

LETCHWORTH MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1188445

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-03-10

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE THE PRESERVATION AND PROTECTION OF (PRIMARILY) MEN'S GOOD HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN LETCHWORTH AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY FIGHTING SOCIAL ISOLATION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE WHO ARE RETIRED, UNEMPLOYED OR HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS, THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR HOBBIES, RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATIONS INCLUDING PRACTICAL INTERESTS, SKILLS SHARING, THE ACQUIRING OF NEW SKILLS, AND HELPING WITH OTHER COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS AND COMMUNITY BASED PROJECTS

Activities: Letchworth Men in Sheds is a member of the UK Mens Shed Association. Our group operates in Letchworth and local area to provide a community workshop and meeting space to fight social isolation of those who are retired, unemployed or have health problems. A place for hobbies with emphasis on acquiring and sharing skills and supporting other community projects with practical help.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies

Geography

- Hertfordshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£9,044	£6,915	-	-
2024-12-31	£3,638	£3,319	-	-
2023-12-31	£934	£7,805	-	-
2022-12-31	£10,321	£1,127	-	-
2021-12-31	£312	£97	-	-
2020-10-30	£252	£116	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Peter Hill	Chair	2020-02-05
John Christopher Lee		2023-07-21
Neill Withington		2020-03-04
Nicola Ann Withington		2024-04-19

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2025 Period start date to 31/12/2025

Period end date

Charity name: Letchworth Men in Sheds

Charity registration number: 1188445

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Men in Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. Our Letchworth Shed aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for primarily older and often retired men by developing that sense of personal identity, and purpose and restoring the camaraderie which is so often lost after retirement.
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	<p>We have been in current Men's Shed location for over 3 years now.</p> <p>We have undertaken community projects outside of our Farm location, both as sources of income from donations and for the community good.</p> <p>These include the making a play mud kitchen for a local pre-school, a donation food bank for a local primary school and refurbishment of local bowls club benches.</p> <p>A significant community project was taking on the refurbishment of a community garden in the centre of the town, providing new raised beds and construction of a signature gazebo. All these works supported and carried out entirely by our members as volunteers.</p> <p>For the second year, we have constructed a huge number of made-to-order Swift bird boxes for a nearby residential Swift action group. Our tally is now well over 80 boxes.</p> <p>The sharing of our workshop space on a specific weekday with a local professional woodturning group continues. In return for using our space the group offers expert woodturning and safety training that continues to benefit all our members. Skills learnt continue to give purpose and supported wellbeing.</p> <p>These activities support our aim to reduce loneliness and isolation by providing a place to meet up with and engage with others whilst focusing on common purposes.</p>

<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>We began this 2025 year with four trustees and have maintained the same number throughout 2025. The minimum number of trustees required by our constitution is three.</p> <p>Our trustees are also members and participate in our daily activities as well as managing our engagement with the wider community and finding ways to promote recognition in the community. This year we showcased our community credentials in being runners up in the Mens Sheds Community Project award for our engagement in Letchworth with the Heritage Foundation.</p>
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
<p>Policy on grant making</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Policy on social investment including program related investment</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Contribution made by volunteers</p>	<p>Para 1.38</p>	
<p>Other</p>		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>Our membership continues to grow, with many who have been meeting with us for more than 3 years and in some cases, 4 and more years.</p> <p>Currently we have around 35 members and continue to attract interest. Our membership now includes 2 women who have undertaken skills training and take part in many of our projects.</p> <p>We continue to provide a safe space for mainly retired men to join us for camaraderie and companionship.</p> <p>We hold regular Tuesday and Friday Men's Shed sessions as well as a Thursday specific wood turning session that are well attended.</p> <p>Through 2025 we have been quite successful in raising our own funds through the making of seasonal items to offer for donations as well as offering items through events like a local Steam and Country Show and Christmas Fair.</p> <p>The regular sessions we hold and workshop activities we undertake substantially meet our charity objectives of fighting social isolation and loneliness, as well as bringing people together in common purpose.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We continue to be self-sufficient, not opting to apply for grants.</p> <p>Our funds remain stable at around £5k by the donations we have received from making items mostly to order.</p> <p>We continue to replace old and donated machinery with new and safer models as needed.</p> <p>Donations for items made include our cost for materials used.</p> <p>We request an annual subscription from all members of £12 to cover ancillaries. This money is entirely spent in the Shed on our own activities.</p> <p>We do not employ or pay any person.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a policy for holding reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash currently in our community bank account is £5122
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	We don't have any current uncertainties about our charity continuing as a going concern.

