

SHIRLEY MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1180526

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-11-02

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING MEN AGED 18 OR OVER, WITHIN SHIRLEY AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN MEET TO UNDERTAKE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN OR PASS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE, AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER SOCIALLY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE "SOCIALLY EXCLUDED" MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS; UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT, POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS); CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY)

Activities: We promote social inclusion by preventing men aged 18 or over in the area from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society, by providing facilities in which they can meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Southampton City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£4,487	£4,266	-	-
2024-09-30	£6,931	£7,255	-	-
2023-09-30	£16,155	£14,216	-	-
2022-09-30	£28,514	£23,289	-	-
2021-09-30	£18,892	£20,708	-	-
2020-09-30	£2,987	£959	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Kenneth Blunsden		2022-05-25
BRIAN RICHARD HOOPER		2018-10-01
Carl Langley		2024-04-24
Charles Anthony Wood		2022-05-25
Clifford Rolfe		2020-03-03
Colin Lockwood		2022-05-25
HUGH EVANS		2018-10-01

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Accounts

Shirley Men's Shed

Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2025

Origins and objectives

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The objects of the Shed are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing men aged 18 or over, within Shirley and the surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially.

The trustees during the year to 30 September 2025 were Hugh Evans, Brian Hooper, Cliff Rolfe, Colin Lockwood, Andy Blunsden, Tony Wood, Mark Stockwell and Carl Langley.

Development in the year to 30 September 2025

In October 2024 the Board reviewed its two-year and longer-term visions, and in January 2025 determined to develop the following:

- morning sessions to run from 9.30 to 12.30 (previously 12.00);
- one evening session to be run, starting in April;
- social events to happen during existing morning sessions as well as on other occasions.

The longer morning sessions were generally well received, while some people chose to leave at their customary 12.00.

We started a new Thursday evening session in April 2025 but it attracted a very limited response and we discontinued it in July, with the aim of relaunching it in October 2025. We started occasional break-time quizzes in February 2025, with mixed results, and in June 2025 we started a games session on the first Monday morning each month, aiming to improve social interaction; we will monitor its effectiveness.

Our regular Wednesday session, from its beginnings in February 2023, has continued to develop with typically eight and sometimes more members attending.

The patio area serves as a useful space for work and/or seating, but not when wet or too hot; in April 2025 we set up our gazebo in that area, and that has turned out to be very useful.

Activity in the year to 30 September 2025

We attended a Christmas Craft Fair at St James Road Methodist Church, not only to help meet our costs by selling but also to promote our aim of social inclusion for men. We normally attend other public events during the year, most often at St James Park, but those were rained off this year.

We enjoyed a members' Christmas Dinner in an upstairs room in the church, which is now becoming a tradition, and we arranged visits to Milestones Museum, near Basingstoke,

and a printing works run by one of our members, which were very much enjoyed by members.

We continued to make a variety of wooden products, some for sale, some for fun and some by request. Requests included the frame for a plastic bottle greenhouse for Upper Shirley High School, using timber left-overs from a large project by a major housing organisation.

Membership slightly increased this year, and as at 30 September 2025 we have 39 members, of whom over half attend at least once a week.

Finance

The financial position over the year is attached as an Appendix. Our main income came from fund raising, donations, subscriptions and grants. None of the Trustees or members received payment from the Shed.

BH/CR January 2026

Shirley Men's Shed Accounts 1st October 2024 - 30th September 2025

Balance brought forward from 30/09/20224

£8,424.72

		Budget	
INCOME		2023-2024	2024-2025
1	Subs	£1,477.18	£1,600.00
2	Membership	£900.18	£300.00
3	Sales	£1,583.59	£1,500.00
4	Donations	£470.00	£250.00
5	Grants	£2,500.00	£500.00
Total		£6,930.95	£4,150.00

