

Wokingham Men's Shed - Annual Report 2022

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