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>Our principal sources of funding are donations from items we make that include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swift boxes made to order for Hitchin Swift Action Wooden Planters made from reclaimed pallets going to local schools and private commissions. Wooden items including turned hardwood designs and seasonal Items presented at an annual Christmas Market. Donations accepted in return for repairing community assets <p>Note, our voluntary work, e.g. refurbishing of the community garden & gazebo building does not provide any funds for us. Only the cost of materials is refunded to us.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>As said in previous reports, space is our main and constant issue.</p> <p>We have increased membership over 2025 but will be stopping new members in 2026 as,</p>

		<p>during the cold months (especially), we don't have enough space to meet AND carry out any activities.</p> <p>We don't have a solution to this problem as we occupy our current premises in a restricted area of a working farm & visitor attraction that won't let us expand.</p>
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution

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	Letchworth Men in Sheds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188445
Charity's principal address	c/o 1, Milestone Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG2 9RR

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	Peter Hill	chair		The membership
2	Neill Withington	treasurer		The membership
3	Chris Lee	membership		The membership
4	Nicola Withington	none		The membership
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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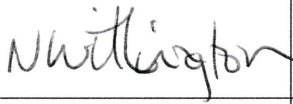

Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed by a majority of the charity's trustees

Signatures			
Full Names	Peter Michael Hill	Neill Withington	John Christopher Lee
Position	Chair	Treasurer	Membership
Date	15/5/26	20/5/26	15/5/26



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2025		31/12/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	478.80	0.00	478.80	390
Donations	489.01	0.00	489.01	306
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	996
Sales / event income	7,108.89	0.00	7,108.89	1,820
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Other	967.27	0.00	967.27	59
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	9,043.97	0.00	9,043.97	3,571
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.08
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	68.08
Total receipts	9,043.97	0.00	9,043.97	3,638.88
Payments				
Shed premises costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	78.21
Insurance	528.55	0.00	528.55	528.56
Materials & consumables	3,002.52	0.00	3,002.52	505.81
Small tools (<£25)	240.32	0.00	240.32	497.47
Repairs and renewals	70.89	0.00	70.89	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning	687.48	0.00	687.48	0.00
Admin/Office costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	169.99
Subscriptions	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.39
Sundry	251.94	0.00	251.94	0.00
Other	1,715.00	0.00	1,715.00	169.60
Sub total	6,496.70	0.00	6,496.70	1,970.03
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	418.53	0.00	418.53	0.00
Workshop machines	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,349.70
Sub total	418.53	0.00	418.53	1,349.70
Total payments	6,915.23	0.00	6,915.23	3,319.73
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,128.74	0.00	2,128.74	319.15
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
Cash funds last year end	2,994.21	0.00	2,994.21	2,675.06
Cash funds this year end	5,122.95	0.00	5,122.95	2,994.21

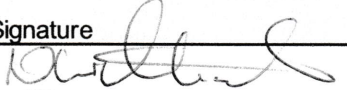

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				

Coop account	5,062.95	0.00	5,062.95	2,984.21
Barclays account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	60.00		60.00	10.00
Total cash funds	5,122.95	0.00	5,122.95	2,994.21
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale			0.00	
Debtors			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Investment assets				
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings	2,330.00		2,330.00	
Large items of machinery	2,582.88		2,582.88	
Power tools	1,283.49		1,283.49	
Hand tools	100.00		100.00	
Other assets	519.00		519.00	
			6,815.37	0.00
Liabilities				
Trade creditors			0.00	
Accrued expenses			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name
 No. WORTHINGTON
 PETER HILL

Date of approval
 09/2/26
 9/2/26

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Objectives and Activities

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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	<p>We have been in our Men's Shed workshop now for more than two years, successfully making our premises habitable, moving in donated machinery and purchasing new as needed with the support of community groups and successful grant applications.</p> <p>We take on many routine jobs in our visitor Farm location en-lieu of rent and electricity payments and according to our license to occupy contract. In one or two cases – particularly supporting the farms new October Pumpkin Event – these have been quite challenging and required a great deal of engagement and co-operation from all our members over a sustained period. Everyone benefitted and shared a sense of purpose.</p> <p>We have undertaken community projects outside of our Farm location, both as sources of income and for the community good. These include making a play mud kitchen for a local pre-school, a donation food bank for a local primary school, refurbishment of the local bowls club benches and a significant number of made-to-order Swift bird boxes for a nearby residential action group. Towards the end of 2024 we undertook to refurbish a local community garden space – a sizable project that will run well into 2025.</p> <p>Also in 2024 we entered into a co-operative arrangement with an experience and dedicated wood turning group whereby they will use our facilities on an unused day in return for tutoring any of our members in safe lathe wood turning. This has proved very popular for novices to</p>

		<p>achieve a high standard of proficiency. The skills learnt have given purpose and supported wellbeing.</p> <p>These activities support our aim to reduce loneliness and isolation by providing a place to meet up with and engage with others whilst focusing on common purposes.</p>
<p>Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit</p>	<p>Para 1.18</p>	<p>We began this 2024 year with three trustees. At our AGM in March we voted in a fourth member and trustee in order to ensure continuity beyond the minimum of three as required by our constitution.</p> <p>We continue to operate in our charities best interests and manage its resources with care and to the best of our ability.</p>

Additional information (optional)

