotto for Kempston Town Council's Christmas light switch on, to rotatory washing line re-threading, and building a large Trug for a local community centre. Along with more mundane uses such as laying out a model railway set up, and painting projects.

Refurbishing these three rooms from neglected storerooms has taken a huge effort from the members, both in fund-raising to pay for materials, and physical effort decorating, fitting out, and repairing the areas. We have paid for new flooring, and for two walls to be plastered from grants raised to make the rooms habitual. We have extended the Wi-Fi to the area, from the other workshop building, and set up the IT room, with working computers, tables, and a printer. We have recently obtained a grant for a high-performance PC to enable Photography, CNC, and 3D printing activities, along with associated software.

We have been running learning bridge sessions (mini bridge) on a Monday afternoon for several months, which has been beneficial in helping get members with a range of disabilities socialising with each other. As well as undertaking an activity which has been shown to have a range of benefits against mental decline (such as Alzheimer's).

We have run an extensive survey of members and are in the process of setting up several special interest sessions such as Electronics, Photography, model making, 3D printing to take advantage of the new craft area.

The final phase of refurbishing the new Craft area is the toilet, and creating a section for tea, coffee, and light refreshments. We have been very successful in raising funds for this work; however, we have so far been unable to get a local building firm to undertake the work. Currently we are in discussion with the council surveyors over our proposals, along with searching for a suitable building firm.

The main workshop (Annex) has a new table saw and has been re-jigged to take a new ventilation unit, as well as some electrical work to provide emergency cut outs. The workshop has also been rearranged to create space for a new CNC unit.

We have undertaken a community project in the Caudwell Centre of painting and decorating. Several members have spent a considerable amount of time working on this. A charity offering IT and ESL language requested help with this project, and we have been pleased to help. We recently helped the Bedford Women's Centre, who are next door, by removing a huge redundant cupboard and countertops, saving them employing a contractor at great expense. Not only did we do the work

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for them free of charge, but we also saved the wood from landfill, and we were able to re-utilise the units, with some adjustments, to create a project storage unit in our craft area.

We were very honoured to have been supported by Joe Green, a post-graduate student at the University of Bedford, who raised a staggering £2101.95 for us by running four miles, every four hours for forty-eight hours.

We were also very touched that the pupils from Bedford School raised £400.76 for us through personal fundraising activities.

CLLr Stephen Conway B.Sc (hons)
Chair of Trustees

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Financial Report.

	Income	Expenditure	Difference
Cash	918.69	824.43	
Bank	4888.35	6682.27	
Total	5807.04	7506.7	1699.33
	Funds at start of year	Funds at end of year	Difference
Cash	176.56	5.82	
Bank	12691.21	11162.62	
Total	12867.77	11168.44	-1699.33
<p>Shed expenditure £1699.33 more than income. Note: the shed is also holding a further £78.42 in a Paypal account to facilitate the sale of surplus donated tools</p>			

Large item expenditure

Table saw for Shed including additional blade	£1438.39
Extraction system for Shed (not included in figures)	£1310.00
Plastering in Craft Centre	£400.00
Flooring in Craft centre	£2502.00

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	balance at start of year	donations during year	expenditure during year	balance at end of year	Comments
MIS craft centre reserve	3000.00	0.00	0.00	3000.00	
Connolly Foundation Grant	3000.00	0.00	1134.49	1865.51	
Bedford Municipal Charity	2418.00		2418.00	0.00	Shed flooring cost £2502.00, balance from Connolly Foundation Grant
Joe Green Fundraising	0.00	2101.95		2101.95	
Shed tool sales	187.00		0.00	410.00	
				7377.46	Craft centre available funds
Councillor ward grants from earlier years		1243.00	1243.00	0.00	Table saw and additional blade cost £1438.39, balance from Shed funds
Shed Reserve	1800.00	0.00	0.00	1800.00	

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Income during 2022 and projections for 2023

