



Trustees' Annual Report

For the period from: 01.08.24 to: 31.07.25

Charity name: **Christchurch Men's Shed**

Charity registration number: **1175104**

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively, men aged 18 or over within Christchurch (Dorset) and surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, endeavouring to relieve their needs and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet and jointly or individually undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other emotionally. For the purposes of this clause, "socially excluded" means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental).
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The objectives that support our key purpose are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Promote social inclusion and well-being through friendships and social interaction within the group;2. Provide opportunities for members to share, and learn new skills;3. Build relationships with groups and individuals in the local community that allows us to achieve our aims;4. Provide a permanent base for our Men's Shed. <p>Currently we have 50 members and we operate from a refurbished former "School Hall" in the heart of Highcliffe, Dorset.</p> <p>We open our doors three mornings per week to our members. This may be increased to five, depending on demand.</p> <p>We also organise ad hoc social events, such as a BBQs, skittles meetings, for members and partners.</p> <p>Our workshop is equipped for wood and metal</p>

		working that enables members to use this space for hobbies or individual or group projects that may include those for the local community, or to simply meet up with fellow members for a chat.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>The Trustees confirm they understand the guidance relating to public benefit.</p> <p>We believe there is a need for our organisation. The area surrounding Christchurch in Dorset has one of the highest proportions of retired people in England. Our target membership is aimed at particularly, but not exclusively, retired men in the area who are generally recognised as more prone to loneliness and isolation and resultant depression. They are also more likely to lead sedentary lives that can lead to lack of fitness, obesity and related medical conditions. Being isolated, they are less likely to take action regarding, or even be aware of, any health issues they may have.</p> <p>Through the use of our facilities, our beneficiaries are able to meet with others and avoid social isolation. They are able to use tools and resources to work on their own hobbies or community-based projects. They are able to share skills and learn new ones. It helps them stay active and have a sense of purpose and generally improve the quality of their lives. Furthermore, because they are amongst their contemporaries, they are more likely to discuss personal health and social issues and gain encouragement from fellow members.</p> <p>It is often quoted that "Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder"</p> <p>As we endeavour to overcome these issues, we believe we will give a real benefit to the local community as a whole as there will be less drain on the local health and social providers.</p> <p>When possible, we submit applications to local grant providers, seeking cash injections to assist in the successful running of our Charity.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We are not a grant making charity.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have not made any social investments.

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	All members volunteer in the running and maintenance of our premises. These services are given free, for the greater good of the charity. We do, however, charge an annual, nominal, subscription, together with attendance fees (charged on a daily basis) to cover, amongst other things, equipment, consumables, electricity costs, insurance premiums, tea, coffee and biscuits and to, hopefully, build our available funds.
Other		Christchurch Men's Shed is a member of the UK Men's Shed Association (UKMSA) and the Southern Men's Shed Network (SMSN). The UKMSA provides help and support in various ways as well as publishing a regular newsletter that is passed on to our members. The SMSN has quarterly meetings held at varying Sheds' locations thus enabling all members to visit other Sheds and meet with their members to socialise and exchange ideas.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Achievements against our objectives:</p> <p>1. As previously stated, we provide a premises/workshop space where, primarily, older men can attend on weekdays and engage in woodworking/metalworking and other activities. They undertake small personal projects or other, larger projects for local groups and charities.</p> <p>Our Shed has 50 members at present, of which 15-20 attend our social gatherings and/or monthly group lunches. Members are also invited to visit and meet members of other Sheds at the SMSN quarterly meetings. Anecdotal evidence we have gathered from within the group shows our members benefit from the social activity and interactions with others. Some members of the group have formed friendships and meet outside of our Shed's activities.</p> <p>2. Our members come from a wide range of professions and trades. Various members have given presentations about skills such as accurate measuring and marking up, and tool sharpening. Others have sought and gained advice about IT.</p> <p>3. As mentioned above, we have undertaken projects for a number of local community groups.</p> <p>4. Our workshop in The Lower Hall of The Old Schoolhouse (being our Landlord, Highcliffe Residents Association Community Interest Company's premises)</p>

		<p>has been operating successfully for some years and continues to be equipped with additional tools and machinery.</p> <p>Members use the workshop for a number of hobbies and community projects.</p> <p>We are very fortunate that we are regularly offered old tools and equipment from, for example, widows who wish to dispose of their late husband's tools.</p> <p>5. The provision of local support to our current landlord (Highcliffe Residents Association), who own the Community Hub and who provide facilities for day and night classes for local groups.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	See above
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our primary source of funds has been subscriptions, attendance fees, donations and sale proceeds from surplus tools.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	We have no investments of a financial nature.
Other		All monies held by our Charity are maintained in an account at HSBC Bank Plc, together with a small sum of "Petty Cash", to facilitate day-to-day payments.
Lower Hall		On 1 st February 2022 our Charity entered into a lease between Highcliffe Residents Association Community Interest Company in respect of The Lower Hall. The lease is contracted to expire on 30 th January, 2029. We pay a peppercorn rent.