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<p>Other</p>		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<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>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our membership continues to grow, with many who have been meeting with us for more than 3 years and in some cases, 4 and more years.</p> <p>Currently we have around 35 members and continue to attract interest from mainly retired men who are keen to join us for camaraderie and to be involved in something that gives purpose and gives back to the community.</p> <p>We hold regular Tuesday and Friday Men's Shed sessions as well as a Thursday specific wood turning session that are well attended by many members.</p> <p>Grants that we obtained in 2022 continued to be spent through 2024 on essentials.</p> <p>Through 2024 we have been quite successful in raising our own funds through the sale of items made, commission taken and two rather successful main events – a Steam and Country Show and Christmas Fair. These were both entirely supported and managed by our own volunteer members</p> <p>The regular sessions we hold and workshop activities we undertake substantially meet our charity objectives of fighting social isolation and loneliness, as well as bringing people together in common purpose.</p> <p>This year, for the first time, we entered an event organised by the UK Men is Sheds Association to be Shed of the Year in the Partnership category. In this, we named the Letchworth Garden Heritage Foundation as our partner. We were pleased to have the support of the Heritage Foundation and were proud to achieve a runner up award and visit to the Houses of Parliament to receive the award. Following on, we successfully held an event to celebrate our success for members, partners, Heritage partners and local councillors.</p>

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<p>Achievements against objectives set</p>	<p>Para 1.41</p>	
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We did receive a two grants in 2024. One from the North Herts Community Forum towards essential safety equipment / small workshop tools and another from Hertfordshire County Council towards First Aid training.</p> <p>We have continued to spend residual grants from the Co-op and Hertfordshire Community Foundation towards essential equipment and ancillaries.</p> <p>At the beginning of 2024 our funds were £2,638 and at the end of 2024 our funds were £2,984, which includes member subscriptions, donations from individuals as well as donations made to us by way of items made to order.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a policy for holding reserves. We have underspent on grants received
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash currently in our community bank account is £2675
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	<p>We occupy our premises by way of an agreement called a License to Occupy (LTO) from the owner of the Farm in which we reside. The owner is The Letchworth Garden Heritage Foundation. We know that they have been working on a revised LTO since November 2023. We do not know yet if the terms of our occupation will change. We had uncertainty in 2023 and this continued through 2024, despite our requests for clarity.</p> <p>We do have a very good relationship with our immediate contacts both on the Farm and in the ownership umbrella of the Letchworth Garden Heritage Foundation. We expect these good</p>

		relations stand us in good stead as regards our occupation of premises on the Farm.
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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	Our principal sources of funding have been two small grants from Hertfordshire County, though more significant has our own fundraising been with events in the summer and Christmas.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We began 2023 with a minimum three trustees and gained a fourth during the year. The untimely death of one trustee leaves us again with a minimum. We will look to take on another trustee from the membership. Space to operate our workshop is at a premium. We have approached the owners of the farm but have not been successful in acquiring more space. We will look to open more sessions on other days of the week to spread the member load.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution

Additional information (optional)

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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		


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Postcode	SG2 9RR

Declarations

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

Signed by a majority of the charity's trustees

Signatures			
Full Names	Peter Michael Hill	Neill Withington	John Christopher Lee
Position	Chair	Treasurer	Membership
Date	21/3/25	21/3/25	8/4/25



Member

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	389.80	0.00	389.80	216
Donations	306.37	0.00	306.37	169
Grants	0.00	996.00	996.00	0
Sales / event income	1,819.63	0.00	1,819.63	460
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Other	59.00	0.00	59.00	10
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	2,574.80	996.00	3,570.80	855
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	68.08	0.00	68.08	80.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	68.08	0.00	68.08	80.00
Total receipts	2,642.88	996.00	3,638.88	934.79
Payments				
Shed premises costs	78.21	0.00	78.21	3,028.92
Insurance	528.56	0.00	528.56	441.60
Materials & consumables	505.81	0.00	505.81	1,112.91
Small tools (<£25)	497.47	0.00	497.47	581.32
Repairs and renewals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	446.24
Admin/Office costs	169.99	0.00	169.99	10.00
Subscriptions	20.39	0.00	20.39	19.19
Sundry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	169.60	0.00	169.60	0.00
Sub total	1,970.03	0.00	1,970.03	5,640.18
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshop machines	1,349.70	0.00	1,349.70	2,164.92
Sub total	1,349.70	0.00	1,349.70	2,164.92
Total payments	3,319.73	0.00	3,319.73	7,805.10
Net of receipts/(payments)	-676.85	996.00	319.15	-6,870.31
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
Cash funds last year end	2,675.06	0.00	2,675.06	9,545.37
Cash funds this year end	1,998.21	996.00	2,994.21	2,675.06

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Coop account	1,988.21	996.00	2,984.21	2,638.56
Barclays account	0.00	0.00	0.00	26.50

Cash

10.00

10.00

10.00

Total cash funds

1,998.21

996.00

2,994.21

2,675.06

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

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OK

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OK

Other monetary assets

Stocks/goods for sale

0.00

Debtors

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

0.00

Investment assets

0.00

0.00

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Assets retained for the Shed's own use