Cost centre	Amount during 2022	Projection for 2023	comments
Donations	2703.77	500.00 Does not include any grant income yet to be applied for	Including donations from J Green, £2101.95, and Bedford School £400.76
Material sales	48.00	100.00	
Asset sales	410.00	500	Tool sales
Joining fee	90.00	100	10 new members during 2023
Membership	2351.00	3000	60 members for 2023
1-2-1	55.00	0	A short-term trial of supporting individuals who required support and supervision—now ceased due to Safeguarding issues.
Admin	0.87	20.00	Cafbank interest
total	5658.61	4220.00	

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Expenditure during 2022 and projections for 2023

Cost centre	Amount during 2022	Projection for 2023	Comments on 2022 data
Admin	847.70	1200	It services, insurance and stationary
Refreshments	203.46	400	Tea, coffee etc Hosted event for craft centre open event
Materials	87.95	150	Cleaning materials etc
Assets	2760.02	4000.00 Including IT related expenditure for the Craft Centre	Table saw and extraction system
Craft centre renovation	3552.58	10,000 Toilet and kitchen in craft centre	Floor (£2502)/ plastering (£400)/ other renovation materials
misc	22.94	50.00	Welfare Funding
total	6153.02	10,900	

Note: the Craft centre expenditure proposals will be dependent on gaining sufficient grant income during the year,

Tony Mulhall

Trustee Treasurer

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Name:	Men In Sheds Bedford
Charity Commission Number	1174339
Address	Amphill Road Bedford. MK42 9HE

The charity is overseen by five trustees that meet several times a year; and the operation running of the charity is done by a management committee, who meet monthly.

Three of the appointments to the role of trustee are by Ex officio from election by the members of Men In Sheds Bedford at the Annual General Meeting (Chair, Treasurer, and Secretary). Two Trustees have been appointed by the AGM in November 2020. Note that, committee members stand for a year, and trustees will stand for three years.

Appointments to the Management Committee are made during the AGM (last one in November 2020). Other individuals may be co-opted by the management committee, to the management committee, during the year when necessary.

Trustees:

Steve Conway (Chair)
Jeremy Honner (Treasurer) -sadly passed away in 2021
Frank Dutton (Secretary)
Warwick Holden
Stephen Clare

Management Committee:

Stephen Conway	Chairman
Jeremy Honner / Ken Buckles	Treasurer
Frank Dutton	Secretary
Stephen Clare	
Warwick Holden	
Barry Richardson	
Fraser Young	
Richard Warmesley	
Ken Baddley	

For the Charity, the major event of the past year has been that the charity has secured the use of a new area in the main building (next to the Workshop area in the Annex). This has been made possible by Bedford Council. The area needs refurbishment; however, we have already secured two grants for this purpose. The first milestone is the replacement of the flooring to create a safe area for members to access, and it is planned that this will take place in December 2021 (and was finished in the first week of December 2021).

The charity's work is about providing an environment for people (specifically older men, but not exclusively) to meet, to talk, to undertake personal and group projects and hobbies, as well as



projects for the wider community. These projects are mostly around practical engineering skills involving woodwork, metalwork, computers, model trains, and other related activities. Since the outbreak of COVID in 2020, face to face meetings have been limited due to the government guidelines (which have ranged from no contact, to limited outdoor contact, to limited indoor contact). However, throughout the restriction, we have run bi-weekly Zoom sessions most weeks, along with an active unmoderated WhatsApp chat group. This year we have undertaken a group project of building Christmas trees (from recycled timber) to display at the Kempston Town Christmas Lights switch on event. The plan was to attend the event on the 7th December with a stall to display the trees, and hopefully raise our profile and raise some funds; unfortunately this was cancelled due to bad weather.

In the past, we made group trips to places of interest to the group, and we also had general social gatherings such as Christmas Lunches and Barbeques; but obviously this has been curtailed by COVID guidelines since 2020, although we hoped to run an event in December 2021, this too had to be cancelled due to COVID.

We have continued to try the teaching and the learning of new skills (specifically, using tools and machines for woodworking and other materials; and information technology, computers, phones, tablets, and software) but this has been quite limited as we have not been able to provide any close working in the last eighteen months. Starting in November 2021, we have restarted the training and safety assessments, so new members can use the power tools in a safe manner.