		2023-2024	Budget
EXPENDITURE			
11	Electricity	£392.91	£500.00
12	Water and lease	£30.00	£30.00
13	Administration	£59.28	£100.00
14	Insurance	£481.06	£500.00
15	Wood and materials	£1,556.25	£2,000.00
16	New equipment	£4,073.69	£2,500.00
17	Community	£427.57	£500.00
18	Internet (Toob)	£234.67	£300.00
Total		£7,255.43	£6,430.00

Yearly profit	-£324.48	-£2,280.00
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Total in current account 30/09/2025

£8,645.15

ACTUAL

2024-2025
£1,727.37
£570.61
£1,688.82
£250.00
£250.00
£4,486.80

ACTUAL

£573.81
£30.00
£168.87
£395.49
£1,624.76
£795.52
£364.46
£313.46
£4,266.37

£220.43

1	Subs sumup	03/10/2024		£0.98
1	subs sumup x2	15/10/2024		£1.96
1	subs	18/10/2024		£10.00
1	subs sumup	22/10/2024		£0.98
1	subs	24/10/2024		£80.50
1	subs sumup	24/10/2024		£0.98
1	subs	04/11/2024		£10.00
1	subs	11/11/2024		£40.00
1	subs	14/11/2024		£21.50
1	subs	15/11/2024		£8.00
1	subs sumup	19/11/2024		£0.98
1	Subs	21/11/2024		£34.50
1	subs	25/11/2024		£46.00
1	subs - sumup	26/11/2024		£0.98
1	subs	28/11/2024		£20.00
1	Subs - sum up	03/12/2024		£0.98
1	subs	13/12/2024		£20.00
1	subs	20/12/2024		£96.50
1	subs sumup	20/12/2024		£0.98
1	subs Sumup	07/01/2025		£0.98
1	subs Sum up	09/01/2025		£0.98
1	subs Sum up	14/01/2025		£0.98
1	subs Sum up	17/01/2025		£0.98
1	subs Sum up	21/01/2025		£0.98
1	subs HE	23/01/2025		£10.00
1	subs	27/01/2025		£96.50
1	Subs	04/02/2025		£35.00
1	subs	14/02/2025		£45.00
1	subs sumup	18/02/2025		£1.97
1	subs	19/02/2025		£26.00
1	subs sum up	25/02/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	28/02/2025		£100.00
1	Subs sum up	14/03/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	18/03/2025		£85.00
1	Subs - Sumup	27/03/2025	£0.00	£0.98

1	Subs Sumup	01/04/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	03/04/2025		£20.00
1	Subs sumup	08/04/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	14/04/2025		£15.00
1	subs sumup	15/04/2025		£0.98
1	subs sumup	24/04/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	01/05/2025		£112.50
1	subs sumup	06/05/2025		£0.98
1	subs sumup	13/05/2025		£1.96
1	Subs	15/05/2025		£10.00
1	Subs sumup	16/05/2025		£0.98
1	Subs	20/05/2025		£127.50
1	Subs - Sumup	20/05/2025		£1.96
1	Subs - sumup	28/05/2025		£1.96
1	Subs	03/06/2025		£10.00
1	sumup payment	03/06/2025		£5.90
1	sumup payment	06/06/2025		£1.96
1	Subs	12/06/2025		£20.00
1	Subs	16/06/2025		£98.50
1	Subs Sumup	19/06/2025		£0.98
1	Subs Sumup	20/06/2025		£0.98
1	subs - sumup	24/06/2025		£1.96
1	subs	30/06/2025		£10.00
1	subs	03/07/2025		£45.00
1	Subs sumup	04/07/2025		£1.96
1	subs	10/07/2025		£34.00
1	Subs	17/07/2025		£34.00
1	Subs Sumup	22/07/2025		£0.98
1	subs	24/07/2025		£25.00
1	subs	24/07/2025		£31.50
1	Subs	28/07/2025		£17.50
1	subs sum up	29/07/2025		£0.98
1	subs	01/08/2025		£30.00
1	subs	07/08/2025		£33.50
1	Subs	12/08/2025		£20.00