Buildings

2,330.00

2,330.00

Large items of machinery

2,582.88

2,582.88

Power tools

864.96

864.96

Hand tools

100.00

100.00

Other assets

519.00

519.00

6,396.84

0.00

Liabilities

Trade creditors

0.00

Accrued expenses

0.00

0.00

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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

N. WITTINGTON
P. HILL

Date of approval

21/3/25
21/3/25

LETCHWORTH MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1188445

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/01/2023 Period start date To 31/12/2023

Period end date

Charity name: Letchworth Men in Sheds

Charity registration number: 1188445

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Men in Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. Our Letchworth Shed aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for primarily older and often retired men by developing that sense of personal identity, and purpose and restoring the camaraderie which is so often lost after retirement.
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	<p>In 2022 we moved into and began repairing our premises at Standalone Farm, Letchworth, 2023 has been about making these premises habitable, safe and functional with members taking on various voluntary jobs for our own benefit that has included building work benches, shelving, installing roof insulation, opening a new doorway, constructing a specialist lathe bench for woodturning tuition. These activities support our aim to reduce loneliness and isolation by providing a place to meet up with and engage with others whilst focusing on a common purpose.</p> <p>Having a functioning workshop (mainly using publicly donated machinery), has enabled us to deliver local community projects. In particular, we have repaired table tennis tables for the local Letchworth Sports and Tennis Club, built (from reclaimed timber) a large flower planter for a local Baldock retirement home and made barn owl boxes for a nearby farming & wildlife group.</p> <p>Our tenancy at Standalone Farm requires us to take on various make and repair projects around the Farm in return for our use of premises. In 2023 we have been involved with preparing a new build polytunnel for general use with ground works and wood cladding, repairing many public rubbish bins, making shelving for a refreshment kiosk, as well as completing several small repair projects,</p> <p>Having workshop projects of various kinds, gives purpose and provides our members with</p>

		many opportunities to engage with others in line with our purposes.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>We began this year with three trustees, voted on and accepted a fourth in July but finished the year with three, following the untimely death of one in October. All trustees are members, fully participate in group activities and are registered with the Charity Commission.</p> <p>We continue to operate in our charities best interests and manage its resources with care and to the best of our ability.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
<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>	<p>Para 1.20</p>	<p>Our membership continues to grow, with many who have been meeting with us for more than 2 years and in some cases, 3 years.</p> <p>Currently we have around 25 members and continue to attract interest from mainly retired men who are keen to join us for camaraderie and to be involved in something that gives purpose and gives back to the community.</p> <p>We hold regular weekly sessions that are well attended by more than 10 members.</p> <p>Grants that we obtained in 2022 continued to be spent in 2023 on essentials like, dust extraction equipment, PPE overalls / masks/ visors/ gloves, a new woodturning lathe and accessories, fire appliances & training and first aid. And we have been successful in raising our own funds from donations made in respect of items our members have made for local organisations and groups, in particular a large flower planter and number of owl boxes.</p> <p>The regular sessions we hold and workshop activities we undertake substantially meet our charity objectives of fighting social isolation and loneliness, as well as bringing people together in common purpose.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>We did not receive any grants in 2023.</p> <p>We were able with agreement to re-purpose a grant from HCF received in 2022 to use in 2023 for buildings work towards roof insulation, safety handrails, fire protection, first aid, converting a window into a door.</p> <p>We continued to spend a grant received from the Co-op towards new workshop machinery (woodworking lathe, dust extractor, chip extractor, power tools, oscillating sander, professional sharpener and insurance.</p> <p>At the beginning of 2023 our funds were £9545 at the end of 2023 our funds were £2675, which includes member subscriptions, donations from individuals as well as donations made to us by way of items made to order.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not have a policy for holding reserves. We have underspent on grants received
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Cash currently in our community bank account is £2675
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	We occupy our premises by way of an agreement called a License to Occupy (LTO) from the owner of the Farm in which we reside. The owner is The Letchworth Garden Heritage Foundation. We know that they have been working on a revised LTO since November 2023. We do not know yet if the terms of our occupation will change. And so there is uncertainty for us into 2024.

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	Our principal sources of funding have been two grants from the Hertfordshire Community Foundation and the Co-op and, a donation from the local Masonic Lodge. All received in 2022.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	We began 2023 with a minimum three trustees and gained a fourth during the year. The untimely death of one trustee leaves us again with a minimum. We will look to take on another trustee from the membership.