Finally, we have, in the last few months, provided weekly sessions, where two gentlemen with Alzheimer can visit and have one-to-one support for a few hours. This is part of a scheme where we evaluate if we can provide any assistance in the care of people who are suffering from this condition.

We raise funds primarily from members' subscriptions. Currently these are ten pounds to join, and a monthly subscription of four pounds a month by standing order. Although we operate a scheme where no one will be excluded from the charity if they cannot afford this amount.

In addition, we have obtained several grants for specific purposes, such as a new lathe, air filtering equipment, grinding wheels, pillar drill, and a new table saw. In the past we have had a few grants that have provided money for the general running of the charity. Last year, and this year, we have received two grants from local councillors to purchase a new table saw. We have also secured two grants for refurbishment of the new Craft Area.

Finally, we raise some money from using donated items (mostly wood) and receiving donations from items that the members have made.



Achievements for November 2020 – December 2021

Obtaining the area from the council to expand the physical space
Obtaining two grants for refurbishment of the (new) Craft Area
Buying a new table saw (with two grants from the council, one last year, and one this year)
A major group effort to restore the garden area next to the workshop to a nice area for all occupants of the Bedford Arts and Craft Centre to sit and enjoy.

Events for November 2020 – December 2021

Presentation for the local Quakers

Group Activities for November 2020 – December 2021

A major group effort to restore the garden area next to the workshop to a nice area for all occupants of the Bedford Arts and Craft Centre to sit and enjoy.
A team of members cleaned and made COVID safe the workshop several times

Other Notable Achievements for November 2020 – December 2021

An articles in Carers in Bedfordshire, highlighting the charity and how it has benefited one of our members who is a full time carer.
Agreement from the council to take over an area in the main Art and Craft building for the charity
Despite COVID, support from the members has been solid, with six new member joining, keeping our membership numbers consistent.
A second grant from a local councillor, allowing us to place and order for a new table saw.
Two grants from charities to allow us to start refurbishing the new Craft area in the main building.



Organisation Objectives – By the end of 2022 we aim:

- To recruit new members to raise our membership to 70.
- Continue to improve our visibility to public and members through further improvements to our website, regular distribution of meeting minutes to members, production of regular shed progress bulletins to members and attendance at local public occasions or rallies.
- Increase our product and repairs businesses to assist in funding and community appeal
- To increase our breadth of activities and further strengthening of our IT activities, branching out into programming, electronics and robotics, CNC and 3D printing,
- Increase involvement in model trains interest group.
- Increased opening days to accommodate the growth of demand.
- To secure additional funding (income from sales and grants) to help fund the core running costs of the Shed.
- Continue with membership by standing order process which has proved successful making the shed affordable to anyone.
- To increase our reserve funding to provide a deeper level of security against unexpected demands.
- Investigate Gift Aid to increase the value of our funding.
- Complete refurbishment of the new Craft area
- Complete refurbishment of the toilet / kitchen area of the new Craft Area



Current Financial situation (as of December 2021)

Current Balance in Bank Account	12691
Current Petty Cash	176
Main Charity Reserve	2000
Craft Area Reserve	3000
Insurance Reserve (to date)	250
Saw Bench Grant	1089
Grant for Craft Centre CF	3000
Grant for Craft Centre MC	2418
Nett Balance of unallocated funds	1110

Overview of Accounts for Men In Sheds Bedford December 2020 till November 2021

The financial year runs from the 1st of December till the 30th November.

The charity has one bank account with Barclays and a petty cash pot. We are currently keeping a reserve of £2000 for the charity, which is ringfenced in the main bank account.

Income is largely by the members from a monthly standing order (some members choose to contribute more than the basic amount for monthly subscriptions). In addition, we raise money from a joining fee, a donation for work we undertake (mostly small woodworking projects of late) and sales of items we have made (or refurbished). Also, some small amounts from Amazon charities.

Our expenditure is fundamentally our insurance and the cost of our internet (from Plusnet), along with tool replacements such as saws and saw blades etc. We also have some software costs, which has recently just been the cost of hosting our website.

We have two projects ongoing at the time of this report.