1	subs sumup	12/08/2025		£0.98
1	subs	14/08/2025		£11.80
1	subs bank transfer	18/08/2025		£10.00
1	subs	25/08/2025		£33.00
1	Subs	28/08/2025		£11.00
1	subs	04/09/2025		£95.00
1	subs - bank transfer	04/09/2025		£10.00
1	subs	10/09/2025		£16.00
1	subs	22/09/2025		£15.00
20	Total SUBS			£1,727.37
2	Membership & sub Sumup	01/10/2024		£20.64
2	membership Tony Wood	03/10/2024		£20.00
2	Membership Sumup x2	04/10/2024		£39.32
2	Memberships x3	14/10/2024		£60.00
2	membership	14/10/2024	£0.00	£25.00
2	Membership sumup	18/10/2024		£95.70
2	Membership (PH)	21/10/2024		£20.00
2	Membership	24/10/2024		£20.00
2	membership - Derek	11/11/2024		£20.00
2	memberships x2	01/11/2024		£40.00
2	membership (Vijay) - cheque	28/11/2024		£20.00
2	membership	16/01/2025		£20.00
2	membership	17/02/2025		£20.00
2	membership	17/02/2025		£20.00
2	Membership	16/06/2025		£10.00
2	membership x3	29/09/2025		£60.00
2	membership x3 sumup	30/09/2025		£59.95
20	total MEMBERSHIP			£570.61
3	sumup payment	01/11/2024		£11.80
3	sales - sweatshirts	11/11/2024		£35.00
3	sales - christmas trees - sum	11/11/2024		£19.66
3	Christmas craft fair cash	23/11/2024		£240.00
3	Christmas craft fair - Sumup	23/11/2024		£120.43

3	polo shirt - cheque	28/11/2024		£10.00
3	Christmas sales - Sumup	28/11/2024		£29.49
3	sales	20/12/2024		£10.00
3	Returns Carl L	09/01/2025		£12.00
3	Spitfire Makers	27/01/2025		£20.00
3	mended drawer	22/01/2025		£10.00
3	Sales sweatshirt	04/02/2025		£14.00
3	Sum up sweatshirt	04/02/2025		£9.83
3	Repairs	14/02/2025		£20.00
3	sales sweatshirt	19/02/2025		£25.00
3	Sales - wardrobe	13/03/2025		£41.00
3	sales Saints Foundation	21/03/2025		£30.00
3	sales - satchell repair	27/03/2025		£5.00
3	Justgiving	31/03/2025	£0.00	£19.33
3	Sales sumup (Bench)	09/05/2025		£49.15
3	Plant sale sumup	12/05/2025		£19.66
3	Plant sales cash	12/05/2025		£30.00
3	Sales - Saints foundation	16/05/2025		£20.00
3	Sales - Soton council	13/06/2025		£100.00
3	Sales - table repair	16/06/2025		£20.00
3	Sales - polo shirt x2	16/06/2025		£20.00
3	Sales - wood and materials	16/06/2025		£10.00
3	Sales - Wardrobe	24/06/2025		£40.00
3	Sales - Hoopla	24/06/2025		£40.00
3	sales Sumup payment	27/06/2025		£30.48
3	sales	30/06/2025		£50.00
3	Sales - table repair	10/07/2025		£20.00
3	Sales - Upper SH greenhouse	11/07/2025	£0.00	£16.00
3	Sales - Sumup	15/07/2025		£14.75
3	Sales: USH greenhouse	17/07/2025		£54.78
3	Sales: Sumup cheeseboard	18/07/2025		£6.88
3	Sales planters	24/07/2025		£200.00
3	sales woodscrews	24/07/2025		£15.00
3	sales Bench	24/07/2025		£40.00
3	sales Dutton chair	28/07/2025		£50.00

