

WOKINGHAM MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1179642

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-08-22

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Activities

Objects: THE PROMOTION OF SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF MEN LIVING IN THE VICINITY OF WOKINGHAM TO COMBAT LONELINESS AND SOCIAL ISOLATION BY THE PROVISION OF A WORKSHOP WHERE THEY CAN MEET AND ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES TOGETHER ONLY LIMITED BY THEIR ABILITY TO PARTICIPATE INDEPENDENTLY, AIMED AT INCREASING THEIR ENGAGEMENT AND CONDITION OF LIFE

Activities: The promotion of social inclusion for the public benefit of men living in the vicinity of Wokingham to combat loneliness and social isolation by the provision of a workshop where they can meet and engage in activities together only limited by their ability to participate independently, aimed at increasing their engagement and condition of life

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** Disability
- **Who:** Elderly/old People

Geography

- Wokingham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£6,327	£5,673	-	-
2024-12-31	£7,752	£3,845	-	-
2023-12-31	£3,775	£3,758	-	-
2022-12-31	£7,533	£3,433	-	-
2021-12-31	£2,420	£1,805	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ron Baillie	Chair	2018-08-24
ANTHONY SMITH-CRALLAN		2018-08-24
David Michael Leigh Knott		2022-04-09
ROGER DONACHIE		2018-08-24
Rick Newby		2022-12-08

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Wokingham Men's Shed - Trustees Annual Report 2025

2025 has been another very positive year for the Wokingham Men's Shed, as we managed to add a few more members to our group, and as usual help a few local charities as well as schools with some woodwork projects throughout the year.

We have had a little turnover in our membership this year, but an overall increase from 2024. Our current membership stands at around 45 members.

The Trustees of the Shed have remained stable, with a total of 5 Trustees, as has the number of available Duty Managers, which is 7. The Shed is still currently open 3 days per week, and we have no plans to open on other days unless and until we can encourage more Duty Managers.

Through this year again, we have only had 2 active officers of WMS, namely me as chairman, and Barry L. as treasurer. Despite some efforts to encourage other able members to consider stepping up to help we have so far been unsuccessful. The search and active encouragement to find additional and alternative officers will continue in earnest throughout the next 12 months.

The financial situation of the Shed continues to be stable, helped by the fact that the Shed continues to operate with low outgoings. We also continue to operate as simply and straightforwardly as possible, so as to minimize the workload on the trustees and DMs who together form the management team of the Shed.

We again had our summer picnic at the Shed, and had our Christmas lunch at a local golf club, which was very well attended and received. Both events were subsidised by the Shed in line with our duty to support our members.

On the project side, we've not had a great many requests, but did make a mud kitchen for one of the local schools, as well as 2 potting tables for a local charity. Quite a number of our Shed members focussed on making furniture or ornaments for themselves, and learning new techniques such as wood turning.

For Shed operations we released an updated version of our Health & Safety manual, and one of our Shed members very kindly updated our website. We also installed small fire extinguishers in the Shed and conducted a fire evacuation drill.

It has been another year of good company and productive fun for our Shed, and we look forward to another positive year in 2026 for our Shedders and the greater Wokingham community.

Ron Baillie

Chairman – Wokingham Men's Shed

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Wokingham Men's Shed - Trustees Annual Report 2024

2024 has been a relatively quiet year for the Wokingham Men's Shed, but we have still managed to add a few more members to our group, and have managed to help a few local charities as well as schools and the local council with some woodwork projects throughout the year.

We have had some turnover in our membership this year, and an overall reduction in 2024 due to people moving away from the borough or finding that they have emerging medical difficulties preventing them from being an active Shed member. As a late 'press' change to our report I am happy to say that a January 2025 leap in new members means that our current membership stands at around 38 members.

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The financial situation of the Shed continues to be stable, helped by the fact that the Shed continues to operate with low outgoings. We also continue to operate as simply and straightforwardly as possible, so as to minimize the workload on the trustees and DMs who together form the management team of the Shed. Towards the end of the year, we received a generous donation from a local golf club, which had nominated us as their annual charity.

We again had our summer picnic at the Shed, and had our Christmas lunch at a local pub. Both events were subsidised by the Shed in line with our duty to support our members.