One was the replacement of our table saw, which was covered by two grants from local councillors (one carried over from last year, and one from this year). The saw has now been bought (in the December 2021, and paid for). This required a small amount of extra money above the combined grants, which the charity has covered. Obviously this is not shown on this year's financial report, but will be on next years.

The second project is the refurbishment of the Craft Area. We have allocated £3000 of our funds to this project. In addition, we have secured two grants for this project (one from the Connolly Foundation, and the other from Municipal Charities, which was specifically for replacing the flooring in the area). Again work has taken place in December and again expenditure will be shown in next year's accounts.

Appendix A has the report of our finances.

Our income was £8695, and our expenditure was £1174.

After reserved funds are allocated, this leave us with a closing balance of £1110 for general use.

Appendix B has a summary of our Bank Activity

Note that there is a small adjustment as the bank account statements run from 28th of November 2020 to 26th of November 2021

Appendix C has a report on our membership payments into the bank account

Appendix D has a report on our cash activities.

Appendix E has a report on our bank activities (excluding routine monthly membership standing orders)

Appendix F has a report on the combined bank and cash accounts, detailing breakdown of the sources of income.

**Appendix A: MiS Bedford Accounts Financial Year 01/12/2020 to
30/11/2020**

<u>Contributions</u>	Actual	Relating to	Budgeted	Difference
	Income	2020/21	Income	
Subscriptions (70 Members)	1266	1266	1560	-294
Joining Fee (10 Members)	130	130	100	30
Catering (tea and coffee)	0	0	50	-50
Sales, Misc, and Honesty Box	256.99	256.99	200	56.99
Over Subscription	396	396	168	228
Donations	421.55	421.55	0	421.55
Amazon Europe	41.71	41.71	0	41.71
Paypal Giving	0	0	0	0
1-2-1 Contributions	15	15	0	15
Grant for Craft Centre CF	3000	3000	0	3000
Grant for Craft Centre MC	2418	2418	0	2418
Grant for Table Saw	750	750	0	750
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Total Income	8695.25	8695.25	2078	6617.25
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			Red means under budget	Positive means over budget
<u>Expenditure</u>	Actual	Relating to	Budgeted	Difference
	Expenditure	2020/21	Expenditure	
<u>Tools</u>				
Tools	0	0	100	100
Spares	72	72	200	128
COVID supplies	0	0	50	50
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	72	72	350	278
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				Positive means under budget
<u>Cost Items</u>				
Insurance 2021-2022	476	476	500	24
Software Licenses	0	0	85	85
Web Hosting	0	0	33	33
UKMSA Affiliation Fee	24	24	24	0
Publicity	0	0	130	130
Summer Barbeque	0	0	75	75
Running Contingency	0	0	120	120
Electical Work	190	190	0	-190
New Powered Hand drill	152	152	0	-152
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	842	842	967	125
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			Red means over budget	Positive means under budget

Utilities				
Internet	260	260	234	-26
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	260	260	234	-26
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			Red means over budget	Negative means over budget
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Total Expenditure	1174	1174	1551	377
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			Positive means	under budget
Reserved Funds	Actual	Relating to	Reserved	Remaining
	Expenditure	2020/21	Fund	Reserved
Main Charity Reserve	0	0	2000	2000
Craft Area Reserve	0	0	3000	3000
Insurance 2022-2023	0	0	250	250
Saw Bench Grant (2019)	154	154	493	339
Saw Bench Grant (2021)	0	0	750	750
Grant for Craft Centre CF	0	0	3000	3000
Grant for Craft Centre MC	0	0	2418	2418
Outstanding Debts	0	0	0	0
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	154	154	11911	11757
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				Current amount of reserved funds
Current Funds	Actual	Relating to		Balance
	Funds	2020/21		
Bank Account	12691	7955.25		12691
Petty Cash	176.56	61		176.56
Outstanding Credits	0	0		0
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	12867.56	8016.25	0	12867.56
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Overview	Actual	Relating to	Budgeted	Difference
		2020/21		
Expenditure	1174	1174	1551	-377
			Negative means	under budget
Income	8695.25	8695.25	2078	6617.25
			Positive means	over budget
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Change from 2019-2020				6994.25
		Increase in	Disposable	funds this year
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Reserves and Restricted Funds	11757	0	0	11757
	Funds that are	allocated or	kept for	emergencies
Nett Balance	1110.56	0	0	1110.56
	Money	available to be	spent by the	charity
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Appendix B: Bank Account Statements – Financial Year 01/12/2020 to 30/11/2020

