

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

<div> <div> Wokingham Mens Shed</div> <div>2025 Full Calendar Year</div> </div>		
Income		
Membership Fees	£2,520	
Donations to WMS	£2,864	
Fundraising Events	£174	
Christmas Lunch Contribution	£460	
Reimbursement for Project Materials	£216	
Investment Income	£93	
	£6,327	
Expenditure		
UKMSA Membership	£30	
Building Maintenance	£818	
Event entry fee	£50	
Social Event Expenses	£1,397	
Insurance	£437	
Tools and consumables	£2,628	
Services - Website	£10	
Project supplies	£303	
	£5,673	
Year Surplus / (Deficit)	£654	
Closing Summary		
	open	close
Bank Account	£9,914	£10,465
Petty Cash	£333	£436
	£10,247	£10,901
		£654