

# BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1182634

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2019-03-26

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN), WITHIN THE AREA OF BISHOP'S STORTFORD AND 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 JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN TO 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; BEREAVEMENT OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL).

**Activities:** We provide a space and equipment where anyone can join together and carry out woodwork projects. Projects are generally for items needed by the general public or other charities. The work is carried out on a cost basis and if the client wishes to make a donation then we accept this to maintain the operation.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Hertfordshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£3,211	£5,797	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,007	£2,009	-	-
2023-03-31	£2,307	£839	-	-
2022-03-31	£226	£349	-	-
2021-03-31	£554	£1,094	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ian Cronshaw		2022-04-13
JOHN PALOMBO		2022-04-13
Nigel Sainsbury		2025-06-25
Paul Clark		2024-11-20
Richard Sankey		2024-11-20

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# Accounts

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# BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED

Registered Charity No: 1182634

Report of Trustees and Accounts for the period ending  
31 March 2025

# Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed ("BSMS")

## Report of Trustees for the period ending 31 March 2025

### Management

Those involved in managing BSMS during the period were as follows

#### Trustees:

- Dave Brown (to 8 May 2024) Chair
- Ian Cronshaw Chair
- Trevor Bennett (to 20 Nov 2024) Vice Chair
- Paul Clark (from 20 Nov 2024) Vice Chair
- John Palombo Secretary
- James Turner
- Richard Sankey (from 20 Nov 2024)

#### Executive Committee:

- Ian Cronshaw Chairman
- John Palombo Treasurer & Secretary
- Colin Smith Health and Safety
- Paul Clark Membership
- Richard Sankey
- Nigel Sainsbury

### Incorporation and Objectives

BSMS was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

The objectives of BSMS, as set out in its constitution are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people (particularly but not exclusively older men), within the area of Bishop's Stortford and 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 jointly or individually, creative, physical or recreational activities, learn to pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially. In this context, "socially excluded" means being excluded from society as a result of one or more of the following factors; unemployment; financial hardship; bereavement or old age; ill health (physical or mental).

### Activities

BSMS started the 2024/25 Financial Year in a difficult situation in that it was operating out of a small shed in the garden of a private house that was no longer big enough for its activities. After a year-long search for a new base we were offered the use of an old barn owned by Connect Scaffolding in Hadham Park, and moved in there on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.

The new shed at Hadham Park is 20m x 10m in size, so provides a lot more space for us to operate. However, like most old barns, it is in poor condition, with a leaking roof, porous walls and a rough

floor. This has meant that much of our activity over the year has been to start making the space fit for us to use, and that is a project that will continue in future years.

The new shed has had an immediate impact on our membership, which has doubled in size (from 15 to 30 members) since moving. Interest from prospective new members continues to be strong and we expect further growth in the future.

We have also continued to do woodworking projects for local groups alongside the shed renovation. These include

- access ramps for a local house with a disabled resident
- three large carts for the outdoor play area at a local school
- a number of planters
- over 200 swift nest boxes for various local bird charities.

Most importantly, the shed had a good social environment and has benefitted the attendees (both members and guest).

In terms of finances, we have started to spend the donation we received last year for renovating a new shed and the accounts show a deficit of some £2500 for that expenditure. To date the renovations have been relatively small scale (mostly installing electrics and a long bench with lighting down one wall) and we expect to increase expenditure on renovation in the coming year. The donation we received last year will partly cover that cost, but we will be doing further fundraising to cover the remaining works.

Overall, 2024/25 has been a transformational year for BSMS with the move to a much larger facility providing a really exceptional basis for the shed to expand and to further meet the needs of older men and women in Bishop's Stortford.

## Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed Accounts

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

	Year Ending	
	31/03/2024	31/03/2025
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	£16,645.00	£179.00
Subs	£160.00	£130.00
Receipts	£977.07	£2,632.00
Events	£225.00	£269.96
Other	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£18,007.07</b>	<b>£3,210.96</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Overheads	£275.79	£209.40
Material Costs	£878.84	£2,825.95
Capital Purchases	£628.98	£2,491.66
Events	£225.00	£269.96
Other	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£2,008.61</b>	<b>£5,796.97</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£15,998.46</b>	<b>(-£2,586.01)</b>