On the project side, we made a large noticeboard for the local horticultural group, a set of 3 flower stands, and 9 heavy duty candle holders for one of the local churches. We also had a clock making competition so that Sheddors could try different woodworking techniques.

It has been a year of good company and productive fun for our Shed, and I think we can look forward to another positive year for our Sheddors and the greater Wokingham community

Ron Baillie

Chairman – Wokingham Men's Shed

Wokingham Men's Shed – Accounts for Year 2024

WMS had a positive year financially in 2024, helped by a significant donation from the local golf club who had named WMS as their chosen charity for the year. This donation, together with continued ability to run the Shed with relatively low overheads has enabled us to purchase some new power tools as well as keep up with regular tool and consumables replacement. Our accounts remain sufficiently healthy for us to continue our activities.

Wokingham Mens Shed			
2024 Full Calendar Year			
Income			
Membeship Fees	1,800		
Donations	4,500		
Fundraising Events	941		
Christmas Lunch Contribution	290		
Reimbursement for Project Materials	210		
Investment Income	11		
	7,752		
Expenditure			
Christmas / Other Event Expenses	950		
Insurance	288		
Tools and consumables	1,939		
Project supplies	155		
Member awards	187		
UKMSA / Website / Other Bills	327		
	3,845		
Year Surplus / (Deficit)	£3,907		
Closing Summary			
	open	close	
Bank Account	£6,160	£9,914	
Petty Cash	£181	£332	
	£6,341	£10,245	

Barry Lewis
Treasurer – Wokingham Men's Shed

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Wokingham Men's Shed - Trustees Annual Report 2023

2023 has been a busy year for the Wokingham Men's Shed. Our 'raison d'être' remains to provide a place where typically retired men can come and socialise in a collaborative environment, and thus help to reduce what might be a more lonely and isolated time of life. In that regard we remain very successful, and as a by-product we have managed to help local charities as well as schools and the local council with quite a number of community woodwork projects throughout the year.

We have had some turnover in our membership this year, and an overall reduction due to people moving away from the borough or finding that they have emerging medical difficulties preventing them from being an active Shed member. Current membership stands at around 30 members, although the situation is constantly changing, and we will be endeavouring to reach out for more members over the coming 12 months.

The Trustees of the Shed have remained stable, with a total of 5 Trustees, and we have increased the number of available Duty Managers to a total of 7, giving us some flexibility if some DMs are unable to attend the Shed on a particular day. The Shed is still currently open 3 days per week, and we have no plans to open on other days at this stage

The financial situation of the Shed continues to be stable, even with the reduction in membership, which is helped by the fact that the Shed continues to operate with low outgoings. We also continue to operate as simply and straightforwardly as possible, so as to minimize the workload on the trustees and DMs who together form the management team of the Shed.

We've had to buy some additional power tools this year, such as our new cordless circular saw and our new router. We've also had to replace other tools which have worn out by all of the use in our many projects. And of course we continue to replenish consumables in the Shed; everything from tea and coffee to sandpaper and glue.

Activities wise, we've continued to improve the shed environment with a beautifully made folding shelf-bench, giving us shelf space as well as the ability to unfold the shelves into an additional workbench. We've also added a belt sander and some additional shelf and rack space to help manage what is manifestly a relatively small men's shed.

On the project side, we've made things for local charities and schools, including a coffee bar for St Sebastian's Church, large signboards for Embrook and Fox Hill parks, sturdy benches for the local NHS hospital grounds, and a mud kitchen for a local school in Winnersh. We also repainted the cast iron bench ends for the benches in one of the Wokingham town gardens, and we've made several stall games for the Winnersh Rotary Club.

Besides the contributions we've made to the local community, I am proud and happy to say that

we as a group of 'shedders' have all become closer as friends. Our 'WhatsApp' group regularly boasts discussions among us covering help and advice for one another, and many of the members have met socially on occasions outside of the Shed.

All in all, it has been another year of good company and productive fun for our Men's Shed, and I think we can look forward to another positive year for our Shedders and the greater Wokingham community

Ron Baillie

Chairman – Wokingham Men's Shed

Wokingham Men's Shed – Accounts for Year 2023

WMS completed the year 2023 with little overall change to our bank balance as expenditure on tools and consumables and other Shed run costs was evenly balanced with income through membership fees and small donations.. Our accounts remain sufficiently healthy for us to continue our activities.

