



Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements

1st January to 31st December 2024

Charity Name: **Sheddington**

Principal 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 year ending 31st December 2024.

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. Our motto is 'meeting, making and mending together'. 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

We have continued to make steady progress at our Shed. Our membership has increased as has the use of the social space. Members use the social space for talking and getting involved in our various activities at the Shed. Again, there have been various events to show off our members' baking skills, in particular, at harvest festival where the Shed's garden produce was used, and at Christmas time where our members' musical talents were proudly shown off.

The workshops have continued to be used for woodwork and metalwork, making benches, cycle shelters and bird boxes. The workshops are also used for repairing various household items that were no longer working. Although some items have been beyond repair it has been quite



Main Workshop

encouraging to see so many things restored to their former glory. These objects might well have been thrown away and put into landfill.

The community garden has been wonderful, with great crops of fruit and vegetables again. The harvest is shared and enjoyed by members, some of which has been used in catering for the social space. Our garden area has been increased, and it is encouraging to see members making use of this additional space. Water from The Shed's various buildings is used to water the gardens. Over the coming year we expect to acquire more water tanks to reduce our reliance on mains water.



Insect photo captured on our site

2024 saw the use of the grounds by James May for The Dull Men's Club TV series. We also had a visit from local MP, Munira Wilson, who has taken an interest in our activities. Both have shown their support by becoming Patrons of Sheddington.

Our Sheddington Shufflers group walks continued during the year. Peter Brown, one of our Trustees, leads these popular events.

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

Peter Brown – Secretary

Dr Stephen Aras

Dr Chris Manning – retired from position 01/07/24

Hugh Klein

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 the 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. All members undergo a safety induction, and there is control around the use of workshop equipment to minimise risk.



Financial Overview

The charity was in a good financial position at the end of 2024. Our income included a second year contribution of £23k from a 5 year National Lottery grant award. The income from membership increased as did making and mending donations. Total receipts in 2024 were £36,068 (2023: £33,560).

The total expenditure in the year was £19,299 (2023: £35,430). The major reason for the decrease in expenditure resulted from the completion of building and site works (£16,049) in 2023.

The Receipts and Payments account below gives further detail.

Total reserves at 31st December 2024 were £35,317 (2023 £18,548); this comprised unrestricted funds of £30,332 and restricted funds of £4,985. This underspend of restricted funds is to be carried over to 2025. The unrestricted reserves are higher than at the end of the previous period (December 2023: £18,870), which is due in part to an exceptional donation and recovery of earlier years' Gift Aid. We are aiming now to maintain at least £12,000 of unrestricted reserves to meet 12 months of running costs.

Look-ahead: The 5-year National Lottery funding is helping us to become fully established and sustainable. We have started to look at generating more funding organically/internally within the charity in case we find grant monies become less reliable as a source in the future. This is to help ensure the sustainability of Sheddington.

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

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Signed on behalf of the Charity's trustees by:

Mark Aston

Chair

Date approved: 29 August 2025



Receipts & Payments account:

| | 2024 | | | 2023 |
|---|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| Grants | - | 24,606 | 24,606 | 30,005 |
| Donations | 11,462 | - | 11,462 | 3,555 |
| Total receipts | 11,462 | 24,606 | 36,068 | 33,560 |
| Rent and Utilities | - | 5,728 | 5,728 | 5,317 |
| Insurance | - | 726 | 726 | 602 |
| Building and Site Works | - | 290 | 290 | 16,049 |
| Materials for making and mending | - | 742 | 742 | 206 |
| Tools and Equipment | - | 3,561 | 3,561 | 6,606 |
| Workshop consumables and materials | - | 3,043 | 3,043 | 1,096 |
| Gardening | - | 559 | 559 | 782 |
| Health Safety Security Environment | - | 2,610 | 2,610 | 1,267 |
| Kitchen, Social Space, and BBQ | - | 944 | 944 | 1,431 |
| Accountancy | - | 500 | 500 | 1,000 |
| Bank charges | - | 76 | 76 | - |
| General office & admin | - | 520 | 520 | 1,074 |
| Total payments | - | 19,299 | 19,299 | 35,430 |
| Net receipts/(payments) for year | 11,462 | 5,307 | 16,769 | (1,870) |
| Cash funds at start of year | 18,870 | (322) | 18,548 | 20,418 |
| Cash funds at end of year | 30,332 | 4,985 | 35,317 | 18,548 |

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period:

| | At 31st December 2024 | | | At 31st December 2023 |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds | Total funds |
| Analysis of cash funds: | | | | |
| Current accounts | 1,704 | - | 1,704 | 17,410 |
| Deposit account | 28,563 | 4,985 | 33,548 | - |
| PayPal | - | - | - | 884 |
| Cash | 65 | - | 65 | 254 |
| | 30,332 | 4,985 | 35,317 | 18,548 |



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

| | At 31st December 2024 | | | At 31st December 2023 |
|--|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|
| | 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 | 8,112 | 11,888 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| | 8,112 | 16,460 | 24,572 | 24,572 |
| Other monetary assets: | | | | |
| Gift Aid due | 533 | - | 533 | 560 |
| Other debtors | - | - | - | 3 |
| | 533 | - | 533 | 563 |
| Receipt of these amounts due will be included in the 2025 Receipts & Payments account. | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Trade creditors | - | 231 | 231 | 218 |
| Accruals | - | 577 | 577 | 716 |
| | - | 808 | 808 | 934 |

Settlement of these liabilities will be included in the 2025 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:

Mark Aston

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Chair

Date approved: 29 August 2025



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 year ended 31st December 2024.

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:

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Date: 8 September 2025

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