3	Sales - House number	01/08/2025		£10.00
3	Sales - looms	01/08/2025		£30.00
3	sales - polo shirt	14/08/2025		£10.00
3	sales Meccano	28/08/2025		£40.00
3	sales - chopping board	28/08/2025		£5.00
3	sales Hifi	01/09/2025		£40.00
3	sumup sales	26/09/2025		£24.58
20	total SALES			£1,688.82
4	Donation Inprint	01/08/2025		£250.00
20	total DONATIONS			£250.00
5	Mens Shed bench - Blurred It	09/09/2025		£250.00
20	Total GRANTS			£250.00
11	Scottish Power	28/10/2024	£35.99	
11	Electricity	28/11/2024	£35.99	
11	Scottish Power	30/12/2024	£35.99	
11	Scottish Power	28/01/2025	£35.99	£0.00
11	Scottish Power	28/02/2025	£53.73	
11	Scottish Power	28/03/2025	£53.73	£0.00
11	Scottish power	28/04/2025	£53.74	
11	Scottish power	28/05/2025	£53.73	
11	Scottish power	30/06/2025	£53.73	
11	Scottish power	28/07/2025	£53.73	
11	Scottish power	28/08/2025	£53.73	
11	Scottish power	29/09/2025	£53.73	
20	Total Electricity		£573.81	
12	cheque 800220 HE lease	14/04/2025	£30.00	
20	total LEASE		£30.00	
13	cheque 800212 badges BH	03/02/2025	£90.00	
13	cheque 800216 CL coffee/sar	14/02/2025	£52.97	
13	cheque 800217 CR AGM food	17/02/2025	£25.90	

20	total ADMIN		£168.87
14	cheque 800218 Wessex insur	07/03/2025	£395.49
20	total INSURANCE		£395.49
15	christmas things (Gary) cash	07/10/2024	£3.00
15	cheque 800200 sweatshirts B	21/10/2024	£111.00
15	christmas things (Gary) cash	24/10/2024	£3.00
15	cheque 800201 Totton timbe	25/10/2024	£93.28
15	christmas things (Gary) cash	14/11/2024	£6.00
15	christmas fair 2 tables cash S	23/11/2024	£30.00
15	cheque 200204 Totton timbe	28/11/2024	£123.60
15	cheque 800208 Laser mats T	23/12/2024	£34.77
15	cheque 800214 TW various	10/02/2025	£153.32
15	cheque 800214 - CR timber	11/02/2025	£26.75
15	cheque 800219 BH planter w	04/04/2025	£40.41
15	cheque 800221 TW materials	08/04/2025	£63.53
15	cheque 800222 CR screws etc	15/04/2025	£54.00
15	Plant sale table cash to SJR	12/05/2025	£15.00
15	cheque 800223 CR biscuits et	17/06/2025	£18.07
15	cheque 800224 Mark wood p	25/06/2025	£181.38
15	cheque 800225 Mark SELCO	23/07/2025	£31.10
15	milk and biscuits - cash	24/07/2025	£10.00
15	Snooker balls etc - cash	28/07/2025	£33.00
15	cheque 800226 HE Abbey bag	11/08/2025	£95.00
15	cheque 800226 BH greenhou	12/08/2025	£100.01
15	Cheque CL	29/08/2025	£74.72
15	Biscuits CR - cash	10/09/2025	£16.00
15	cheque	17/09/2025	£206.54
15	cheque 800230	30/09/2025	£101.28
20	total materials		£1,624.76
16	cheque 800198 Cutting tools	14/10/2024	£117.69
16	cheque 200202 Machine Mar	11/11/2024	£57.57
16	Door latch (Carl) cash	25/11/2024	£5.00

16	cheque 800210 Carl IKEA	17/12/2024	£450.00	
16	cheque 800211 IKEA CL	20/12/2024	£70.00	
16	cheque 800215 AB CCTV	11/02/2025	£94.99	
20	total equipment		£795.25	
17	cheque 200205 biscuits CR	09/12/2024	£14.68	
17	cheque 800209 Roast Out	18/12/2024	£292.00	
17	cheque 800206 Xmas cracker	16/12/2024	£29.20	
17	cheque 800199 B&M biscuits	21/10/2024	£28.85	
20	total COMMUNITY		£364.73	
18	Toob	15/12/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	14/11/2024	£25.00	
18	Toob	15/10/2024	£25.00	
18	Toob	15/01/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	13/02/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	13/03/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	15/04/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	15/05/2025	£25.00	
18	Toob	13/06/2025	£15.83	
18	Toob	04/07/2025	£10.63	
18	Toob	15/07/2025	£29.00	
18	Toob	14/08/2025	£29.00	
18	Toob	15/09/2025	£29.00	
20	TOTAL internet		£313.46	
	Items	date	debit	credit

