

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From Period start date Day 01 Mon h 04 Year 2023 **To** Period end date Day 31 Month 03 Year 2024

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Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Skipton Men's Shed

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1182918

Charity's principal address Ashtree Cottage

West Marton

Skipton

Postcode BD23 3UJ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Peter Smith	Chairman		
2	Stephen Hudson	Secretary		
3	Malcolm Nixon	Treasurer		
4	Robert Owen			
5	Sharon Rudge		30/11/23 onwards	
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

CIO - Foundation

How the charity is constituted

CIO

Trustee selection methods

Appointment by existing Trustees

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Risk of injury from the inappropriate use of equipment is managed by a training and subsequent competency test for each item, with no sole working allowed.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over, within Skipton 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, or parts of society, as a result of one of 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); or crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society)

Activities have largely remained around woodwork and social activities, with consideration of bicycle repairs and art-based activities.

We focus our support toward men over 18 (but are also happy to support women) regardless of personal background, faith, gender or orientation. We are focused in supporting individuals in terms of reducing social isolation and improving wellbeing and mental health.

We seek to create a relaxed welcoming atmosphere and by providing interesting workshop-based activities for people to relax, to enjoy working with their hands and to talk around topics of interest.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

We have subscriptions for members and also apply for local grants and those supporting wellbeing and mental health issues.

We are grateful for the support of several volunteers who have made the Men's Shed a hospitable and welcoming place for members, and ensuring good practice and maintaining safety policies for those engaged in woodworking activities.

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

We have successfully relocated following the closure of the former school premises we have been in from our commencement. This involves an increase in rent and overheads so focus is maintained on generating funds to support the continuation of the workshop facilities. We received a grant from Craven Communities Together in support of our work in the community.

We continue to make a variety of woodwork-based items either for personal use or for sale. We have an active social media presence in the area, took a stall at Skipton Sheep Day and created new leaflets for advertising the shed.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We maintain reserves for unexpected expenses and overheads.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Funds are principally derived from monthly membership fees, but also from grant monies received and from a few unit sales.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Peter Smith

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

31/1/2025