Wokingham Mens Shed			
2023 Full Calendar Year			
	Income		
	Memberships Fees	1,380	
	Donations Charities	696	
	Fundraising Events	380	
	Christmas Lunch Contribution	280	
	Reimbursement for Project Materials	1,039	
		3,775	
	Expenditure		
	UKMSA Membership	30	
	Building Maintenance	70	
	Event Expenses	1,065	
	Insurance	300	
	Tools and consumables	1,376	
	Services - Website	10	
	Project supplies	907	
		3,758	
	Year Surplus / (Deficit)	£17	
	Closing Summary		
		open	close
	Bank Account	£6,176	£6,160
	Petty Cash	£122	£181
		£6,298	£6,341

Barry Lewis
Treasurer – Wokingham Men's Shed

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It is a pleasure to be able to say that this last 12 months have seen a buoyant recovery of the Shed from what was a very subdued existence that we had during the previous year of the COVID pandemic.

This last year has seen quite a few changes to the Shed, mostly in terms of our trustees and DMs, but also in some of our operations and tools. We unfortunately lost our Secretary – Pam, who was part of the original trustees team to help establish WMS, as she decided to up-sticks and move north with her new dog. We also lost our Treasurer – Martin, who was also part of the original WMS team. Martin had done an amazing job of being our Treasurer, looking after both our finances as well as our membership administration.

On the plus side of change, we have Barry, who has bravely stepped up to fill the Treasurer role, and has already made some great improvements in our tracking and reporting of finances using his Microsoft Money software.

We also have a new Trustee – David, who joined the Shed just a few months ago, having retired from running a plumbing retail business.

David has also stood up to be a Duty Manager in the Shed, together with another relative newcomer – Bob. Both David and Bob have already been active in their DM roles, covering Fridays and Tuesdays. More recently, Phil N has also stood up to act as DM as and when any of the other DMs are unavailable.

As a result of the new DMs we've been able to make another positive change to the Shed - opening up on Wednesdays as a 3rd day of the week.

Through the year, we've seen a few members decide to leave WMS, but on balance we've had a good increase in numbers with lots of new members. We're now sitting at around 35 members, which is great news for us and great news for the extended Wokingham community.

On the financial side, the Shed has remained in good shape, with the accounts managed successfully by our new Treasurer, and we've ended the year with a healthy positive balance, not least because we had a generous donation from the Wokingham Lions Club, and we continue to operate the Shed with low outgoings.

On the project side, we've made a few things for local charities and schools, including a set of stocks, a gaming wheel, and a garden sign, and we made a lot of great stuff to sell at our Winter Carnival – lots of pallet-wood Christmas trees, a

hedge-hog-house, and a jewelry box, which was the eventual winner of our box making competition. We also had a couple of field trips this year to mend a table tennis table at Norreys Church, and a 'bottle-greenhouse' at a local school.

Towards the end of the year we made a fantastic Christmas tree stand for the Barkham Hookers group, and we started work on a coffee bar for Saint Sebastian's church.

To top it all off we had a great Christmas lunch to celebrate our community, and Barry was presented with the prestigious 'Golden Hammer' in recognition for his fantastic contributions to the Shed.

All in all, it has been a year of positive change and growth for our Men's Shed, and I think we can look forward to another positive year for our Shedders and the greater Wokingham community

Ron Baillie

Chairman - Wokingham Men's Shed

Wokingham Men's Shed - Accounts for Year 2022

WMS had a positive year financially in 2022, where increased membership together with some charitable donations provided us with a significant boost to our income. Our continued ability to run the Shed with relatively low overheads has enabled us to purchase some new power tools as well as keep up with regular tool and consumables replacement. Our accounts remain sufficiently healthy for us to continue our activities.

