

Charity name, Constitution and Governance

Names and Address

Registered name is **Whitchurch Men in Shed (Shropshire)** although we sometimes use just “Whitchurch Shed” or even just “The Shed”. Our Registered Charity number is 1179267 and our address is The **Watergate Centre, Castle Street, Whitchurch, SY13 1DW**. We are in the Mezzanine workshop accessed through the rear of the building.

Constitution

The Charity’s constitution is based on the Charity commission template for a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and was registered in 2017.

The Shed is governed by a committee of six Trustees including trustees who are the Treasurer and the Secretary.

The trustees are Elected by members at Annual General Meeting (AGM). The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit on the number of charity trustees as detailed in the Constitution is not exceeded. The number of Trustees over the period has stayed at six which complies with the constitutional requirements

Communication and AGMs

Communication with the wider membership is via email. An Annual General Meeting is held in the second week of each February with the minutes of that meeting emailed to all registered members

Membership

Whitchurch Shed has in the region of 30 paying members paying £10 per quarter to access all aspects of the Shed. We are an inclusive Shed and currently have 5 female members.

The Shed is housed in a old Tesco warehouse as tenants of a modern-day Christian fellowship’s Church.

Charitable Objectives

Our public benefit are to aim to improve the health of people in Whitchurch and the surrounding areas through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation and practical interests, skills sharing and learning and conducting community-based projects but also by providing facilities to improve social contacts.

Overview of the Charity

The Whitchurch Shed offers workshop space and tools including tools larger than used in most home workshops. Members decide which projects that they do. These include projects for members, individuals and community organisations. It is an open entry Shed with no qualification criteria. Members must be responsible for the safety of themselves and others. The premises are accessed via a staircase thus prohibiting some of those of a less mobile disposition.

Main activities

- To learn and share skills and interest, swap ideas and pass on knowledge.
- Work on projects that will aid the community and develop a sense of achievement.
- Provide a venue where members can meet and socialize.
- Use machine and other tools on more challenging projects
- Promote physical and mental well-being and meet visitors to the Shed.

Compliance with Charity Commission Guidance on public benefit

All current Whitchurch Shed Trustees have read and taken note of the Commission's public benefit guidance and have regard to it when making decisions and exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Whitchurch Shed is proud to be associated with the Social Prescribing network where Primary Health Practitioners refer appropriate individuals to the Shed to develop self-esteem and counter the effects of social isolation.

Contribution made by volunteers

The Whitchurch Shed has no employees and is run entirely by Volunteer Members including six members who serve as Trustees. One member is a certified Mental Health First Aider.

Achievements this year

Members can choose to work on personal projects for individual use and also community based, usually more complex activities. We have recently completed.

- We continue to make bird and bat boxes for Shropshire Wildlife Trust
- Countless turned wood items from 2 lathes, some sold for club funds
- We have continued our presence in the town's annual Blackberry Fair
- We have engaged with the Community Connector's Network
- We are listed in the Shropshire Services Directory

Whitchurch Men in Sheds Annual Report 2024 to 2025

Registered Charity No 1179267 this report submitted to Charity Commission in December 2025

Financial Review

This year the charity has slightly increased its balances due to the hard work of members doing projects and the resulting donations made and the two grants that the charity received. (These donations are recorded in the accounts as "Small Donations" to distinguish them from the Grants and large donations. No major projects have been undertaken such as last years set up of the lathe room.

Profit and Loss Report

(Reports compiled for the year to the end of June)

Income

	2024	2025
4900 Grants and Large Donations	£550	£700
4908 Small Donations	£1,168	£1,862
4909 Membership Subscriptions	£980	£1,053
Total:	£2,698	£3,615

Expenditure

5010 Project Materials	£326	£0
6000 Workshop Maintenance and Replacements	£0	£477
6010 Workshop Electrical Install	£96	£19
6020 Workshop Dust Extraction	£563	£0
6030 Workshop Machines	£34	£0
6040 Workshop Benches and Shelves Materials	£179	£0
6050 Workshop Small Tools and Aids	£32	£0
6055 Workshop IT and Electronics Equipment	£190	£0
6080 Workshop Safety Equipment	£46	£13
6100 Workshop Oils Paints Glues and Abrasives	£115	£0
6900 Miscellaneous Expenses	£174	£25
7100 Rent	£500	£600
7200 Electricity	£491	£376
7506 Hosting Fees and IT Consumables	£30	£0
8204 Insurance	£456	£395
Total:	£3,232	£1,906
Profit	-£534	£1,708

Balance Sheet

	£2,024	£2,025
1200 Current Account	£5,008	£6,787
1230 Petty Cash	£340	£269
End of Year Balance	£5,348	£7,056

The above Report was approved by the Trustees in December 2025.