Date	Start Balance	End Balance	Money In	Money Out
28 Oct 26 Nov 2021	7482.79	12691.21	5572	363.58
28 Sep 27 Oct 2021	7341.39	7482.79	163	21.6
27 Aug 27 Sep 2021	6465.99	7341.39	897	21.6
28 July 27 Aug 2021	6298.3	6465.99	189.29	21.6
26 June 27 July 2021	6697.69	6298.3	125	524.39
28 May 25 Jun 2021	6595.69	6697.69	153	51
28 April 27 May 2021	6478.96	6595.69	138.33	21.6
27 March 27 Apr 2021	6378.56	6478.96	122	21.6
27 Feb 26 March 2021	6278.16	6378.56	122	21.6
28 Jan 26 Feb 2021	6126.67	6278.16	173.09	21.6
25 Dec 27 Jan 2021	5575.74	6126.67	572.53	21.6
28 Nov 24 Dec 2020	5477.34	5575.74	120	21.6

Adjustment minus 4 to last year's accounts

	8347.24	1133.37
Adjustment	-4	13
Final figure	8343.24	1146.37

Appendix C: Membership Payments – Financial Year 01/12/2020 to 30/11/2020

Date	Standing Order	Overpayment	Joining Fee	Total	
Nov-21	112	55	0	167	
Oct-21	102	30	40	172	
Sep-21	96	23	10	129	
Aug-21	98	25	0	123	
Jul-21	94	23	0	117	
Jun-21	124	26	0	150	M29 paid yearly
May-21	98	23	0	121	
Apr-21	98	26	0	124	
01-Mar	104	25	0	129	
Feb-21	104	47	10	161	M15 paid yearly
Jan-21	112	48	10	170	M37 paid yearly 2021
Dec-20	100	45	0	145	M37 paid yearly 2020
Cash Contributions	24	0	60	84	
Dec 2020 -Nov 2021					
Final figure	1266	396	130	1792	

Appendix D: Cash Transactions – Financial Year 01/12/2020 to 30/11/2020

Income Expend Balance
£99.54 £99.54

Opening Balance on the 1st December

	Date	Item	Class	Member ID	Income	Expend	Balance
Dec	16.12.20	Sales of Extractor	Sales	M3	£40.00		139.54
		UKMSA Fee		M3		£24.00	115.54
Jan	06.1.21	Vinyl gloves reinstatement	Misc		£24.99		140.53
		Donation M11	Donation	M11	£20.00		160.53
		Quakers	Donation	M11	£260.00		420.53
		Transfer to bank all Petty Cash				£20.00	400.53
		Transfer to bank all Petty Cash				£384.53	16.00
Jun	11.6.21	Honesty box	Misc	Unknown	£12.00		28.00
	11.6.21	3 D Printing of Plaque-		M27		£5.00	23.00
	17.6.21	Honesty box	Misc	M37	£6.00		29.00
	22.6.21	Vacuum Cleaner Bags		M8		£10.00	19.00
Jul	21.7.21	Honesty box	Misc	Unknown	£2.00		21.00
	22.7.21	Marlow Box	Sales	M19	£10.00		31.00
	27.7.21	Annual subs	Subscription	M29	£24.00		55.00
	27.7.21	Donation	Donation	M29	£1.00		56.00
	27.7.21	Donation	Donation	M84	£1.10		57.10
	27.7.21	Paid for band saw		M84		£20.00	37.10
Aug	4.8.21	Donation	Donation	Unknown	£9.45		46.55
	24.8.21	Honesty box	Misc	Unknown	£10.00		56.55
	21.8.21	Honesty Box	Misc	M74	£10.00		66.55
	21.8.21	Honesty Box	Misc	Unknown	£2.00		68.55
Sep	13.9.21	Honesty Box	Sander	M32	£10.00		78.55
	13.9.21	Honesty Box	Donation Chair repair	Unknown	£20.00		98.55
	13.9.21	One to One	One -2 - One	M94	£5.00		103.55
	28.09.21	Honesty Box	Joining fee	M95	£10.00		113.55
Oct	1.10.21	Grinding Machines	Sales	M84	£125.00		238.55
	12.10.21	Invoice Book	Misc	Unknown	£5.00		243.55
	12.10.21	Invoice Book	Joining fee	M91	£10.00		253.55
	18.10.21	One to One	One -2 - One	M3	£5.00		258.55