3	Bird box sale	14/12/2023		£8.00	#REF!
3	Bird box sale	08/02/2024		£8.00	#REF!
3	Bird house	08/02/2024		£30.00	#REF!
3	Bird table	08/02/2024		£20.00	#REF!
3	Bird table	04/04/2024		£10.00	#REF!
3	Bird table	04/04/2024		£10.00	#REF!
3	bird table	23/07/2024		£15.00	#REF!
3	Caraway	26/03/2024		£40.00	#REF!
3	chair repair	23/07/2024		£25.00	#REF!
3	Christmas candle lights sale	14/12/2023		£10.00	#REF!
3	Craft sales	15/12/2023		£35.39	#REF!
3	Craft sales cash	25/11/2023	3.00	£150.00	#REF!
3	craft sales Sum Up	28/11/2023	3.00	£166.13	#REF!
3	Craft sales transfer (HE)	24/11/2023	3.00	£20.00	#REF!
3	Hedgehog house sale	01/11/2023	2.00	£25.00	#REF!
3	Hedgehog house sale	01/12/2023	2.00	£25.00	#REF!
3	Hedgehog house sale	04/01/2024		£25.00	#REF!
3	knife sharpening (MD)	11/12/2023		£5.00	#REF!
3	meccanno set	15/08/2024		£70.00	#REF!
3	plant sale Sumup	13/05/2024		£21.63	#REF!
3	plant sales cash	13/05/2024		£36.00	#REF!
3	Reindeer sales	14/12/2023		£20.00	#REF!
3	Sales	02/04/2024		£75.00	#REF!
3	sales	05/07/2024		£40.00	#REF!
3	sales (BH)	10/04/2024		£40.00	#REF!
3	sales (Hoover)	06/03/2024		£50.00	#REF!
3	Sales 3D printer	08/05/2024		£50.00	#REF!
3	sign	26/08/2024		£20.00	#REF!
3	Spitfire Plaque	11/03/2024		£40.00	#REF!
3	Spitfire Plaque	02/05/2024		£20.00	#REF!
3	spitfire Plaque	23/07/2024		£40.00	#REF!
3	St James Park event cash	14/05/2024		£67.00	#REF!
3	St James Park event sumup	14/05/2024		£51.12	#REF!
3	sum up sales	14/06/2024		£39.32	#REF!
3	Sweat shirt sale	01/11/2023	1.00	£10.00	£10.00

3	sweatshirt Cliff	04/04/2024	£10.00	£20.00
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The trustees during the year to 30 September 2024 were Peter Hill, Hugh Evans, Brian Hooper, Cliff Rolfe, Colin Lockwood, Andy Blunsden, Tony Wood, Mark Stockwell and Carl Langley.

Development in the year to 30 September 2024

Our regular Wednesday session, from its beginnings in February 2023, has been well established with typically five to eight members attending. The Thursday afternoon session we started in March 2023 was discontinued after a year as it had attracted very little response.

With a substantial stock of items produced, one of our members built a much-needed storage shed. He also built movable benches for our planer and mitre saw, making them much easier to use.

We took steps forward in technology this year, installing wifi in December 2023, and with a grant from the National Lottery we obtained a laser cutter and engraver which will allow us to produce a wide range of decorative and useful items, as we learn to use it.

Activity in the year to 30 September 2024

We attended four public events during the year, at Freemantle Lake Park, St James Park, and two events at St James Road Methodist Church. We also held our first Open Day. All those events promoted our aim of social inclusion for men, as well as raising money to meet our costs.