		Space to operate our workshop is at a premium. We have approached the owners of the farm but have not been successful in acquiring more space. We will look to open more sessions on other days of the week to spread the member load.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution

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	Letchworth Men in Sheds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188445
Charity's principal address	c/o 1, Milestone Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG2 9RR

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	Peter Hill	chair		The membership
2	Neill Withington	treasurer		The membership
3	Mike Elsdon	membership	01/01/23 to 03/10/23	The membership
4	Chris Lee	membership	21/07/23 to 31/12/23	The membership
5				
6				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	none
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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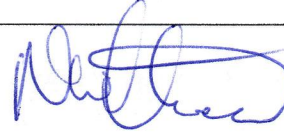

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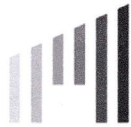
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signatures			
Full Names	Peter Michael Hill	Neill Withington	John Christopher Lee
Position	Chair	Treasurer	Membership
Date	15.3.24	15.3.24	22/3/24



Member

Letchworth Men in Sheds

1188445

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
01/01/2023

To

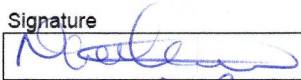

Period end date
31/12/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	216.00	0.00	216.00	296.00
Donations	169.19	0.00	169.19	1,159.19
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,866.21
Sales / event income	459.60	0.00	459.60	0.00
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	854.79	0.00	854.79	10,321.40
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	80.00	0.00	80.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	80.00	0.00	80.00	0.00
Total receipts	934.79	0.00	934.79	10,321.40
Payments				
Shed premises costs	3,028.92	0.00	3,028.92	571.98
Insurance	441.60	0.00	441.60	505.90
Materials & consumables	1,112.91	0.00	1,112.91	0.00
Small tools (<£25)	581.32	0.00	581.32	0.00
Repairs and renewals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning	446.24	0.00	446.24	0.00
Admin/Office costs	10.00	0.00	10.00	0.00
Subscriptions	19.19	0.00	19.19	49.19
Sundry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	5,640.18	0.00	5,640.18	1,127.07
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshop machines	2,164.92	0.00	2,164.92	0.00
Sub total	2,164.92	0.00	2,164.92	0.00
Total payments	7,805.10	0.00	7,805.10	1,127.07
Net of receipts/(payments)	-6,870.31	0.00	-6,870.31	9,194.33
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
Cash funds last year end	9,545.37	0.00	9,545.37	351.04
Cash funds this year end	2,675.06	0.00	2,675.06	9,545.37

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Coop account	2,638.56	0.00	2,638.56	0.00
Barclays account	26.50	0.00	26.50	9,545.37
Cash	10.00		10.00	0.00
Total cash funds	2,675.06	0.00	2,675.06	9,545.37
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))				
	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale			0.00	
Debtors			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Investment assets				
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings	2,330.00		2,330.00	
Large items of machinery	2,582.88		2,582.88	
Power tools	2,864.96		2,864.96	
Hand tools	100.00		100.00	
Other assets	519.00		519.00	
			8,396.84	0.00
Liabilities				
Trade creditors			0.00	
Accrued expenses			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees				
	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		N. WINTON	15.3.24	
		D. HILL	15.3.24	

Coop account summary				£
Opening Balance		as at	01/01/2023	0.00
Receipts and net transfers				8,901.32
Payments				-6,262.76
Closing Balance		as at	31/12/2023	2,638.56

LETCHWORTH MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1188445

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31st December 2021 Period start date To 31st December 2022 Period end date

Charity name: Letchworth Men in Sheds

Charity registered: 10th March 2020

Charity registration number: 1188445

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Men in Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. Our Letchworth Shed aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for primarily older and often retired men by developing that sense of personal identity, and purpose and restoring the camaraderie which is so often lost after retirement.
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	<p>At the beginning of 2022 our trustees signed an agreement with Letchworth Heritage Foundation to have use of premises at Standalone Farm in Letchworth, Hertfordshire. This agreement (termed a License to Occupy) gives us use of two ex-farm shed rooms and access to an electricity supply free of cost - providing we undertake occasional jobs in return.</p> <p>By taking on these premises and undertaking a rolling programme of necessary clean-up, maintenance and fit-out jobs beginning in April 2022, we have been able to bring a number of our volunteer members together on a regular weekly basis since around April 2022 for the very first time, towards our common purpose.</p> <p>Our volunteer members are mostly retired and bring with them skills and experience gained over lifetimes. Everyone is welcome and we regularly receive enquiries from interested individuals and community groups. We have taken on several new individual members during 2022.</p> <p>We are working towards the fit-out of a workshop, complete with (mainly) woodworking machinery, power and hand tools. Though we are still a little way from achieving this, our charity objectives of fighting social isolation and loneliness are substantially being met by our regular weekly working meetings and being engaged on the various fit-out jobs.</p>

