

Shirley Men's Shed

Annual Report for the year ended 30 September 2022

Origins and objectives

Shirley Men's Shed ("the Shed") is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, formally established on 1 October 2018. It was initiated by members of St James Road Methodist Church and stands independently from the Church.

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 2022 were Peter Hill, Hugh Evans, Brian Hooper, Cliff Rolfe, Carl Langley, Colin Lockwood, Andy Blunsden and Tony Wood.

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

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.

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

Annual Accounts 2021/2022

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	Income	Unrestricted	Restricted	
	Donations	£952.89		
	Subs and Membership	£1,091.77		
	Sales	£1,421.00		
	Grants received	£500.00	£24,498.21	
	Gift aid	<u>£50.00</u>		
		<u>£4,015.66</u>	<u>£24,498.21</u>	<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		
		<u>£2,332.18</u>	<u>£20,956.44</u>	<u>£23,288.62</u>
	Balance carried forward			<u>£6,866.36</u>
	Balance in Bank			<u>£6,866.36</u>
These accounts have been examined and found to be in accordance with the books and records				
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