We enjoyed a members' Christmas Dinner in an upstairs room in the church, which is now becoming a tradition, and we arranged a visit to Solent Sky museum, which was very much enjoyed by members.

We continued to make a variety of wooden products, some for sale, some for fun and some by request. Requests included a large bug hotel for the Methodist Church, planters for a school in Bitterne and the frame for a plastic bottle greenhouse for Upper Shirley High School. Timber for the planters was donated by a local builders' merchant, and timber for the greenhouse came from left-overs from a large project by a major housing organisation.

Membership fluctuated during the year, with 6 people not renewing membership and 15 people joining. As at 30 September 2024 we have 37 members, of whom about a third attend at least once a week.

Finance

The financial position over the year is attached as an Appendix.

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Future intentions

The Trustees met in January 2023 to think about our two-year and longer-term visions for the shed, agreeing some two-year targets:

- one more morning session a week (achieved);
- one weekly evening session (not achieved);
- one weekly afternoon session (achieved but discontinued);
- one limited session each week - with no more than 6 people, booked in advance including booking particular machines;
- some off-site social events (achieved - Solent Sky visit);
- agreed partnerships with one or two other bodies (achieved - McCarthy Stone);
- one or two community projects a year (achieved - bug hotel, greenhouse);
- two or three more Responsible Persons (achieved - GW, KR).

The Trustees were to meet again in October 2024 to review and update our two-year and longer-term visions.

BH/CR January 2025

SHIRLEY MEN'S SHED

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Shirley Men's Shed

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The trustees during the year to 30 September 2023 were Peter Hill, Hugh Evans, Brian Hooper, Cliff Rolfe, Colin Lockwood, Andy Blunsden, Tony Wood, Mark Stockwell and Carl Langley; Carl resigned from Trusteeship during the year.

Development in the year to 30 September 2023

Following our work on roof support and corner bracing, the City Council's Building Control team confirmed in March 2023 that our main building was satisfactory.

The National Lottery gave approval for us to use unspent grant money to add a temporary shed (known as Shed C), and an unexpected gift of £3,000 from the Millennium Third Age Centre enabled us to obtain a fireproof gazebo and fit out the new shed with insulation, power, racking and a bench. That work was largely completed by the end of September 2023.

We also completed paving over the entrance area.

Activity in the year to 30 September 2023

Through the autumn and winter of 2022/23 we completed an order for 40 hedgehog houses for the City Council, and have continued to make more as others ask for them.

In February 2023 we started new sessions on Wednesday mornings, which have slowly developed although they remain less well attended than the Monday or Thursday morning sessions, with typically four to six members. We also started a Thursday afternoon session, twice a month, with little response.

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- one or two community projects a year;
- two or three more RPs.

Beyond that, we envisaged further open sessions and further booked sessions, possibly on a termly basis, chargeable and available for women as well as men.

We also envisaged seeking grant funding to employ a full-time organiser.

The meeting intentionally did not consider how these developments might be achieved.

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Development in the year to 30 September 2022

Our work took some major steps forward in the 2021/22 year, as we continued to work on the building and, importantly, had a power supply installed. On 14 July 2022 Southampton's (newly Lord) Mayor formally opened the shed.

Unexpectedly and unfortunately, the City Council's Building Control team placed some additional requirements on us to improve the strength and stability of the shed. After much negotiation the requirements have been amended to reduce the cost and for ease of installation. We obtained a grant of £1,500 from the council which will cover part of the work.

Meanwhile, our membership rose from 14 to 33, with most sessions attended by 12 or more.

Activity in the year to 30 September 2022

Through the autumn and winter of 2021/22 we installed wall and roof insulation, installed kitchen units and decorated internally (with most materials being donated by local suppliers) at our usual Monday and Thursday morning sessions. A well-wisher made a donation which enabled us to move our more social Thursday sessions into the neighbouring cafe during the coldest months.