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Membership and attendance fees cover all current outgoings and make a moderate contribution to the bank balance. The Trustees believe that the finances are sound and adequate to meet current and anticipated operating costs.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	N/A
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero	Para 1.22	Our bank balance and petty cash are our only funds.

reserves		We have no reserves and do not deem this necessary at this time.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Trustees are confident the Charity can continue as a going concern in its current state.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Subscriptions, attendance fees, donations and applications for grants
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	None
Other		-

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Association – Constitutional Document
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Charity Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Trustees are elected each year at the AGM of the Charity, and can retire as directed in our constitution or upon determining they no longer wish to stand/act.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Our trustees come from the membership of the Charity. All potential nominees are provided with weblinks to the documented responsibilities of trustees, as published by the Charity Commission, and are made aware of the need to comply with such guidance.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	N/A
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Other		N/A

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Christchurch Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	None
Registered charity number	1175104
Charity's principal address	The Lower Hall, The Old Schoolhouse, 254-256 Lymington Road, Highcliffe Dorset, BH23 5ET

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Roger Begg			
2	Robin Heels			
3	Bill Horwood	Treasurer		
4	John MacBean	Chair		
5	Bob Mackinnon			
6	Jerry Russell			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
N/A		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	W Horwood	
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Full name(s)	WILLIAM EDWARD HORWOOD	
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Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	TREASURER	
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Date	19.12.25
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Section A Receipts and payments

A1 Receipts

Membership Subscriptions

Donations/cash from new members

Proceeds from sales of surplus tools/equipment

Other receipts - incl: BBQ proceeds, Workshop Attendance Fees

Payment from HMRC re Gift Aid reclaim

Sub total(Gross income for AR)

A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).

Sub total

Total receipts

A3 Payments

UKMSA

Bank Charges for year

Workshop items - new equipment, de-humidifier, consumables, lathe chucks, lathe, etc.

School Shed Costs - electricity,etc.

Web Domain Fees

Liability Insce

Defibrillator

First-Aid Training

Sub total

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)

Sub total

Total payments

Net of receipts/(payments)

A5 Transfers between funds

A6 Cash funds last year end

Cash funds this year end

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

Categories

B1 Cash funds

B2 Other monetary assets

B3 Investment assets

B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use


B5 Liabilities


Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Christchurch Men's Shed

Receipts and payments accounts
For the period from

Period start date
01.08.24

Unrestricted funds
to the nearest 

Restricted funds
to the nearest 

	1010	-
	297	-
	389	-
	3476	-
	241	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	5413	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	5413	-
-		-
	86	-
	3175	-
	723	-
	21	-
	651	-
	676	-
	160	-
-		-
	5492	-
-		-
-		-
-		-
	5492	-
	-79	-
-		-
	7037	-
	6958	-

Details

HSBC Current A/c
Petty Cash

Total cash funds
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Details

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Details


Signature
William Horwood

1175104


To

Period end date
31.07.25

Endowment funds
to the nearest 

Total funds
to the nearest 


-	1010
-	297
-	389
-	3476
-	241
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-	5413
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-	160
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-	-
-	5492
-	-79
-	-
-	7037
-	6958

Unrestricted funds
to nearest 

6958
234

-

7192

Agreement Error
Unrestricted funds
to nearest 

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Restricted funds
to nearest 


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OK

Restricted funds
to nearest 

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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Fund to which asset belongs

Cost (optional)

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Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

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Print Name

William Horwood

CC16a

Last year
to the nearest 

980
170
1323
3063
227

-
-
-

5763

-
-

5763

94
2623
810
20
648

-
-
-

4195


-

4195


1568

-
-

1568

Endowment funds
to nearest 

-
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OK
Endowment funds
to nearest 

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Current value (optional)

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Current value (optional)

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When due (optional)

Date of approval
18/02/2026