		In March 2022 our members were given the opportunity to repay towards our License to Occupy by way of working to erect a large Polyunnel at Standalone Farm that will be used by the Greencare at Norton Community Interest Company (CIC), enabling them to expand their therapeutic gardening project, for the benefit of their members.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>We have three trustees. All are members and have been trustees since we registered as a CIO charity in 2020.</p> <p>We continue to operate in our charities best interests and manage its resources with care and to the best of our ability.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>We obtained first-time premises in February 2022.</p> <p>Members have together invested their time and effort in the regular weekly sessions towards renovating, building and fixing the interior and exterior of our premises. These sessions are substantially meeting our charity objectives of fighting social isolation and loneliness. Some members benefit by sharing a common purpose that reduces loneliness and isolation, whilst others benefit from the camaraderie.</p> <p>We have been fortunate to have taken significant public donations of machinery and tools that will benefit our members in our startup workshop.</p> <p>We have continued to take on new members during 2022. Almost all now return week after week for the jobs we still have to do and to enjoy social interaction & chats over tea and biscuits!</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>During 2022, we have been very fortunate to have received grants & donations from generous community groups and organisations.</p> <p>We were grateful to have received a significant discount in a complete electrical installation of power and lighting by GFX Power. The cost to us was £572.</p>
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		<p>During 2022, The Co-op were very generous to provide two grants totalling £3683 towards benches, machinery and tools.</p> <p>Also very generous were the Hertfordshire Community Foundation who initially granted us £5183 to replace the concrete floor in our premises. The Letchworth Heritage Foundation did, however, come forward to do this work at their own cost and the Hertfordshire Community Foundation were gracious in allowing us to repurpose their grant towards the many essentials needed towards the opening of our Men's Shed.</p> <p>The Freemasons have made a significant unrestricted donation to our group of £600 in 2022.</p> <p>We have also received some member donations and member subscription payments during the last year.</p> <p>A significant amount of the grants received in 2022 are earmarked for spend in projects continuing into 2023.</p> <p>Opening balance at 31/12/2021 was £351.04 Closing Balance at 31/12/2022 is £9,545.37</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not hold reserves.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The cash in our community bank account is £9,545.37
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	<p>We do not pay for rent, rates, utilities, services or have any payroll costs and so not anticipate financial liabilities arising.</p> <p>Our fixed costs in 2023 will be covered by grants and donations received.</p> <p>Variable costs in 2023 will be covered partly by grants and by member subscriptions.</p> <p>The trustees will follow budget planning for 2023 to ensure finances remain under control.</p>

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>Our principle sources of funding have been grants from the Hertfordshire Community Foundations, the Co-op, the Freemasons and donations from charity members.</p> <p>Grants were mainly received in October & November 2022.</p>
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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>Finding volunteers within our charity to share the day-to-day workload of general admin and more specific tasks like fundraising and budget planning is a constant headache. These areas usually fall to one or two individuals who are likely become overloaded.</p> <p>We have the minimum three trustees and have been unsuccessful in attracting any more from our own membership. If, for any reason, any of the existing three is unable to participate, we won't be able to function. Our AGM is due shortly and we hope to attract new volunteer trustees.</p> <p>We receive regular enquiries from other community groups and individuals wanting to join our group. We will organise our opening times to accommodate as many persons in daily and morning/afternoon sessions as possible but it's very likely space to operate in will become a problem. We intend to approach the managers of our premises with a view discussing use of adjoining farm rooms that we may expand into.</p>
Other		n/a

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution.

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	
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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	Letchworth Men in Sheds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188445
Charity's principal address	c/o 1, Milestone Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG2 9RR

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	Peter Hill	Chair		The Membership
2	Mike Elsdon	Membership		The Membership
3	Neill Withington	Treasurer		The Membership
4				
5				
6				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

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Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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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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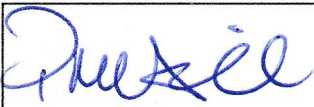
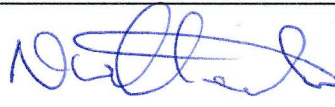

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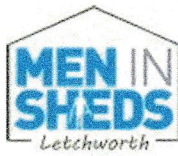
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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)			
Full name(s)	Peter Hill	Neill Withington	Mike Elsdon
Position (e.g., Chair)	Trustee (Chair)	Trustee (Treasurer)	Trustee (Membership)
Date	17/3/23	17/3/23	17/03/23



Letchworth Men in Sheds

1188445

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
31/12/2021

To

Period end date
31/12/2022

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	296.00	0.00	296.00	0
Donations	1,159.19	0.00	1,159.19	312
Grants	8,866.21	0.00	8,866.21	0
Sales / event income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,321.40	0.00	10,321.40	312
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	10,321.40	0.00	10,321.40	311.99
Payments				
Shed premises costs	571.98	0.00	571.98	0.00
Insurance	505.90	0.00	505.90	0.00
Materials & consumables	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Small tools (<£25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs and renewals	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin/Office costs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96
Subscriptions	49.19	0.00	49.19	95.99
Sundry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	1,127.07	0.00	1,127.07	96.95
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Workshop machines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	1,127.07	0.00	1,127.07	96.95
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,194.33	0.00	9,194.33	215.04
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
Cash funds last year end	351.04	0.00	351.04	136.00
Cash funds this year end	9,545.37	0.00	9,545.37	351.04

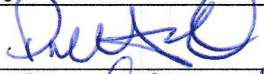
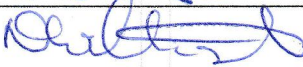
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Current account	9,545.37	0.00	9,545.37	351.04
Deposit account	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	9,545.37	0.00	9,545.37	351.04
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale			0.00	
Debtors			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Investment assets				
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings	0.00		0.00	
Large items of machinery	165.00		165.00	
Power tools	565.00		565.00	
Hand tools	100.00		100.00	
Other assets	100.00		100.00	
			930.00	0.00
Liabilities				
Trade creditors			0.00	
Accrued expenses			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