In the early summer we dismantled our original shed and started working on the outside areas. We also began making hedgehog houses for the City Council, with an agreement to provide 40 of them, which gave us plenty for our members to do, in line with the aim of

men's sheds to work together and chat. That was greatly facilitated by building a large purpose-designed bench.

We continued to lay out the shed with a social area, storage and working areas, including putting in place a number of static power tools, mainly given by the late Keith Dutton. The layout remains a work in progress.

Finance

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Future intentions

In the coming year, our primary aims are to complete the work on the building and outside areas, add an additional shed, and to open for more time each week, bringing the benefits of men's sheds to more people.

Brian Hooper
Trustee and Secretary

12 February 2023

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	Sales	£1,421.00	
	Grants received	£500.00	£24,498.21
	Gift aid	£50.00	
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			<u>£28,513.87</u>
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	Expenditure		
	Capital expenses		£19,257.56
	Equipment		£1,698.88
	Materials	£788.66	
	Sweatshirts	£522.12	
	Insurance, lease & water	£1,021.40	
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	These accounts have been examined and found to be in accordance with the books and records of Shirley Mens Shed.		
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The trustees during the year to 30 September 2021 were Peter Hill, Hugh Evans, Brian Hooper, Cliff Rolfe and Carl Langley. Also on the Committee were Colin Lockwood, Yolanda Zaptia, Andy Blunsden and Tony Wood.

Development in the year to 30 September 2021

The main development in the year, after the eventual signing of our lease in October 2020, was the purchase and assembly of a larger shed in June 2021, facilitated by our fund-raising activities and a grant from the National Lottery.

Activity in the year to 30 September 2021

We started the year with a sponsored walk, in awful weather conditions, which raised over £1500 for the Shed.

Most of the year was under Covid-19 pandemic conditions and we met virtually, via Zoom. Much of what needed to be done was administrative, so it was not greatly delayed by the pandemic. That included obtaining planning permission and building regulations approval, arranging for receiving Gift Aid, and developing policies on risk assessment, safeguarding and other matters. Work on site also had to await funding, and our first large bid for a grant was unsuccessful. The next bid was successful and, with donations and fundraising, we were able to place orders for a concrete base and a full-size shed, which was built in June 2021.

Our main activity for the rest of the year was to work on the new shed. We painted the concrete floor, fitted an emergency exit in the fence, connected mains water, laid a level path from the gate to the door, built temporary shelving and benches, and started to put in roof insulation.

When allowed, we continued to meet on Monday mornings to work on the shed, and re-started meeting on Thursday mornings, at the shed. The Thursday sessions included work on the shed but also had a social side, as we were able to welcome new, less physically fit, members.

On the last day of our year, 30 September, we received the very good news that our further bid to the National Lottery was successful, which was mainly to fund a power supply.

A formal membership scheme started just before the pandemic restrictions came into force, with 12 membership cards issued. Recruitment was not a priority after that but two people sought us out and joined informally in the summer.

Finance

The financial position over the year is attached as an Appendix.

Despite our lack of workshop facilities, products such as bug hotels and bird boxes generated some income. Our main income, however, came from fund raising, donations, subscriptions and grants. None of the Trustees or members received payment from the Shed.

Future intentions

In the coming year, our primary aim is to bring the shed into regular and full use, enabling us to further our objectives.

Brian Hooper
Trustee and Secretary

4 January 2022

Shirley Men's Shed Accounts October 2020 - September 2021

Balance brought forward **£3,456.74**

Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Donations	£4,675.32		
Subs	£539.54		
Sales	£471.39		
Grants	£1,000.00	£11,831.00	
Gift aid	£375.00		
total	£7,061.25	£11,831.00	£18,892.25

Expenditure	Unrestricted	Restricted	
Site preparation	£1,657.31		
Capital	£6,553.85	£11,831.00	
LA charges	£335.00		
Insurance	£281.29		
Sundries	£49.43		
Total	£8,876.88	£11,831.00	£20,707.88

Balance at 30th September 2021 **£1,641.11**

Petty cash	£87.72		
Bank balance	£1,553.39		
<i>check</i>	£1,641.11		

