



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 02/05/2024 To 01/05/2025

Charity name: Wharfedale Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1183609

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Tackling social isolation, loneliness and health worries amongst men by facilitating; friendships, shared interests and peer support. It operates within the Otley and the wider Wharfe Valley area and is open to all men irrespective of; their cultural and socio-economic background, age or sexual identity.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	To promote friendships, social engagement, skill sharing, well-being, personal achievement and collaboration. Members are encouraged to meet and carry out practical repair and creative design projects, both individually and as a team. The Charity prioritises requests for help from : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• local charitable and community organisations;• individuals who are unable to source, or afford, trades-persons;• disabled individuals who cannot find bespoke disability design solutions commercially to benefit the quality of their life.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Men are particularly vulnerable to bad mental and physical health because of poor male friendship and support networks, particularly in later life. The trustees have continued to provide an effective friendship space, meaningful collaborative projects and social events consistent with addressing its core aim of reducing male social isolation. The trustees have developed additional events and activities this year to support; health awareness, protection against Scams and cyber crime and physical and mental fitness, through age appropriate sports. Their activities and objectives are consistent with the guidance on positive discrimination relating to a protected characteristic (Sex). The trustees continue to maintain the appropriate culture and behaviours within the membership : to maintain inclusivity,

		<p>mutual respect and support, consistent with the charity's public benefit purpose.</p> <p>A Code of Conduct is in place which all members are required to sign. This will be kept under review given an ever changing and evolving membership base.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	<p>The charity does not have paid employees. All activities and administration is undertaken by volunteers.</p> <p>The membership continues to provide items and repairs for; local disability and conservation charities, volunteer groups, schools, community arts centres and the local town council. This is in addition to it's primary aim of mutually supporting the health and well-being of its own membership.</p>
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p>	Para 1.20	<p>We have worked in partnership with other local charities this year to support their own community aims and objectives, using our particular skills and expertise. This includes :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • partnership working with the Otley Sailing Club and REMAP to support an individual who needed adaptations to access the club's disabled sailing facilities (see below); • partnership working with Wildlife Friendly Otley to support their local school (national curriculum linked) outreach programme, by making bird boxes for children to help install and monitor around their schools;
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>working with the Otley 2030 group to provide items needed for their community food bank.</i> <p>We attended regular liaison meetings with other charity and community groups in Otley, to gain insights into how we can continue to best support these sectors, within the area.</p> <p>In response to increasing membership numbers and space constraints, we have been pursuing bigger premises to allow us to cope with increasing demand for our services. We initiated a fund-raising campaign which has raised approximately £18,000 whilst also securing planning permission for a potential new location. Discussions with Leeds City Council over the lease agreement for the land are ongoing.</p> <p>The highlights this year included :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attending 5 local community fairs; including one where members instructed young children (with their parents) to make bird boxes, from kits that we fabricated earlier. • Making and installing shelving, storage boxes and planters for a community larder. • Providing small building repairs and storage adaptations for a community arts centre. • Providing adaptations for two disabled persons, including researching and designing options for a disabled sailor to get in and out of his boat.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	As a small charity, annual performance objectives have not been set; other than it's ongoing core objectives which are reported above.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Charity has £23,432 in liquid assets (bank accounts plus petty cash) at the end of the reporting year. This represents a significant increase from the previous year; mainly as a result of grant funding awards, fund raising and other donations received. Just under £17,800 of the overall income generated came from grants and donations.</p> <p>The Charity generated just over £7,700 from membership fees and sales, compared against approximately £6000 in costs. It managed to repay £2,250 of Trustee loans this year, reducing the outstanding loan obligation significantly to only £500.</p> <p>With no other contractual or financial obligations, and income exceeding expenditure, the charity is good financial health.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Charity has approximately £18,600 in a business reserve account. This account is used to save for the cost of a new premises. The Charity does not hold reserves for operational reasons, as it does not have any significant contractual obligations or employees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	N/A
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	See above
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	<p>This year we received a significant amount of unsolicited donations, in recognition of the impact we are making locally. This included £5,000 from the Post Code Lottery, £1,000 from the Skipton Building Society and £2,500 from the Northern Circuit of Barristers. We have also successfully applied for grant awards to further the acquisition of our new premises. This included approximately £3,400 from the Wharfedale Foundation, £1,000 from the Otley Lions Charity and £2,000 from an important local manufacturer.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any	Para 1.46	As a small charity we do not have an investment policy.

social investment policy adopted		
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The growth of our membership means that our existing accommodation cannot keep pace with demand.</p> <p>Whilst we have secured planning permission for a new premises it is unlikely that we can generate enough funds in the medium term, to secure our first choice location/design option. This is because of the changing priorities of likely major funding bodies in the face of over-demand. The Trustees are mitigating the risk to the Charity by looking for temporary and cheaper relocation options in the short to medium term.</p>
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The Constitution requires that all trustees are approved by the membership at an annual general meeting. All Trustees have to stand down or be reappointed on a rolling basis, every 3 years.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wharfedale Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1183609
Charity's principal address	Wharfedale Men's Shed, C/O Otley Courthouse, Courthouse St, Otley, LS21 3AN

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1 Jeffrey Gregory	Chair	

2	Robert Miles	Secretary	
3	Neil O'Brien	Trustee	
4	Robert Emblin	Trustee	
5	Robert Burnett	Treasurer	UP TO DEC. 2025
6	PETER HOWARD	- " -	DECEMBER 2025
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Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

**Names and addresses of advisers
(Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

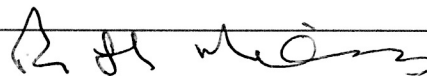
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

ROBERT HENRY MILES

Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)

SECRETARY

Date

12/01/2026

Wharfedale Men's Shed 1183609 Transactions for the period 02/05/2024 to 01/05/2025.

Type	Income	Expenditure
Sales	£ 4,554.03	
Donations (Ring fenced)	£ 7,245.70	
Donations (General)	£ 10,505.66	
Membership Fees	£ 3,150.00	
Interest received	£ 108.57	
Total Income	£ 25,563.96	
Materials		£ 1,807.83
Insurance		£ 125.80
Website		£ 19.48
Legal & Professional Fees		£ 580.00
Office Costs & Equipment		£ 550.62
Payment to other creditors		£ 610.00
Training		£ 61.00
Rent		£ 1,887.00
Shows & Events		£ 15.00
Postage		£ 145.04
Subscriptions		£ 30.00
Other Costs		£ 131.85
Total Expenditure		£ 5,963.62
Net Bank Deposits Q1-Q2	£ 19,600.34	
Balance from last year	£ 3,658.27	
Loan from Trustee	£ 500.00	
Current account	£ 491.77	
Deposit in Business Reserve Account	£ 18,608.57	
Petty Cash	£ 173.25	
Total Assets	£ 23,431.86	

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

WHARFEDALE MEN'S SHED

On accounts for the year
ended

01-05-2025

Charity no
(if any)

1183609

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 01-05-2025

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

~~[The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of [insert name of applicable listed body]]. Delete [] if not applicable.~~

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- ~~• the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or~~
- ~~• the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or~~
- ~~• the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.~~

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:



Date:

08-01-26

Name:

MARCO M WALL

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body

FCMA (RETIRED)

(if any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

NONE