### CHARITY FUNDS

Opening Bank Balance	£2,557.18	£18,555.64
Net Income	£15,998.46	(-£2,586.01)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>£18,555.64</b>	<b>£15,969.63</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 and signed on their behalf by John Palombo

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# Accounts

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# **BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED**

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**Report of Trustees and Accounts for  
the period ending  
31 March 2024**

# Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed ("BSMS")

## Report of Trustees for the period ending 31 March 2024

### Management

Those involved in managing BSMS during the period were as follows

Trustees:

- David Brown Chair
- Trevor Bennett Vice Chair
- John Palombo Secretary
- Ian Cronshaw
- James Turner

Executive Committee:

- John Palombo Treasurer
- Ian Cronshaw Health and Safety
- Open Membership

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### Activities

The Shed continued to thrive over the course of the year.

- Membership increased to 15 regular members, with a number of guests also attending from time to time.
- We completed some interesting projects, including a trophy for the canoe club, a platform to allow wheelchair access to a building, a stair handrail, a medal presentation podium and various garden planters.
- Most importantly, the shed had a good social environment and benefitted the attendees (both members and guest).

The biggest issue for the year was that we had outgrown our premises and when the shed was busy, there was no room to work on projects. We therefore spent much of the year

- looking for a new location
- raising funds to allow us to build or refurbish wherever we move to.

Unfortunately on the first of these we were unsuccessful and were still in our old shed at the end of the year (although in the few months after the FY ended we have now found a new home). We were more successful in raising funds and had two generous donations from corporate sponsors totalling £16,000 that will be carried forward to be used when we do move.

## Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed Accounts

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

		Year Ending
	31/03/2023	31/03/2024
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	£2,178.05	£16,645.00
Subs	£30.00	£160.00
Receipts	£99.00	£977.07
Events	-	£225.00
Other	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£2,307.05</b>	<b>£18,007.07</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Overheads	£362.73	£275.79
Material Costs	£475.88	£878.84
Capital Purchases	-	£628.98
Events	-	£225.00
Other	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£838.61</b>	<b>£2,008.61</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£1,468.44</b>	<b>£15,998.46</b>

### CHARITY FUNDS

Opening Bank Balance	£1,088.74	£2,557.18
Net Income	£1,468.44	£15,998.46
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>£2,557.18</b>	<b>£18,555.64</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and signed on their behalf by:

Ian Cronshaw

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# Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed ("BSMS")

## Report of Trustees for the period ending 31 March 2023

### Management

Those involved in managing BSMS during the period were as follows

Trustees:

- David Brown Chair
- Trevor Bennett Vice Chair
- John Palombo (from 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022) Secretary
- Simon Marlow (until 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022)
- Ian Cronshaw (from 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022)
- James Turner (from 13<sup>th</sup> April 2022)

Executive Committee:

- John Palombo Treasurer
- Ian Cronshaw Health and Safety
- Open Membership

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### Activities

After the disruption caused by the Covid 19 pandemic, this year saw a welcome return to normality for the Shed.

- Memberships increased to 13 regular members, with a number of guests also attending from time to time.
- This meant that most weeks the shed was running at full capacity, or over-capacity occasionally which restricted our ability to work on projects.
- We've completed many projects for local schools, churches, charities and other clubs.
- Our finances are stable and we benefitted from a number of generous donations over the course of the year.

- Most importantly, we've drunk a lot of tea, had a lot of chat and generally boosted our wellbeing whilst at the same time helping others in the community!

## Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed Accounts

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>		
	<b>31/03/2022</b>	<b>Year Ending 31/03/2023</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Donations	£26.32	£2,178.05
Subs	-	£30.00
Receipts	£200.00	£99.00
Other	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£226.32</b>	<b>£2,307.05</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Overhead Costs	£349.07	£362.73
Material Costs	-	£475.88
Capital Purchases	-	-
Other	-	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£349.07</b>	<b>£838.61</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>(-£122.75)</b>	<b>£1,468.44</b>

<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>		
Opening Bank Balance	£1,211.49	£1,088.74
Net Income	(-£122.75)	£1,468.44
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>£1,088.74</b>	<b>£2,557.18</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 and signed on their behalf by:

David Brown, Chair

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31 March 2022

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## Report of Trustees for the period ending 31 March 2022

### Management

Those involved in managing BSMS during the period were as follows

#### Trustees:

- David Brown                      Chair
- Trevor Bennett
- Simon Marlow

#### Executive Committee:

- Trevor Bennett                      Treasurer
- John Palombo                      Membership
- Ian Cronshaw                      Health and Safety

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### Activities

The activities of the shed were severely disrupted over the past year by the Covid 19 pandemic. This meant that the shed was closed for much of this period. Nevertheless, we did complete a few projects for other local charities, with membership increasing towards the end of the year.