PETER HILL
NEILL WITHINGTON

Date of approval

17/3/23
17/3/23

Current account summary			£
Opening Balance	as at	31/12/2021	351.04
Receipts and net transfers			10,272.21
Payments			-1,077.88
Closing Balance	as at	31/12/2022	9,545.37

LETCHWORTH MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1188445

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 31st October 2020 Period start date To 31st December 2021 Period end date

Charity name: Letchworth Men in Sheds

Charity registered: 10th March 2020

Charity registration number: 1188445

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Men in Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. Our Letchworth Shed aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for primarily older and often retired men by developing that sense of personal identity, and purpose and restoring the camaraderie which is so often lost after retirement.
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	<p>This reporting period covers the very complicated Pandemic period through stay-at-home orders and various national lockdowns that only began to be removed later in 2021.</p> <p>In October 2020 some members joined a Zoom meeting with Heritage Foundation execs to see if they would help us find premises. The discussion was very promising at the time.</p> <p>IN October &, December 2020 and into January 2021, we followed up promising leads on vacant premises belonging to a) Altro on Works Road, Letchworth, b) the Stonegate Pub Group behind the 3 Horseshoes Pub, Norton and c) a privately owned property in Hitchin. None ultimately proved viable.</p> <p>In December 2020 our Secretary & Trustee Astrid Hansen and our Trustee Frank Turner both resigned. We now have only the minimum 3 trustees.</p> <p>In March 2021 we held our first members Zoom meeting (our first meeting since before lockdown).</p> <p>We continue to be recipients of donated tools and machinery which are stored in our garage lockup.</p> <p>In April 2021 some members meet with The Heritage Foundation (the Heritage) at Standalone Farm. We're offered very small unsuitable premises. In May we meet again and</p>

		<p>are offered 2 ex-farm buildings. Whilst requiring considerable work, they are just viable. A License to Occupy document was given to us in June.</p> <p>In June 2021 we hold our first face-to-face meeting for members comfortable with meeting together. We discuss Standalone Farm and issues raised are fed back to the Heritage.</p> <p>Issues over Standalone premises are discussed with the Heritage between June and December 2021 with a revised and acceptable License to Occupy document received in December 2021 which we expect to sign and return the same month.</p> <p>During this reporting period, we lose members but gain new members. Overall, we drop from around 25 down to 15. We have not actively sought new members. From time to time we do receive requests from local GP Link Workers and other community organisation to take persons who could benefit from attending our group. So far, we have responded to delay any partnership, until we have an operational group.</p> <p>Membership subscriptions that have been suspended for the duration of the Pandemic remain suspended.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Our normal meeting period was monthly up to Covid lockdown in March 2020. Since then, we have infrequent Zoom meetings.</p> <p>Trustees continued to stay in touch and occasionally met online or in person infrequently as lockdown restrictions changed and allowed. Members have been contacted by email occasionally.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>Letchworth Men in Sheds achieved registered status as CIO on 10th March 2020.</p> <p>Our charitable status was key to the Heritage Foundation entering into discussions with us about premises and making us an offer.</p> <p>Lockdowns have severely restricted our activities to a couple of online meetings and one face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>Members are still remarkably keen to see our project running and have been generally supportive of the Heritage Foundation offer of premises at Standalone Farm, despite work needed.</p> <p>Our group has attempted to stay in-touch by email, a newsletter and one-to-one member visits when restrictions allowed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the start of Covid lockdown, member subscriptions were suspended and, as we had no premises and no direct expenditure, finances we would expect finances to stay level.
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		<p>During this reporting period, we have received £311.99 by way of member donations and a kindly donation of £200 from the Masonic Charitable Foundation.</p> <p>Opening balance at 31/10/2020 was £136.00 Closing Balance at 31/12/2021 is £351.04</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We do not hold reserves by policy.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	The cash in our community bank account is £351.04
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	<p>Financially, whilst we have no premises or associated running costs, our group will not become insolvent.</p> <p>We look forward to the imminent signing of a License to Occupy that will give us premises to operate from. However, we know that a lot of effort will be needed to make the premises suitable.</p> <p>We already know that suitable insurance will be needed before we can operate and an electricity supply with lighting and power sockets will be needed but at a cost, we don't have an estimate for. Also, we don't yet know what other costs will arise from these premises.</p>

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 reporting period covers the main pandemic lockdown when member subscriptions were suspended. During this period, we gained no other funds and did not seek grants, since we had no expenditure to support.</p> <p>In July 2021 we were invited to apply for a grant from the Co-op foundation. This we did. Pleased to say, a first half year payment will be due in April 2022, with a second in October 2022.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Loss of interest from members leads to collapse in member numbers before we can get our project up and running at Standalone Farm. If this happens with a loss of interest from trustees, it will be hard to maintain focus.

Other		
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Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution.