	Date	Item	Class	Member ID	Income	Expend	Balance
Oct	18.10.21	Membership Fee	Joining fee	M88	£10.00		268.55
	18.10.21	Coffee Potts	Catering	Unknown	£1.00		269.55
	18.10.21	18v XR Cordless Combi Drill		M25		£152.99	116.56
Nov	2.11.21	Donation	Donation	M70	£15.00		£131.56
	8.11.21	Membership Fee	Joining fee	M92	£10.00		£141.56
	8.11.21	Membership Fee	Joining fee	M96	£10.00		£151.56
	8.11.21	Chair Repair	Donation	Unknown	£10.00		£161.56
	16.11.21	Membership Fee	Joining fee	M98	£10.00		£171.56
	16.11.21	One to One	One -2 - One	M94	£5.00		£176.56

Total Income	£693.54	
Total Expenditure 2020-2021		616.52
Balance		£77.02
	Closing balance on 30/11/2021	£176.56
Subscriptions	£24.00	
Joining Fee	£60.00	
Catering	£1.00	
Sales & Misc	£256.99	
Donations	£336.55	
One -2 - One	£15.00	

Appendix E: Incoming Bank Transactions – Financial Year 01/12/2020 to 30/11/2020

(excluding ongoing monthly standing orders for membership)

				Income
Dec-20	Nothing			
Jan-21	Year Subscription 2019-2020	Subscription	M37	£25.00
	Joining Fee	Joining Fee	M83	£10.00
Feb-21	Year Subscription 2019-2020	Subscription	M15	£25.00
	Joining Fee	Joining Fee	M84	£10.00
	Amazon	Amazon	Amazon	£10.09
Mar-21	Nothing			
Apr-21	Nothing			
May-21	Amazon	Amazon	Amazon	£17.33
Jun-21	Donation	Donation	Bedford Bowling Club	£25.00
	Donation	Donation	Unknown	£10.00
Jul-21	Nothing			
Aug-21	Donation	Donation	Unknown	£50.00
	Amazon	Amazon	Amazon	£14.29
Sep-21	Donation	Donation	M58	£50.00
	Grant for Table saw	Grant	Bedford Borough	£750.00
Oct-21	Joining Fee	Joining Fee	M90	£10.00
	Joining Fee	Joining Fee	M87	£10.00
	Joining Fee	Joining Fee	M89	£10.00
Nov-21	Grant for Craft Area	Grant	Connelly Foundation	£3,000.00
	Grant for Craft Area	Grant	Municipal Charitie	£2,418.00

Appendix F: Summary of Income from Bank Account and Cash Account

Bank	Yearly Subscriptions	£50.00
Bank	Joining Fee	£50.00
Bank	Catering	£0.00
Bank	Sales & Misc	£0.00
Bank	Donations	£85.00
Bank	One -2 - One	£0.00
Bank	Grants	£6,168.00
Bank	Amazon	£41.71
Cash	Subscriptions	£24
Cash	Joining Fee	£60
Cash	Catering	£1
Cash	Sales & Misc	£256.99
Cash	Donations	£336.55
Cash	One -2 - One	£15
Total	Subscriptions	£74.00
Total	Joining Fee	£110.00
Total	Catering	£1
Total	Sales & Misc	£256.99
Total	Donations	£421.55
Total	One -2 - One	£15
Total	Grants	£6,168.00
Total	Amazon	£41.71

Additional Income £7,088.25

Bank	Standing Orders	£1266
Bank	Overpayment	£396
Bank	Joining Fee	£130

Final Income £8,780.25

MEN IN SHEDS BEDFORD

England & Wales - Charity number 1174339

Accounts

Trustee Report for Charity Commission

Despite COVID restriction, our charity has continued its work throughout the year, although in a limited form.

