

# GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1188369

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2020-03-05

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEN AGED 18 OR OVER, WITHIN GROOMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, 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 REASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY.

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- East Sussex
- Kent

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-02-28	£7,597	£6,060	-	-
2024-02-29	£12,315	£8,463	-	-
2023-02-28	£26,823	£27,843	-	-
2022-02-28	£63,241	£62,157	-	-
2021-02-28	£24,783	£1,300	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
James Litchfield	Chair	2020-03-03
Peter George Lawne		2022-09-27
Ralph Lindeyer		2023-09-24
Richard James Bertram Hunt		2020-03-03

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# Accounts

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## Trustees Report AGM 2025

### Chair's Report

First, I would like to thank all those members that have helped in getting and keeping the Shed running, including all the trustees and members who have put so much time and effort into making a successful year.

It's been an eventful year, we had our pop up shop in November last year as normal and the takings were more than usual with about £1,200 being raised. We have made many bird boxes for Wild Groombridge, a local wildlife community project, and some for the scouts to put together.

We had a stall at the Groombridge May Fair which was very successful for fundraising, and we sold a lot of second hand tools, bird boxes and other wooden items that our members had made. These fund raising events, donations from members and non members and fundraising from producing wooden items by our members during the year helped us to cover the expenses of running the Shed.

Gerard Newman took the lead on making a coffee table for a local resident which I must say was absolutely fabulous. The new work bench has been made with the help of Dave Hankey again. This holds the circular saw and can be used to put the planer/thicknesser on.

We have been donated a lot of tools and the ones we do not need have been sent to Africa. We have made lots of items for the public.

We put the two soldiers and a wreath on the end of the shed for Armistice Day. There was a good turn out and it went down very well in the village. There were tea and cakes in the shed afterwards We also put the soldiers out for VE day and VJ day although not many people turned up, perhaps because it was not advertised. Next year, we shall have a banner.

We had a talk by Dr Matt James of Groombridge and Hartfield Surgery on HEART health which was held in the long room at the Junction Inn. All local residents were invited and we had about 30 turn up for what was a very good talk , there were a lot of interesting questions.

There was also another FIRST AID AT WORK session for members and some local people who were interested and all passed with flying colours. It was a bit scary when the trainer acted the part of several ailments which he did with great gusto, which was so life like that people walking around the recreation ground thought it was real!

So I think all in all it was a good eventfull year I do think we are on a very good path although there is always a lot more to do

Well done everyone and long may it last.







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## Trustee Report 2024

The Shed has continued to serve the local community by offering help to those who feel lonely and isolated. Residents of the community can come down to the shed for conversation and tea and, if they wish, engage in woodworking activities for which they will receive training, in both cases becoming members.

There is no membership fee for being a member and funds have to be raised from donations and selling items made by the members.

For Remembrance Day in 2023 we put the two soldiers and a wreath on the end of the shed and had a good assembly for the two minutes silence and we had tea and cakes in the shed afterwards. This was well attended by the village and gave us an opportunity to show what we have to offer and how we support those who are lonely and isolated.

In 2023 we ran a pop up shop, selling items made by the Members. This was very successful with about £1,600 being raised, more than the previous year.

The May Fair in Groombridge is always attended to publicise the Shed and what we offer and the support we give, as well as selling items made by the Members. However, this year the event was affected by the rain and visitor numbers were down on previous years.

We attended the Eridge Fair in 2024 and there was a lot of interest in what we do.


The Router bench has been made and the bench for the second wood lathe has been made and fitted. The new bench has a circular saw fitted in the end of it so that should be useful. The locks have been changed on the doors to make them more manageable

We have obtained a lot of tools by donation and the ones we did not want have been donated to organisations in Africa.

We have made lots of items for the public, including bird boxes for the Raptor Centre and Wild Groombridge.

A talk by Dr Matt James from the local surgery was organised on mental health and was open to members and local residents. This went well and there was a good turnout and was appreciated with many questions being asked.

We believe the Shed has developed well since opening and is looking forward to a successful 2025.

GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED		PERIOD TO:	29-Feb-24
<b>Year End Accounts Summary for GM</b>			<b>29-Feb-24</b>
<b>accounts to</b>			<b>29-Feb-24</b>
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and Donations		£5,335.75	
Grants (Restricted Funds)			£0.00
Donations			£5,335.75
Gift-Aid			£0.00
Other			£0.00
Membership		£0.00	
Fees			£0.00
Other			£0.00
Fundraising		£6,020.22	
Pop-Up Shop			£2,212.05
Sales of made products			£3,258.17
First Aid Contributions			£550.00
Miscellaneous		£958.94	
Misc and one off items			£670.19
Interest Received			£288.75
<b>Total for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£12,314.91</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Facility Costs of Shed		£1,645.90	
Insurance			£563.74
Buildings repair			£0.00
Services to buildings			£0.00
Water & sewage			£89.39
Electricity			£844.26
Buildings additions			£0.00
Enhancements to area			£87.29
Other			£61.22
Shed Activity Costs		£5,334.29	
Tools and Equipment			£2,836.51
Maintenance			£1,209.99
Work Benches etc			£656.80
First Aid Training, PPE, H&S			£529.00
Miscellaneous			£101.99
Fundraising-related Costs		£1,373.07	
Purchases of Wood			£981.13
Purchases of parts			£391.94
Other			£109.88
<b>Total</b>			<b>£8,463.14</b>
<b>Surplus or -Deficit for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£3,851.77</b>
Net Worth		01/03/2023	£23,545.81
<b>Net Worth</b>		<b>29/02/2024</b>	<b>£27,397.58</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Bank Current Accounts			£6,108.83
Bank Deposit Account			£11,124.31
Bank Repair and Renewals Account.			£10,164.44
<b>Total Funds = Net Worth CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£27,397.58</b>
Of Which: General / Current Reserve			£17,233.14
Repair & Renewals Reserve			£10,164.44
<b>Total Reserves = Net Worth CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£27,397.58</b>
<b>Independent Examination of the Accounts</b>			
I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended <b>29/02/2024</b> .			
<b>As the charity's trustees</b> , 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.			
<b>Independent examiner's statement:</b> I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: (i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or (ii) the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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.			
			
		as at:	20 March 2024
<b>Warren Rainforth FCMA, CGMA</b>		Signed & dated:	
Hendal View, Withyham Road, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9QT. 01892-8624741, 07763-635272			

## GROOMBRIDGE MENS SHED - MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Results to: **29-Feb-24**

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE				
<b>Income</b>				
<b>Grants and Donations</b>	Grants (Restricted Funds)	£0.00		
	Donations	£5,335.75		
	Gift-Aid	£0.00		
	Other	£0.00	<b>£5,335.75</b>	
<b>Membership</b>	Fees	£0.00		
	Other	£0.00	<b>£0.00</b>	
<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Pop-Up Shop</b>	£2,212.05		
	<b>Sales of made products</b>	£3,258.17		
	<b>Fundraising-related Costs</b>			
	Purchases of Wood	(£981.13)		
	Purchases of parts	(£391.94)		
	Other	(£109.88)		
	<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>(£1,482.95)</b>		
	<b>Net Margin from Sales</b>	£1,775.22		
	<b>First Aid Contributions</b>	£550.00		
	<b>Total Fundraising</b>		<b>£4,537.27</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	Misc and one off tems	£670.19		
	Interest Received	£288.75	<b>£958.94</b>	
<b>Total Net Income</b>			<b>£10,831.96</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Facility Costs of</b>	Insurance	(£563.74)		
	Buildings repair	£0.00		
	Services to buildings	£0.00		
	Water & sewage	(£89.39)		
	Electricity	(£844.26)		
	Buildings additions	£0.00		
	Enhancements to area	(£87.29)		
	Other	(£61.22)	<b>(£1,645.90)</b>	
	<b>Shed Activity Costs</b>	Tools and Equipment	(£2,836.51)	
		Maintenance	(£1,209.99)	
Work Benches etc		(£656.80)		
First Aid Training, PPE, H&S		(£529.00)		
Miscellaneous		(£101.99)	<b>(£5,334.29)</b>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>			<b>(£6,980.19)</b>	
<b>Surplus or -Deficit</b>			<b>£3,851.77</b>	
<b>FUNDS</b>				
		<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
	Bank Current Accounts	£23,545.81	£6,108.83	
	Bank Deposit Account	£0.00	£11,124.31	
	Bank Repair and Renewals Account	£0.00	£10,164.44	
	<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>£23,545.81</b>	<b>£27,397.58</b>	
	Movement in Funds		£3,851.77	
<b>RESERVES</b>				
		<b>Opening</b>	<b>Closing</b>	
	General / Current Reserve	£23,545.81	£17,233.14	
	Repair & Renewals Reserve	£0.00	£10,164.44	
	<b>Total Reserves</b>	<b>£23,545.81</b>	<b>£27,397.58</b>	

