



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

1st April to 31st December 2022

Charity Name: **Sheddington**

Principle address: **35 Fairfax Road, Teddington, TW11 9DJ**

Charity registered in England & Wales No: **1187049**

Report of Trustees

The Trustees present their report together with the financial statement of the charity for the 9 months ending 31st December 2022.

Objectives and Activities

The object of the charity is the preservation and protection of good health among people in Teddington and the surrounding area, including those who are retired, unemployed, bereaved, socially isolated or have health problems (physical or mental), through the provision of facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical, recreational or learning activities, including practical interests and hobbies, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, support each other socially and help with community based projects.

The charity furthers its charitable object of promoting wellbeing in the local community for the public benefit by providing making and mending activities with the opportunity to gather socially and learn new skills. We are a gender neutral voluntary organisation. We repair and refurbish broken equipment such as furniture, electrical appliances, tools and toys. Sheddington provides educational and training talks and offers support and friendship, especially for those struggling with mental health, e.g. due to life-changing events. Our activities can be wide-ranging according to the interest of members - they include on-site gardening and a walking group (Sheddington Shufflers).

Achievements and Performance

Our volunteers have continued to work hard on the refurbishment of our main premises (a dilapidated wooden hall) to the extent that we now have a completed social space and functioning workshops. The workshop capability comprises a large woodworking area, a clean room for the more delicate work such as electronics, and an engineering workshop for metal working. The refurbishment has been funded mainly through a generous grant from Richmond Council. Donations of equipment and additional grants from NHS England and Hampton Fund have also helped. There is further work underway to fully-equip the workshops, which is being done through 2023.



Main Workshop



With the workshops up and running we have been able to focus more on making and mending as an offer to the local community, and have repaired items such as chairs, tables, ornaments, electrical goods and garden items. This has been rewarding work. We should probably try to capture written feedback from some of our satisfied customers. The repair activities make a useful contribution to reducing waste in our local area (fewer trips to the waste and recycling centre) and always seem to bring pleasure to those who bring items in, especially when there is a sentimental value attached.



The Sheddington site

The community garden continues to be a great success and has produced good crops of fruit and vegetables. The harvest is shared and much enjoyed by those who visit Sheddington. A special rainwater capturing system with a very large holding capacity is being built by our volunteers, for eco-friendly watering. We also hope to install a greenhouse soon.

Community Hub: Sheddington continues to work with the Church (the site owners) and with other users (St. John's Ambulance, Scouts etc) in building a community hub. We have worked on various site improvements such as building a storage shed for St John and are pleased that we now have a successful bee hive on site.

Structure and Governance

Sheddington is governed by its constitution dated 9th September 2019 and was registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) on 19th December 2019. The charity is governed by 5 Trustees:

Dr Mark Aston – Chair (appointed as new chair in 2023)

Peter Brown – Secretary (appointed 20th January 2023)

Dr Chris Manning – Founder (previous Chair)

Dr Stephen Aras

Dr Hugh Klein (appointed 20th January 2023)

Trustees are selected based on the skills they can bring to the functioning of the charity, their availability and commitment and their locality to Sheddington.

We manage our operations through a Steering Committee comprising 4 Trustees and an additional 4 committee members including a treasurer. The Steering Committee meets monthly to direct day-to-day activities, and is responsible for the appointment of new committee members. The Trustees meet separately every 6 months, or more frequently if matters dictate, and are responsible for setting strategy, appointing Trustees, and have legal responsibility.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Sheddington has members who take part in or may lead activities. They join Sheddington by completing an application form, and are encouraged to make an annual donation (subscription) towards running costs.



Financial Overview

The charity was in a good financial position at the period end (note the period is only 9 months due to us changing our financial year to run from January in future). Our income included a restricted grant from Hampton Fund of £5,000 towards running costs. Total receipts of £7,005 in the 9 months were much lower than the 12 months to 31st March 2022, which included one off grants for the hall refurbishment (2021/22: £36,696). Total expenditure in the period was £18,446 (2021/22: £12,709) primarily spent on the hall refurbishment. The Receipts and Payments account below gives more information.

Total reserves at 31st December 2022 were £20,418 (previous period end March 2022 £31,859); these comprised restricted funds £11,532 remaining primarily for the hall refurbishment (March 2022: £21,929), and unrestricted funds of £8,886. Unrestricted reserves were similar to those at the end of the previous period (March 2022: £9,930). We aim to maintain at least £2,000 of unrestricted reserves to meet 3 months of running costs.

Look-ahead: Our 2023 budget plan suggests we require about £41k to complete the refurbishment/workshop build and meet increased running costs for the next period (January - December 2023). This has been addressed through the Hampton Fund grant (£5,000) and a successful 5-year duration National Lottery bid. This will help ensure the sustainability of Sheddington.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustee's report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees by:

Mark Aston
Chair

Date approved: 24th October 2023



Receipts & Payments account:

	9 months ended 31/12/2022			12 months to 31/03/22
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Grants	-	5,000	5,000	33,580
Donations	1,841	164	2,005	3,116
Total receipts	1,841	5,164	7,005	36,696
Rent and Utilities	1,677	389	2,066	1,094
Insurance	592	-	592	638
Hall Refurbishment	-	12,516	12,516	6,346
Kitchen Build	-	1,985	1,985	2,995
Materials for making and mending	265	41	306	62
Tools and Equipment	136	520	656	940
Gardening	-	-	-	249
Activities and Events	39	-	39	-
General costs	176	110	286	385
Total payments	2,885	15,561	18,446	12,709
Net (payments)/receipts for year	(1,044)	(10,397)	(11,441)	23,987
Cash funds at start of year	9,930	21,929	31,859	7,872
Cash funds at end of year	8,886	11,532	20,418	31,859

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

	At 31 st December 2022			At 31 st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Analysis of cash funds:				
Current account	8,665	11,532	20,197	31,394
PayPal	75		75	375
Cash	146		146	90
	8,886	11,532	20,418	31,859



**Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period
(continued)**

	At 31st December 2022			At 31st March 2022
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
Assets retained for the charity's own use:				
Workshops - amounts spent	-	4,572	4,572	4,572
Tools & equipment – insured value	7,700	2,300	10,000	2,065
	7,700	6,872	14,572	6,637
Liabilities:				
Trade creditors	30	660	690	177
Accruals	-	1,000	1,000	500
	30	1,660	1,690	677

Settlement of these liabilities will be included in the 2023 Receipts & Payments account.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Receipts & Payments account and Statement of Assets and Liabilities above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees by:

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Mark Aston
Chair

Date approved: 24th October 2023



Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Sheddington

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Sheddington ('the Charity') for the 9 months ended 31st December 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity 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 Charity'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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

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.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debby Metcalf".

Date: 25 October 2023

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