Before the restrictions in March 2020, we managed to hold a Christmas Lunch for the members (in the local Harvester) where over twenty members took part.

Both the management committee and the trustee managed a physical meeting early in 2020, but obviously most the plans and objectives had to be delayed or changed due to government restrictions around COVID. However, we have recently approved a comprehensive three year business plan and the charity is well placed for moving forward in 2021.

Despite being unable to physically meet up, from April 2020 the charity started weekly Zoom meetings for members, and later in the year we started having management committee meeting on Zoom too. In addition to this, we promoted our WhatsApp Men In Shed Bedford chat group, and this results in around a hundred messages a day. The charity also grouped members into small physically local groups (non-physical contact support bubbles), so that they could support and chat to each other. We have also started producing monthly newsletters to keep members engaged with the charity.

In September, the Trustee made the decision to re-open the Workshop Area for a maximum of six members (following Government recommendations of social distancing). Prior to this, the management committee prepared the workshop so as to meet all the other guidance produced by the Government, that was applicable to our charity, and workshop area.

Opening the workshop with COVID restrictions involved several challenges. We needed to providing PPE for members (some of this was provided free by the UKMSA organisation), sterilizing chemicals and cleaners, and hand sanitisers. Risk assessments were undertaken and published, and a system for attending the workshop and limiting numbers was installed, along with the workshop being divided into working zones to keep members at a distance. The workshop was deep cleaned and significantly de-cluttered over several days. A major piece of work was undertaken to replace the fire escape steps with a disabled friendly exit ramp (allowing a separate entrance and exit through the workshop). The ramp was built by the members and funded by a local firm who provided £500 towards the cost of the materials.

While the charity was able to run session for several weeks in September, and into October, once the Government COVID restrictions were reinstated again, the charity had to close access to the workshop area again. Currently we are still closed, with the likely opening date to be in June 2021.

Additionally, we were finally able to replace the basic pillar drill with a more substantial semi professional version. Although we obtained a grant from the local councillor to replace the bench saw, we have not yet been able to acquire the new saw.

Financially, the charity has remained on a good footing. Aside from the monthly standing orders from members, there have been several financial contributions from individuals (who we have done work for) and a charity that decide to support us this year (after members made a presentation to them). While we have had to continue to pay for insurance and monthly internet connection, the insurance company provided several extra months cover for the same cost of the usual twelve months. Inevitably our membership has decreased over the year, although we did manage to join up a member over zoom. Several others have joined in our Zoom sessions and we are optimistic that they will become members in the future.

Finally, one of the charity major business objective has been to expand our available space and acquire several unused rooms in the council building next to the workshop area. A sub committed was recently set up in December 2020 to oversee this project. They have written a draft document laying out our planned use and written a detailed project plan. Currently the sub committee is in discussion with the various influencers and decision makers in the council to progress formal acquisition of this area (now referred to as the Craft area).



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Men in sheds Bedford

No (if any)
1174339

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01/11/2019	To	Period end date 30/10/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Petty Cash	952	-	-	952	1,294
Bank A/c	5,503	-	-	5,503	2,977
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,455	-	-	6,455	4,271
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,455	-	-	6,455	4,271
A3 Payments					
Petty Cash	852	-	-	852	1,171
Bank Account	1,630	-	-	1,630	721
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	2,482	-	-	2,482	1,892
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Bench Pillar Drill	361	-	-	361	
Ramp	500	-	-	500	
Sub total	861	-	-	861	-
Total payments	3,343	-	-	3,343	1,892
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,112	-	-	3,112	2,379
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	3,112	-	-	3,112	2,379

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty Cash	99	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	-	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Insurance	Bank Account	500	14 March 2020
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	J. Honner		