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# Accounts

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## Chair's Report AGM 2023 25/09/2023

### 1) Chair's Report

This year has been successful in terms of completing the shed and enabling us to open to the public on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2022. I would like to thank all those members that have helped in getting the shed completed, thank you.

We were successful in raising grants and donations to finance the work necessary to complete the shed and with much of the work, particularly in terms of fitting out, done by our volunteers.

It has been an eventful year, since opening the shed we have been busy. Some of the jobs include

We have attracted volunteers to help out the shed and training courses have been offered  
We do not charge a fee for being a member and have attracted members from all walks of life, including those who are lonely and isolated.

Benches made and fitted.

The tool racks made and fitted.

The up and over doors have been fitted which gives us much more security

The container has been purchased and fitted for storage .

Another first aid course has been carried out and that gives us a good number of first aiders

We have obtained suitable tools to operate the shed

We have made lots of items for the public

We have made lots of bird boxes for the raptor centre and the village bird people

We had a May Fair and popup shop both of which went well


I do think we are on a very good path but there is always a lot more to do

Well done everyone and long may it last


Jim Litchfield

Chair.

**Groombridge Mens Shed - Summary**

<b>GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED</b>		<b>PERIOD TO:</b>	<b>28-Feb-23</b>
<b>Year End Accounts Summary for GM</b>		<b>28-Feb-23</b>	
<b>accounts to 23 February 2023</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and Donations		£24,109.60	
Grants (Restricted Funds)			£20,000.00
Donations			£3,703.66
Gift-Aid			£405.94
Fundraising		£2,700.19	
Pop-Up Shop			£1,261.00
Miscellaneous Sales			£1,439.19
Membership		£0.00	
Fees			£0.00
Miscellaneous		£12.85	
Misc A			£12.85
<b>Total for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£26,822.64</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Build & Construction		£24,193.52	
Buildings			£12,424.11
Services			£7,427.11
Tools and Equipment			£4,342.30
Running Costs		£2,356.99	
Energy & Water			£143.91
Council Tax & Rent			£0.00
Tools and Equipment			£981.17
Maintenance			£178.97
Other			£504.00
Other inc. costs for 'Events'			£548.94
Permissions & Admin		£1,294.41	
Legal & Insurance			£1,220.11
Misc Admin			£74.30
VAT		£0.00	
<b>Total</b>			<b>£27,844.92</b>
<b>Surplus or -Deficit for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>(£1,022.28)</b>
Net Worth	01/03/2022		£24,568.09
<b>Net Worth</b>	<b>28/02/2023</b>		<b>£23,545.81</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Cash in Hand			£0.00
Bank - Current Account			£19,795.81
Bank - Sinking Fund Account			£3,750.00
Bank - Restricted Grants Account			£0.00
<b>Total Funds = Net Worth CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£23,545.81</b>
Of Which Restricted and Unrestricted Funds are:		<b>£0.00</b>	<b>£19,795.81</b>
<b>Note:</b> A dedicated bank account for restricted Grants is Pending			
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Hendal View, Withyham Road, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9QT. 07763-635272; 01892-8624741		Signed & dated:	11-Jul-23

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<b>Represented By:</b>			
Cash in Hand			£0.00
Bank - Current Account			£19,795.81
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# Accounts

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Chairman  
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## **GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED**

**Charity no 1188369**

The Committee has been working hard over the last 2 years, trying to get the project off the ground. We managed to get, in principle to link to the village hall for Services, and in Principle to build on the piece of land next to the car park from the Parish Council.

Zara Broomfield offered to design a shed that would look pleasing to the location free of charge, of which I think all who have seen all the pictures of the shed at several meetings and events are pleased with the look. No adverse comments so all good

We managed to get a permission from the Parish Council in the end, and then had to get planning permission from Wealden District Council, .then it had to go for permission from the Rosemary Newton Trust who are the owners of the site which is rented to the parish council. But at that time Covid was prevalent, which slowed things down , but permission was granted in the end.