No major changes are foreseen for the coming year.

## Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed Accounts

<b>INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</b>			
	Year Ending		
	31/03/2020	31/03/2021	31/03/2022
<b>Income</b>			
Donations	£5,038.25	£86.00	£26.32
Subs	-	-	-
Receipts	-	£468.00	£200.00
Other	-	-	-
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£5,038.25</b>	<b>£554.00</b>	<b>£226.32</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Overhead Costs	£327.91	£338.00	£349.07
Material Costs	£781.40	£651.00	-
Capital Purchases	£3,864.59	-	-
Other	-	£105.00	-
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£4,973.90</b>	<b>£1,094.00</b>	<b>£349.07</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>£64.35</b>	<b>(-£540.00)</b>	<b>(-£122.75)</b>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>			
Opening Bank Balance	£1,687.14	£1,751.49	£1,211.49
Net Income	£64.35	(-£540.00)	(-£122.75)
<b>Closing Bank Balance</b>	<b>£1,751.49</b>	<b>£1,211.49</b>	<b>£1,088.74</b>

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and signed on their behalf by:

David Brown, Chair

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# Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed



## Report of Trustees for period ending 30 Mar 2021

The shed continues as planned but has suffered from Covid restrictions.

We have 9 members of the shed who regularly attend. These are all male and aged between 38 and 73 years.

The annual accounts have been kept by the Secretary and audited by the Chairman.

No major changes are foreseen for the coming year.

Trevor Bennett

Secretary



# Bishop's Stortford Men's Shed



## BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED P & L

### INCOME

Donations	5038.25
Subs	0.00
Receipts	0.00
Other	

### EXPENSE

Overhead costs	327.91
Costs	781.40
Capital Purchases	3864.59
Depreciation of Assets	736.68
Other	

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### PROFIT /LOSS

-672.32
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## BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

Machinery and buildings	3864.59
Bank	64.35
Depreciation 2020	-982.24

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<b>Total assets</b>	<b>2946.7</b>
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# 2020

	DESCRIPTION		Class	INCOME
	OPENING BALANCE			
03/26/2019	Donation from GPs		D	1000.00
04/05/2019	Donation Rotary		D	400.00
03/04/2019	Gosia lock	1	C	
04/05/2019	glue	2	C	
04/05/2019	straps	3	C	
04/05/2019	Sandpaper	4	C	
04/05/2019	glue	5	C	
05/09/2019	paint	6	C	
07/01/2019	shed base	7	A	
07/01/2019	shed	8	A	
07/05/2019	drills	9	C	
07/05/2019	tols	10	C	
07/15/2019	locks	11	C	
08/12/2019	pins	12	C	
08/11/2019	stanley knife	13	C	
07/12/2019	cork board	14	C	
07/21/2019	sandpaper	15	C	
04/09/2019	band saw	16	A	
08/15/2019	Molehill Green	17	C	
05/16/2019	timber	18	C	
08/06/2019	Molehill Green	19	C	
08/28/2019	timber	20	C	
08/29/2019	sundries	21	C	
07/09/2019	Screws	22	C	
08/14/2019	contact ctr/Gary gate	23	C	
07/29/2019	Insurance	24	C	

<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>INCOME</b>
		1400.00 BANK









































































<b>TJB Creditor</b>	<b>Donate</b>	<b>Asset</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Receipts</b>
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			24.99		
			3.54		
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			22.95		
			3.58		
			6.79		

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			29.16		
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			29.99		
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<b>TJB Creditor</b>	<b>Donate</b>	<b>Asset</b>	<b>Costs</b>	<b>Subs</b>	<b>Receipts</b>
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**BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED P & L**

**INCOME**

Donations	86
Subs	0
Receipts	468
Other	

**EXPENSE**

Overhead costs	338
Costs	651
Capital Purchases	0
Depreciation of Assets	0
Other	105

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**PROFIT /LOSS**

-540

**BISHOP'S STORTFORD MEN'S SHED BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Machinery and buildings	0
Bank	1211

**Total assets**                      1211