

Chairmans Report 2024- May 2025

First I would like to comment on the ongoing success of the shed in terms of its stated aims of being a friendly community workshop where people can come and do stuff, it doesn't have to be great craftsmanship or pioneering inventions it just has to fit the framework of you doing something creative to keep the brain and hands active, and offer you the chance to learn or teach as the case may be, when chatting over a workbench.

Last year we had just expanded into this activity space and I'm so glad we did, its proving to be much more than just a coffee room and I'm glad to see we are getting increased numbers on our Tuesday craft activities.

At the last AGM we announced that we wanted to increase the number of people involved in the management of the shed and accordingly I am glad to explain how we see that working.

I know there are a number of new members here but just so that you are all aware let me recap on the Trustees as they have been since last year. (Show slide)

I think most of you can identify myself (Chairman) and our secretary (chiefly responsible for the terrible jokes in Chat & Chisel) but also the guy who finds the money we need for new projects. Chris ably assisted by Tug produce our monthly Chat & Chisel, which doesn't just go to members but also to our supporters, benefactors and outside agencies who work to introduce their clients who might gain benefit from joining us.

Peter Harding (our Treasurer) took over from Jim Bell last year and has done a sterling job of looking after our finances. Larry Ward our Membership secretary is the one who will chase you if you haven't paid your subs, he and Chris also manage the Gift Aid returns allowing us to get a little something extra from the subs you all pay. Larry also coordinates the table sales. Martin Dunn primarily looks after the management of our numerous WhatsApp groups, especially getting new members onto the booty line. Martin also coordinates the day supervisor calendar so that we all know when we are on duty and find stand ins when we can't be there. They will all have a few words to say about their individual responsibilities.

So now we come to the newly co-opted members of the management committee. Gordon has in fact been in post since last year when he took on being our permanent quartermaster, but he's the one that monitors the blackboard to see what has been requested. The others are generally connected with different interest areas but that is only a guide, so that you know who to approach if you have a query.

They like all the other day supervisors will signpost you to the person who can help you best.

At this point I would like to emphasise that we would like you all to remember to wear your name badges, we have lots of new members and it really does help to let them learn names. If you keep forgetting to bring your badge, why not get into the habit of leaving it on the washing line at the back of the kitchen counter as you leave for the day, then you will always have it when you come next time.

I would like now to thank all the people who have given up a few hours to help on one of our sales stalls, or indeed have made items for us to sell. This is an invaluable part of our long-term viability. Its not just the money we take but also the interest generated and the publicity throughout the

community. We have had a number of new members through these contacts as well as donations of tools and materials.

I would also like to thank Chris for the work he has done with the Darlington Building Society who display our goods for sale and bring in a very healthy amount, particularly in the sales of hedgehog boxes which Eric Whitehead and some of the ladies make during Friday sessions, Northallerton must have the cosiest hedgehog community in Yorkshire. We have developed a really healthy partnership with DBS who from a community point of view seem to be proud to have our work on sale.

I also want to make special mention of Julie Ward who has single handedly sold hundreds of pounds worth of sheep, elephants and flower baskets. Thanks also to some of the ladies who have organised tables at some further out craft stalls and have spread our name whilst taking in some funds.

There has been a suggestion that the opening of the workshop to mixed woodworking activities on a Tuesday morning is being well supported and that some would like this to continue through the afternoon. I think we should do this as long as we have supervisor cover for the whole day and that we respect the needs of the computer group who have priority in the coffee room on a Tuesday afternoon. Perhaps Martin can check that we can have cover until 4pm.

I want to pay tribute to the butty team that keep us fed on Monday lunchtimes it is very much appreciated.

I also want to thank all those who came for our Wednesday deep clean session, it was well attended and made a big improvement. Of course, like all successful things we will certainly want to repeat it but the cleaner and tidier you keep the workshops the less often we will have to step in with a special event. Please look at where you have been working before you leave and ask yourself "Is this as tidy as I would like to have found it".

Other than that, keep up the good work, enjoy your sessions here, help others to do the same, and spread the word.

Opening Balances:

Barclays Bank current account	£	3,551.80	
Barclays Bank premium reserve	£	15,054.63	
Virgin Money fixed term deposit	£	45,388.52	
Virgin Money current account	£	100.00	
Cash	£	132.00	
HMRC debtor re Gift Aid claim	£	1,574.20	
Advance payment 2025-26 Subs	-£	1,740.00	
			£ 64,061.15

Shed Income:

Bank Interest (gross)	£	644.78	
Grants	£	-	
Donations	£	1,327.30	
GiftAided	£	1,572.00	
Subs Weekly	£	3,451.60	
Subs Annual 2024-25	£	2,782.50	
Sales	£	2,001.44	
Misc.	£	442.62	
			£ 12,222.24

Other Income:

PayPal uncollected	£	89.40	
			£ 89.40

Cash held re Daily Subs Float	£ 50.00
Cash held re Mart Car Park	£ 81.00

Shed Expenditure:

Rent	-£	4,000.00	
Insurance	£	-	
Water	£	-	
Bank Charges	-£	3.46	
Electricity	-£	766.00	
Gas	-£	211.02	
Repairs	-£	88.79	
Equipment	-£	256.61	
Consumables	-£	844.81	
Café	-£	63.13	
Misc.	-£	1,053.86	
			-£ 7,287.68

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Closing Balances:

Barclays Bank - Current A/C	£	1,257.78	
Barclays Bank - Reserve A/C	£	14,100.43	
Virgin Money	£	95.00	
Virgin Money - Deposit A/C	£	53,492.50	
Cash on hand	£	181.00	
PayPal	£	89.40	
			£69,216.11

Difference £0.00

Notes	
Shed net Income / outflow (-)	£ 4,934.56