Wokingham Mens Shed			
2022 Full Calendar Year			
Income			
Membership Fees	£2,280.00		
Donations Charities	£3,255.09		
Donations Gratuities	£252.78		
Fundraising Events	£697.00		
Sale of surplus equipment	£733.82		
Daily fees	£314.62		
	£7,533.31		
Expenditure			
Insurance	£283.69		
Event Expenses	£215.62		
Services - Website	£9.59		
Workshop tools	£1,731.00		
Event Fees	£80.00		
Project supplies	£134.17		
Tools and consumables	£979.19		
	£3,433.26		
Year Surplus / (Deficit)	£4,100.05		
Closing Summary			
	open	close	
Bank Account	£2,193.95	£6,175.68	
Petty Cash	£3.88	£122.20	
	£2,197.83	£6,297.88	

Barry Lewis
Treasurer - Wokingham Men's Shed

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The year of 2021 was not anywhere near normal for the Shed. The COVID-19 lockdowns and restrictions forced us, along with many other charities and organisations to remain curtailed in our physical activities, and even as we finally began to emerge from the national paralysis it proved to be a gradual process.

Weekly Zoom calls kept us talking, and as we carefully opened up, more of us were feeling able to return to the Shed for our social interaction. We moved the weekly Zoom calls to Thursdays at 10am for those who could not or preferred not to return to the Shed, though even these calls were thinly attended over the latter part of the year, perhaps because people remained focused on family priorities.

On average, we retained around 30 members on our books, but this dropped slightly towards the end of the year as many people re-evaluated their priorities after the trauma of the pandemic. Having said that, three more potential members approached the Shed in the last few weeks of the year, and we had one member who rejoined the merry band after a long absence.

Financially, the Shed has remained in good shape, with the accounts managed successfully by our Treasurer; Martin. Membership fee collection resumed late in the year after being suspended during the closure of the Shed, and we still have funds left in our renovation fund.

Despite the Shed closure, some projects were still able to be taken on by individual and small groups of shedders, including a 'Wellie Rack' for a local school, a 6ft pot-store for the Wokingham council allotments, and an outdoor lending library for the Cowshed. As a result of doing these and other highly appreciated charity projects, we were able to successfully apply for zero tariff business rates for the Shed, keeping our running costs to a very manageable level.

Our website and social media sites on Facebook and Instagram have kept going, with photos and commentary from our Secretary, and a number of new membership enquiries as well as project enquiries and tool donation offers have come through these channels.

So far in 2022, things have been much more active, and the WMS trustees are looking forward to a much more interactive and normal men's shed over the coming months. There is still more renovation work to be done at the Shed, and our next major event will be the stall at the Wokingham Winter Carnival in 2022,

where we hope to sell some of our crafts as well as encourage new members.

Ron Baillie

Chairman - Wokingham Men's Shed

Wokingham Men's Shed - Accounts for Year 2021

WMS began 2021 in lockdown, like many other charities, and with it we've had an extended freeze on new memberships and a fee holiday for existing members as the Shed continued to be shut for the first half of the year. Since re-opening in late July, we've continued to spend money on renovation work as well as tools and materials to make things for other charities, schools and our Christmas fayre stall. In the 3rd qtr of the year we began to receive membership renewal funds, and our accounts remain healthy for us to continue our activities.

MEN'S SHED WOKINGHAM 2021	Bank	Petty Cash	Budget	Variance
Income				
Membership	£660	£60	£660	
Daily Fee		£22		
Membership Other				
Donations - Corporate				
Donations - Charities	£640			£640
Donations - Other	£80	£60		£80
Fundraising Event - Projects	£284			£284
Fundraising Event - Xmas Fayre	£600			£600
Misc Income	£14			
Total Income	£2,278	£142	£660	£1,604
Expenditure				
Electricity				
Gas				
Water				
Fundraising Costs - Projects	£217			£217
Fundraising Costs - Xmas Fayre	£40		£207	-£167
Materials		£124	£200	-£200
Shed Provisions		£6		
Comms	£201			£201
Renovation - Materials	£487		£150	£337
Renovation - Services				
Renovation - Tools	£392			
Renovation - Other				
Insurance	£284		£260	£24
Miscellaneous	£55			£55
Bank Charges				
Total Expenditure	£1,676	£129	£817	£466
Surplus/(Deficit)	£603	£12	-£157	£1,138

Summary

	Bank	Petty Cash
Opening Balance - Bank	£1,591.42	
Opening Balance - Petty Cash		£232.30
Surplus/(Deficit)	£602.53	£12.22
Closing Balance - Bank	£2,193.95	
Closing Balance - Petty Cash		£244.52

Martin Jeater
Treasurer - Wokingham Men's Shed