



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2020		Day 01	Month 09	Year 2021

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Northampton Community Sheds		
Other names charity is known by			
Registered charity number (if any)	1184438.		
Charity's principal address	Northampton Community Sheds, C/O Spencer Contact, Gladstone Close, Northampton Postcode NN5 7AY		

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	Philip Osborne	Chair		
2	Hars Samrai	Treasurer		
3	Keith Westhead	Secretary		
4	Derek Thorndike			
5	Noel McKenna			
6	Christine Holmes			
7	Alan Goodacre			
8	Martin Price			
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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 (eg. trust deed, constitution)	CONSTITUTION
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	ELECTED BY MEMBERS

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.

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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 adults in Northampton and the surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, and by relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded.

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)

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing adults in Northampton and the surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, and by relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded.

We are assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of practical facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually 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; social isolation, bereavement, old age or ill health (physical or mental).

All Trustees have signed the Charity Commission Trustee Eligibility Declaration and are aware of their responsibilities as laid out in this Declaration.

All Trustees have received a copy of the Charity Commission's booklet: 'Running Your Charity', and 'The Essential Trustee - What You Need To Know, What You Need To Do', and have been asked to study these and refer to them for general guidance.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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

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

At the present time all of our activities, including administration, are run by volunteers. We have no paid staff.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

NCS Annual Report to Members, September 2021 **Chairman Phil Osborne**

Firstly, thanks to you all for turning up to our AGM at Moulton Scout Hall, which we are using because as yet we have not been given a re-opening date by our landlords, Spencer Contact.

Our AGM this year occurs at a time when we hope we will soon be reopening our doors again after closing in March 2020 due to the Coronavirus pandemic. This will depend upon whether there are any further lockdowns during the autumn of this year.

The unofficial re-opening date will be Tuesday 5th October, but this will be mainly for volunteer maintenance crews to go in and health & safety check all machinery, clear work stations, clean up, and generally get everything into working order for our official return. We have been allowed one day per week for this, so it may be at least a month or two before we officially open, depending on how many volunteers go in, and upon our landlords, Spencer Contact, deciding when they deem it safe for us to return.

Since March 2020, some members have met together occasionally and Keith our secretary has edited and distributed a monthly Newsletter written by members and that has been greatly appreciated by many.

I would therefore like to thank Keith for this vital piece of work at such an important time. Keith has indicated his desire to stand down as secretary in the near future, however, he is keen to help whoever should fill this position. He has been a key mover in shaping the shed since we started out at Spencer Contact, and personally I have always been grateful for his sound advice on governance and technical issues in the Shed.

In the meantime, the trustees have continued their search for further premises. We registered an application with the UK Lottery Commission in June this year and this is to be followed through when suitable further premises have been found. We are now in discussion with the West Northamptonshire Council about the possibilities of occupying one of their vacant properties.

We have continued with sales of donated items during this last year of lockdowns, where possible, and this has brought in small but worthwhile amounts of income.

During these very uncertain times we have been fortunate in receiving an annual grant from the erstwhile Northampton Borough Council. This support has been greatly appreciated; though as we develop, new sources of revenue will need to be earned and found.

Whilst Hars, our Treasurer, will talk more about finances I would like to publicly thank the Trustees of Spencer Contact for the generous rebate on our rent during the pandemic.

During the period of Covid-19 restrictions, when we could not meet together in large numbers, our Shed Management Team organised garden visits to some of our more isolated members. Although no more than six people could be present at a time, these visits helped people tremendously, and became very popular, and in recent months had to be rationed!

While we have been unable to continue most of the activities of the Community Shed during the periods of lockdown, it has been possible in the periods between to go out and pick up donated tools, materials, and other items, and store and sort these in spare rooms or sheds our members have generously made available, and, where items were not needed by the Shed, sell them on the Internet. The Trustees would like to thank all of those members involved in this activity, which is already raising worthwhile funding at a time when everything else has had to lie dormant.

So far as individual homework is concerned, a quick look through back numbers of the Shed newsletter will show an interesting variety of projects made by members. Most members will be familiar with these. Any of these back numbers of the newsletter are available if required.

This work is only made possible due to our members, and the Shed exists for those members to provide a place and opportunity to carry out some workshop projects, but not only that; it is to provide a place where like minded colleagues can meet up, chat and build on friendships that they may have found here.

And here they will also find support and comradeship,

especially where they have recently lost close friends and partners, and I hope in some small way we can bring a smile back to their faces and share good memories.

As ever, we rely on the efforts of members to sustain and develop the Shed. None receive any payment. I want to thank the Team Members, Stewards, Trustees and other appointed members who work with the rest of us to keep the show on the road and grow the Shed's facilities and membership.

Philip Osborne
Chair of Northampton Community Sheds.

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We reserve at least 12 months rent at the current rate in order to provide continuity for our members.

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.

Section F


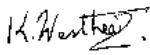
Other optional information

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)	Philip Osborne	Keith John Westhead, Secretary.
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	
Date	07/06/2022	

NORTHAMPTON COMMUNITY SHEDS

Registered Charity Number 1184438

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1st SEPTEMBER 2021

Receipts and Payments account		Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
		£	£	Total	Total
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Grant - Northampton Borough Council		-	-	-	6,625.00
Grant - West Northamptonshire Council		1,625.00	-	1,625.00	-
Local Giving		234.75	-	234.75	445.72
Donations		-	-	-	673.41
Member Subscriptions		-	-	-	1,310.27
Rent refunded for 2020		900.00	-	900.00	-
Total Receipts for the year		2,759.75	-	2,759.75	9,054.40
Payments					
Rent		720.00	-	720.00	5,040.00
Insurance		221.38	-	221.38	412.00
Telephones		128.88	-	128.88	131.20
Subscriptions		-	-	-	192.00
Website costs		75.00	-	75.00	98.98
Organised Trips		-	-	-	100.00
Moulton Allotments		14.00	-	14.00	-
Overpaid member subscription 2020		70.00	-	70.00	-
NBC funds - Leaflets		-	-	-	368.00
Total payments for the Year		1,229.26	-	1,229.26	6,342.18
Net Receipts / (Payments)		1,530.49	-	1,530.49	2,712.22
Cash funds at 01.09.20		21,059.40	-	21,059.40	18,347.18
Cash funds at 01.09.21		22,589.89	-	22,589.89	21,059.40

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There are no employees at present

During the year the trustees received no remuneration.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	Total £	Total £
Assets:				
Cash Funds				
Current Account	22,589.89	-	22,589.89	21,059.40
	22,589.89	-	22,589.89	21,059.40
Liabilities				
Professional Fees- L Scullion	(220.00)	-	(220.00)	-
	(220.00)	-	(220.00)	-

Charity Funds	Opening Balance 02.09.20	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Transfers	Closing Balance 01.09.21
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds					
General Reserve	14,052.40	1,134.75	(1,229.26)	-	13,957.89
Designated fund - New premises	7,007.00	1,625.00	-	-	8,632.00
	21,059.40	2,759.75	(1,229.26)	-	22,589.89

Approved by the trustees at a management meeting held on 7th September and signed on their behalf:



Philip Osbourne

Chair