



alton mens shed

learn new skills work on projects meet new people

Trustees Annual Report 2021

With the pandemic during the last 12 months, and the membership generally over 70 years of age, it has been limiting to achieve our community benefits. Compounded by the fact that the Chairman stood down from the day-to-day running of the charity in March 2020, due to health, the other trustees closed the activities down without regard to Government directives and the Charity Commission's encouragement to continue their public benefit, they should also have undertaken an AGM and dealt with membership fees.

Much larger projects requiring greater numbers have been completed with diligence and social distancing. Between lockdowns last summer, refurbishment of outside furniture and the store shed at the community hospital was undertaken for the "Friends of the Hospital". More recently restoration of a barn was achieved for the "Riding for the Disabled" at Broadlands Medstead. Both of these projects were possible as they were outside.

The difficulties of Covid 19 were compounded by 4 of our Trustees resigning, leaving only 2 remaining in post, requiring an urgent appointment in October, we are therefore most grateful for the support and effort being put in on our behalf by Brian Cooke of UKMSA.

With the support of Alton Town Council, we were able to rent the Charles Read Pavilion from January to May this allowed us to do some indoor work again socially distanced and with good ventilation and the necessary Risk Assessments (ML). Projects included a storage Box for Bushy Leaze School, two glazed notice boards for Froyle Parish Council and some Garden Furniture refurbishment. The Trustees wish to acknowledge the help and support of 2 members over this period.

Although this time has been challenging it has also been a learning curve to keep active not only on projects for trustees but to get involved with Zoom meetings with UKMSA, upgrading our skills with issues like Men's Health and wellbeing, Health and Safety and Risk Assessment etc. Ian also had invites to be a guest speaker on two Men's Shed Zoom slots regarding "Self-Build" and a link into West Sussex Men's Sheds run by W.S.C.C. in Chichester.

We would also like to acknowledge the financial support we continue to receive from District Councillors for equipment purchases as well as funding for some community projects. We have also set up a 'Just Giving' page on our Web Site, which has a two-fold benefit, firstly gifts to the charity itself and to fund community projects as necessary.

It is anticipated that open meetings will resume soon so that new interest can be generated to assist all older members of the Alton District Community reducing loneliness, anxiety and isolation.

Thank you again for the many supporters and encouragers in the town.

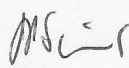
ALTON MENS SHED
(registered charity no. 1174510)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2021

	Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2020 Total Funds
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
RECEIPTS				
Membership fees	180.00	-	180.00	525.00
Donations	220.00	1,000.00	1,220.00	3,201.55
Work done	837.94	-	837.94	2,779.67
Christmas meal	-	-	-	549.50
EHDC Covid grant	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	-
Interest received	93.77		93.77	17.64
TOTAL RECEIPTS	11,331.71	1,000.00	12,331.71	7,073.36
PAYMENTS				
Cost of work done and consumables	924.57	-	924.57	1,885.00
Purchase of equipment	165.97	2,069.30	2,235.27	113.98
Property costs	175.00	-	175.00	452.01
Insurance	528.61	-	528.61	346.39
Mens Shed UK annual fee	24.00	-	24.00	24.00
Barbecue	-	-	-	252.15
Christmas meal	-	-	-	589.50
Miscellaneous expenses	177.07	-	177.07	115.77
TOTAL PAYMENTS	1,995.22	2,069.30	4,064.52	3,778.80
NET INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) OF FUNDS	9,336.49	(1,069.30)	8,267.19	3,294.56
Cash funds brought forward	5,941.44	1,069.30	7,010.74	3,716.18
Cash funds carried forward	<u>15,277.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,277.93</u>	<u>7,010.74</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE FINANCIAL YEAR END

Monetary assets - Cash at bank and in hand	<u>15,277.93</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>15,277.93</u>	<u>7,010.74</u>
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J P Sills
Treasurer

I have compared the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st March 2021 with the records and explanations provided to me and confirm that this account has been prepared in accordance therewith.

Mark Bavage FCA
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