Then of course, we had to get the Lease, not only from the Parish Council, but also the RNT, which took some time with all the legal side done. We then had to approach the Village Hall Committee to get proper permission to link into their services, which took a little time to sort out. If it had not been for Chris

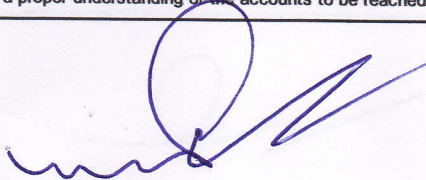
Scrine working on the lease, and Richard Thirkell's input, and work on the hall agreement, we would still be in trouble.

While this was going on, the fundraising continued at pace, we had a Pop-up Shop. Which raised £1250.00 selling items we had made or refurbished. Also we had Crowd Funding Page on our Website which raised £1800. Also Richard Hunt was doing his work, writing to all the charities he could find that might contribute to our cause.

So from nothing or just an idea we have gained a lot of support in the village. To which we posted notices around the village expressing our gratitude for the support and money given to us.

So this year we have started the build.

**Jim Litchfield Chairman**

GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED		YEAR TO:	28-Feb-22
<b>Year End Accounts Summary for GM</b>			<b>28-Feb-22</b>
accounts to 28th February 2022			
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and Donations		£60,268.84	
Grants (Restricted Funds)			£33,000.00
Donations			£25,518.66
Gift-Aid			£1,750.18
Other			£0.00
Fundraising		£1,255.00	
Pop-Up Shop			£750.00
Miscellaneous Sales			£505.00
Event type C			£0.00
Membership		£0.00	
Fees			£0.00
Other			£0.00
Miscellaneous		£1,717.90	
Misc A			£1,588.00
Misc B			£129.90
<b>Total for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£63,241.74</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Build & Construction		£57,625.28	
Groundworks			£420.00
Buildings			£50,673.59
Services			£6,531.69
Fitting Out: VAT-reclaimable Excl. VAT (>Col S)			£0.00
Fitting Out non-VAT reclaimable			£0.00
Running Costs		£153.66	
Energy & Water			£0.00
Council Tax & Rent			£0.00
Tools and Equipment			£0.00
Maintenance			£0.00
Other inc. costs for 'Events'			£153.66
Permissions & Admin		£4,378.33	
Planning, Building Control			£1,080.00
Legal & Insurance			£3,089.87
Misc Admin			£208.46
VAT		£0.00	
Reclaimable On Qualifying Purchases (Col H)			£0.00
Reclaimed VAT (= negative expense)			£0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£62,157.27</b>
<b>Surplus or -Deficit for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£1,084.47</b>
Net Worth	01/03/2021		£23,483.62
Net Worth	28/02/2022		£24,568.09
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Cash in Hand			£0.00
Bank - Current Account			£24,568.09
Bank - Restricted Grants Account			£0.00
<b>Total Funds = Net Worth CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£24,568.09</b>
Of Which Restricted and Unrestricted Funds are:		<b>£6,052.00</b>	<b>£18,516.09</b>
<b>Independent Examination of the Accounts</b>			
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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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect: (i) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or (ii) the accounts do not accord with the accounting 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.			
		as at:	28-Feb-22
Warren Rainforth FCMA, CGMA		Signed & dated:	14-Aug-22
Hendal View, Withyham Road, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9QT. 01892-8624741			

GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED		YEAR TO:	28-Feb-22
<b>Year End Accounts Summary for GM</b>			<b>28-Feb-22</b>
accounts to 28th February 2022			
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and Donations		£60,268.84	
Grants (Restricted Funds)			£33,000.00
Donations			£25,518.66
Gift-Aid			£1,750.18
Other			£0.00
Fundraising		£1,255.00	
Pop-Up Shop			£750.00
Miscellaneous Sales			£505.00
Event type C			£0.00
Membership		£0.00	
Fees			£0.00
Other			£0.00
Miscellaneous		£1,717.90	
Misc A			£1,588.00
Misc B			£129.90
<b>Total for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£63,241.74</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Build & Construction		£57,625.28	
Groundworks			£420.00
Buildings			£50,673.59
Services			£6,531.69
Fitting Out: VAT-reclaimable Excl. VAT (>Col S)			£0.00
Fitting Out non-VAT reclaimable			£0.00
Running Costs		£153.66	
Energy & Water			£0.00
Council Tax & Rent			£0.00
Tools and Equipment			£0.00
Maintenance			£0.00
Other inc. costs for 'Events'			£153.66
Permissions & Admin		£4,378.33	
Planning, Building Control			£1,080.00
Legal & Insurance			£3,089.87
Misc Admin			£208.46
VAT		£0.00	
Reclaimable On Qualifying Purchases (Col H)			£0.00
Reclaimed VAT (= negative expense)			£0.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>£62,157.27</b>
<b>Surplus or -Deficit for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£1,084.47</b>
Net Worth	01/03/2021		£23,483.62
Net Worth	28/02/2022		£24,568.09
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Cash in Hand			£0.00
Bank - Current Account			£24,568.09
Bank - Restricted Grants Account			£0.00
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Hendal View, Withyham Road, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 9QT. 01892-8624741			Signed & dated: 14-Aug-22

**GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED**

England & Wales - Charity number 1188369

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	19	May	2019		28	February	2021

## Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Groombridge Men's Shed

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

1188369

Charity's principal address

Silvermere, Withyham Road, Groombridge,

Tunbridge Wells

Postcode TN3 9QP

### 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	James Litchfield	Chair	Whole year	Initial Trustee, re elected at AGM
2	Christopher Scrine	Trustee	Whole year	Initial Trustee, re-elected at AGM
3	Richard Thirkell	Trustee	Resigned 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	Initial trustee resigned
4	Richard Hunt	Trustee	Whole year	Appointed by Trustees and election confirmed at the AGM
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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 <i>(eg. trust deed, constitution)</i>	constitution
How the charity is constituted <i>(eg. trust, association, company)</i>	Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Trustee selection methods <i>(eg. appointed by, elected by)</i>	Trustees may be appointed by the Trustees for election at the following AGM. The members attending the AGM may elect or re elect 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.

<p>There are policies and procedures covering</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>risk analysis</li> <li>safeguarding</li> <li>conflicting interests</li> <li>financial controls</li> </ol> <p>The charity has 8 volunteers of whom 3 are Trustees and 5 are volunteers</p> <p>The charity is a member of the UK Men's Shed umbrella organisation</p> <p>The Charity has a Risk Management procedure</p>
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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 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEN AGED 18 OR OVER, WITHIN GROOMBRIDGE AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.

This is the charity's first year and the emphasis has been on securing permissions and fund raising to pay for the construction of the shed. The public benefit of the charity will be achieved once the shed is completed and open to the public.

Nevertheless, during the year, the charity has undertaken activities within their objects for the public benefit.

This has included making a water play frame for the Groombridge Pre-School.

