



Alton Men's Shed

Edgar Hall, Anstey Park, Anstey Lane, GU34 2NB

Alton Men's Shed FY 2024/25 Trustees Report

FY 24/25 Trustees:

Chairman:	Gordon Anderson	Workshop Mgr:	Greg Hayes
Treasurer:	John Campion	Tech Hub Mgr:	Roger Rustell
Insurance:	Peter Beckham	Funding Coordinator	Chris Holland

The Trustees together with a very supportive management committee were elected by the members at the 2024 AGM and have remained active participants throughout a busy year establishing the new workshop at Anstey Park and refurbishing the original premises in the car park at All Saints Parish Hall, Alton.

The Trustees have recognised that as our membership increases there has been a need to formalise additional policies and procedures in the management of the facilities and administration of the organisation. Workshop managers have been appointed, health & safety procedures improved and mandated, and a Safeguarding Policy established and approved with help from East Hampshire District Council (EHDC). A structured approach has been adopted for the receipt of donations and fund raising activities with a close working relationship between the Fundraising Coordinator and Treasurer. The formal appointment of a Project Assessor has endeavoured to manage the scope of community projects undertaken, the risk assessment and liability aspects of the work carried out, while also responding promptly to enquiries.

From April 2024 the Anstey Park premises were leased from Alton Town Council and shared with a Brazilian Jujitsu Club. The arrangement has proved excellent with our Men's Shed using the building during the day and the sports club in the evening, providing better security and overall use of the facilities. We are fortunate to have a retired architect join our management team enabling us to submit professionally drawn plans to enhance and maintain the building and grounds. These were appreciated and welcomed by Alton Town Council and have been submitted to EHDC for formal approval.

Financially, by arrangement with Alton Town Council, the premises lease has been substantially reduced in return for a commitment to maintain and improve the fabric of the building using available grants to meet updated energy and safety standards. Local companies have generously supported the establishment of the new workshop and considerable quantities of donated tools and equipment have enabled a fully functional workshop to be established in what was an empty three garage space. The All Saints Car Park Shed is being refurbished to provide an exciting new dimension to our activities. A "Technical Hub" encompassing computer controlled 3D printers, routing and laser cutting equipment; much of which has been donated or purchased with funds raised by the sale of upgraded equipment.

The additional space and extended opening hours has enable the membership to increase with nearly fifty paid up members registered at fiscal year end and new enquiries being received each week. Projects have been pursued on behalf of the town and EHDC district councillors and relationships established with the East Hants Armed Forces Veterans Association through which we encourage veterans to join us.

The Alton Men's Shed now holds a well recognised highly valued reputation around the Alton area and is constantly promoting good working relationships with other groups. Attendance at the "Alton Community Exchange Meetings" has built bridges with other community groups including the "Social Prescribers", "Alton Lions", "Community Cupboard", "Food Bank", "Andy's Men's Group" and several other wellbeing focused organizations.

Responsibility for running a growing organisation has identified a need for further management policies which the Trustees aim to address while continuing to ensure the voluntary nature and wellbeing of participants continues to be recognised.

Gordon Anderson
AMS Chairman 2024/25

ALTON MENS SHED

Registered Charity Number 11745101

Receipts and Payments Account for the Year Ended 31st March 2025

	FY 2024/25	FY2023/24
RECEIPTS		
Membership Fees	1,067.50	885.00
Donations	2,982.33	11,383.32
Projects	4,240.00	2,167.51
Sales of Products & Tools	4,598.54	0.00
Income from Events	1,224.00	786.00
Interest Received	320.82	276.77
TOTAL RECEIPTS	14,433.19	15,498.60
PAYMENTS		
Property Maintenance Costs	1,907.35	3,675.86
Liability & Contents Insurance	770.32	559.87
Licences & Subscriptions	30.00	0.00
Property Lease & Rates	493.25	2,415.94
PR Facilities & Advertising	491.99	1,653.45
Event Expenses	1,953.60	919.26
Purchase of Equipment	5,769.88	0.00
Workshop Operational Costs	1,623.91	806.24
Cost of projects	738.52	905.95
Funded Project Costs	4,320.83	0.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1,031.50	241.41
TOTAL PAYMENTS	19,131.15	11,177.98
NET INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) OF FUNDS	-4,697.96	4,320.62
Cash Funds Brought Forward	23,698.28	19,377.66
Cash Funds Carried Forward	19,000.32	23,698.28
STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES AT FISCAL YEAR END		
Monetary Assets - Cash at Bank and in Hand	19,000.32	23,698.28

G Anderson

Treasurer

I have compared the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st March 2025 with the records and explanations provided to me and confirm that this account has been prepared in accordance therewith.

John Sills
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Date


26th June 2025