

It falls on me to once again to give you a roundup of the past year.

Jim Bell, our treasurer is intending to move north to be nearer to family. Jim stepped in when Alan Bush retired due to ill health and I want to thank him for the sterling job he has done. From this meeting Jim will be handing over the reins to Peter Harding and he will be the go-to guy if you need any expenses covered, as well as bringing his banking expertise to our funds.

Twelve months ago, we were contemplating extending the lease to extend into the old Auction Hall, well haven't we come along way. I can't claim much credit, as I did some drawings and disappeared off to America.

As always members got stuck in, and here we are today in this bright airy meeting room. So, a big thank you to all who helped. Moving out of the old room gave us the opportunity to move the lathes in there which I think has made a big difference.

Our procedure of everyone having a work box on the racking in here is starting to pay off with a lot less clutter in the workshop, but there is still room for improvement as I try to encourage you all to follow the clean bench policy, in order to leave the workshop as others would like to find it.

We are now moving toward a settling phase where we have to assess how well our facility matches the needs of our membership, to do this the trustees have decided that we should increase the size of the management team, in order to get better feedback on needs both current and future.

We want to co-opt members from different groups and interest areas, and hope that some of you will put yourselves forward before I have to rustle up a press gang. Please talk to one of the trustees if you would be prepared to join the management team, it's not onerous but I can say it's hugely rewarding when a project you have steered comes to fruition.

Apart from the establishment of this meeting room and its associated facility, the main capital spending this year has been,

Floor mounted Bandsaw

Professional quality scroll saw

A heavy duty wood lathe

Two dust extractors and one more ceiling mounted air cleaner

A variable power supply

4 more lightweight cordless drills

In addition, Gordon accepted the position as our quartermaster and is doing a great job in ensuring that our consumables are replenished.

Obviously, our main concern in taking on the extra cost of this space is long term affordability and whilst we have doubled our rent commitment as well as extra utility predictions, the increase in members, as well as the revenue from goods that our members have made, have taken us a long way toward that target.

I'm sure that Jim will give us a report on the exact figures, but I'm pleased to say we will be maintaining the current membership and day subs at the present level.

To further underwrite our long-term security, we are pleased to say that we are one of the benefactors of a local residents will, and the money will be invested to give us a cushion should we be unable to cover our yearly costs or should we ever be forced to relocate.

So where do we go from here? –

I think our broad aims to provide a community workshop, with a warm, friendly atmosphere, based on the idea that being creative will lead to, a satisfaction in learning or teaching is as valid today as five years ago.

I trust that the enhancement of our management team will build on our success whilst keeping the workload on any individual as low as possible.

Our sessions are all possible because our willing band of day supervisors make it so, but we would like to increase the number of day supervisors we have in order that no one has to do more than one duty per month if possible. We will organise a training session in a few weeks time, so if you would be prepared to take a share of this role, please put your name on the list on the workshop door.

As I have said at previous meetings, if two or three people have a similar interest in something we do not currently provide for, please write a brief summary and give it to one of the management team, if you need equipment, materials or expertise in order that it may benefit others.

Let's see what 2025 brings us

NORTHALLERTON MEN'S SHED
Annual Accounts 1st June 2023 to 31st May 2024

Bank Balance at 1st June 2023	£17,075.61	Total funds	£17,255.61
Cash in hand	£180.00		
Expenditure			
Rent	£6,323.63		
Insurance	£1,144.31		
Gas & Electricity	£1,952.83		
Improvement works and New equipment	£12,579.88		
Consumable	£3,118.43		
Miscellaneous Expenditure	£1,554.84		
TOTAL	£26,673.92		£26,673.92
Income			
Grants	£11,500.00		
Donations	£1,151.20		
Gift Aid	£1,294.98		
Weekly & Annual Subscriptions	£11,230.44		
Sales	£2,318.81		
Misc Income	£848.11		
TOTAL	£28,343.54		£28,343.54
Income exceeded expenditure by			£1,669.62
Bank Balance at 31st May 2024	£18,849.07		
Cash in Hand	£76.16		
		Total funds	£18,925.23

No audit undertaken as income was only £28,343 of which £11,230 was members own contributions
See Annual accounts summary.

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