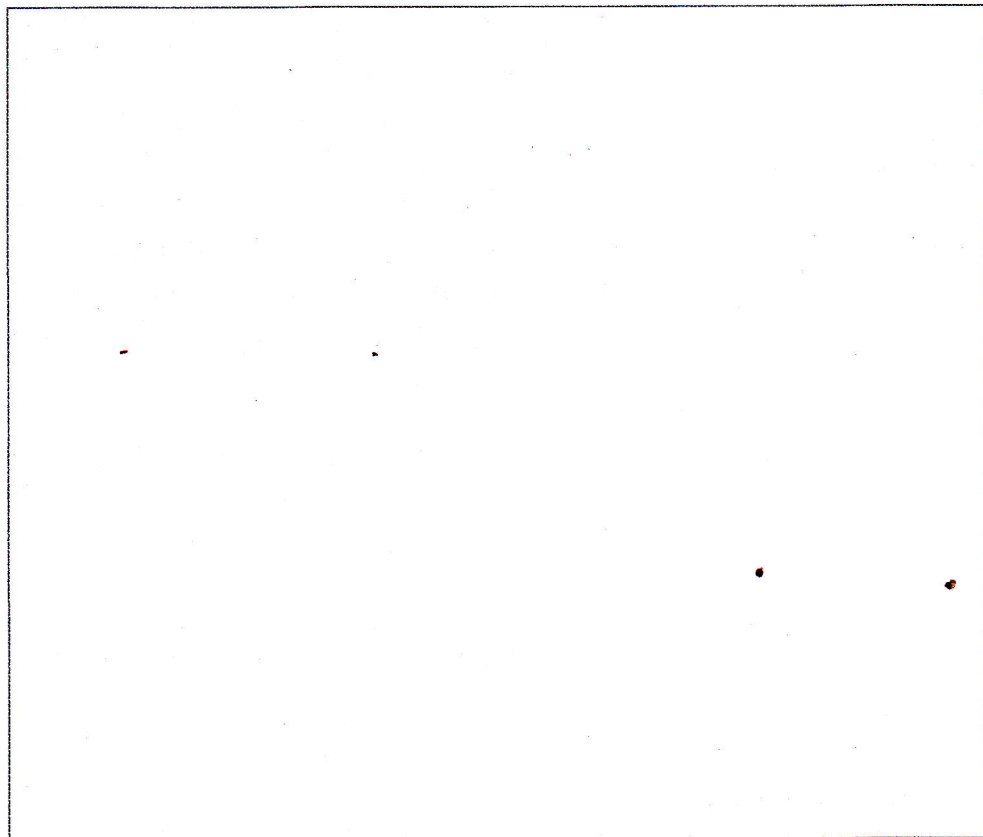
The charity has also offered a service to repair garden tools and there has been a steady request for these from the residents in Groombridge.

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)

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

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### Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The priority for the year was to put the steps in place to enable the shed to be built.

Progress was slower than hoped due to the Covid restrictions, but the achievements were:

- a) permission from Wealden Parish Council to build the shed on their land, which was formalised into a lease.
- b) Agreement with the adjacent village hall to be able to link into their services for utilities
- c) Planning permission obtained from Wealden District Council
- d) Obtained free architectural advice on the design of the shed
- e) Raised funds totalling £24,783 by grants and donations.

## Section E Financial review

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

The charity was set up on 3<sup>rd</sup> March and has spent it's first year acquiring permissions and land to build the shed on, and fundraising. Once the shed is complete and open to the public, a reserve policy will be developed.

**Details of any funds materially in deficit**

The charity is solvent, and the policy is not to enter into commitments unless there are funds available in the bank to do this.

### 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.

The charities funding during the year was £24,783, of which £7,000 was from restricted grants and the balance from donations and pop up shop sales. These funds are to support the building of the Groombridge Men's Shed.

Funds have been spent mainly on applying for planning permission for the shed to be built. Construction of the shed is a prerequisite for the charity to meet its key objectives

The charity did not investment any funds.

## 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)	<i>James Litchfield</i>
Full name(s)	JAMES LITCHFIELD
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman
Date	24-11-21

GROOMBRIDGE MEN'S SHED		PERIOD TO:	28-Feb-21
<b>Year End Accounts Summary</b>			28-Feb-21
<b>Income</b>			
Grants and Donations		£23,183.96	
	Grants (Restricted Funds)		£7,000.00
	Donations		£16,183.96
	Gift-Aid		£0.00
	Other		£0.00
Fundraising		£1,599.13	
	Pop-Up Shop		£1,495.74
	Miscellaneous Sales		£103.39
<b>Total for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£24,783.09</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
Build & Construction		£0.00	
Running Costs		£142.76	
	Council Tax & Rent		£0.00
	Tools and Equipment		£92.76
	Other inc. costs for 'Events'		£50.00
Permissions & Admin		£1,156.71	
	Planning, Building Control		£562.00
	Legal & Insurance		£415.80
	Misc Admin		£178.91
<b>Total</b>			<b>£1,299.47</b>
<b>Surplus or -Deficit for CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£23,483.62</b>
Net Worth		24-May-19	£0.00
<b>Net Worth</b>		28-Feb-21	<b>£23,483.62</b>
<b>Represented By:</b>			
Cash in Hand			£78.56
Bank - Current Account			£23,405.06
<b>Total Funds = Net Worth CURRENT YEAR</b>			<b>£23,483.62</b>
Of Which Restricted Funds are:		£7,000.00	

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as at:  
Signed & dated:

28-Feb-21  
08-May-21