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	Letchworth Men in Sheds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188445
Charity's principal address	c/o 1, Milestone Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG2 9RR

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	Peter Hill	Chair		Membership
2	Mike Elsdon	Membership		Membership
3	Neill Withington	Treasurer		Membership
4				
5				

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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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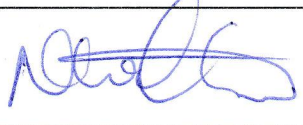
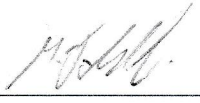
Other optional information

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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)	Peter Hill	Neill Withington	Mike Elsdon
Position (e.g., Chair)	Trustee (Chair)	Trustee (Treasurer)	Trustee (Membership)
Date	19/07/22	15/7/22	19/07/22



Letchworth Men in Sheds	1188445
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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	31/10/2020		31/12/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees				210
Donations	311.99		311.99	42
Grants				
Sales / event income				
Interest				
Other				
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	311.99		311.99	252
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets				
Sale of investments				
Sub total				
Total receipts	311.99		311.99	252.00
Payments				
Shed premises costs				
Insurance				
Materials & consumables				
Small tools (<£25)				
Repairs and renewals				
Refreshments & cleaning				
Admin/Office costs	0.96		0.96	
Subscriptions	95.99		95.99	116.00
Sundry				
Sub total	96.95		96.95	116.00
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)				
Workshop machines				
Sub total				
Total payments	96.95		96.95	116.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	215.04		215.04	136.00
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	136.00		136.00	
Cash funds this year end	351.04		351.04	136.00

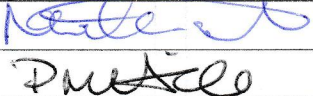
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Current account	351.04		351.04	136.00
Deposit account				
Cash				
Total cash funds	351.04		351.04	136.00
	OK	OK	OK	OK
<small>(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))</small>				
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale				
Debtors				
Investment assets				
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings				
Large items of machinery	165.00		165.00	
Power tools	565.00		565.00	
Hand tools	100.00		100.00	
Other assets	100.00		100.00	
			930.00	
Liabilities				
Trade creditors				
Accrued expenses				

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

N. WITTINGTON
PETER HILL

Date of approval

15/07/22
15/07/22

Current account summary		£
Opening Balance	as at 31/10/2020	136.00
Receipts and net transfers		240.00
Payments		-24.96
Closing Balance	as at 31/12/2021	351.04

LETCHWORTH MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales - Charity number 1188445

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 10th March 2020 Period start date To 30th October 2020 Period end date

Charity name: Letchworth Men in Sheds

Charity registered: 10th March 2020

Charity registration number: 1188445

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Men in Sheds are community spaces for men to connect, converse and create. Our Letchworth Shed aims to reduce loneliness and isolation for primarily older and often retired men by developing that sense of personal identity, and purpose and restoring the camaraderie which is so often lost after retirement.
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	<p>This reporting period began with collection of donated tools from our Camden Shed friends and group meetings to identify leads on potential premises. By early March 2020, we were close to an agreement to use a portakabin on site at a local community organisation we had a relationship with. However, by the middle of March 2020, the Covid lockdown brought everything to a standstill.</p> <p>Later in 2020, as some restrictions were eased, there was a general reluctance to use online meeting technology. We did try a couple of meetings with some success but we had little to discuss.</p> <p>We continued to receive tool donations and individually, some members met for mutual support. We did receive enquiries from other local community groups including GP Link workers enquiring about placement of their service users when restrictions would allow. We also regularly received new member enquiries – evidence of a need for our group's potential – that were filed for our restart.</p> <p>This situation largely persisted through to the end (and beyond) of this reporting period.</p> <p>Membership subscriptions were suspended for the duration as no benefit was being afforded to members.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>Our normal meeting period was monthly up to Covid lockdown in March 2020. After March, face-to-face member meetings stopped.</p> <p>Trustees continued to stay in touch and occasionally met online or in person infrequently as lockdown restrictions changed and allowed. Members were contacted by email occasionally.</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	
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>Letchworth Men in Sheds achieved registered status as CIO on 10th March 2020.</p> <p>Our new status was to be the legal entity that would allow us to seek a rental or other legal agreement for premises to operate from. Unfortunately, the 2020 pandemic restrictions closed all face-to-face meetings, almost all discussions and halted most group activity.</p> <p>During this reporting period we managed a couple of outdoor committee meetings, an online meeting to discuss premises with the largest local community property landlord and followed two property leads that eventually came to nothing.</p> <p>Our group has attempted to stay in-touch via email, a one-off newsletter and one-to-one member visits when restrictions allowed.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	At the start of Covid lockdown, member subscriptions were suspended and, as we had no premises and no direct expenditure, finances for the reporting period have not changed from beginning to end.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	We have very minimal reserves that reflects the fact we have little expenditure since we do not manage premises and have few incidental costs, beyond the occasional community group subscription.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our reserve is the total of cash in our community bank account i.e., £137
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	n/a
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	Financially, whilst we have no premises or associated running costs, our group will not become insolvent. We perhaps have a small concern that membership may dwindle over lockdown period and beyond, as members find other priorities and may not return as restrictions are lifted. We are however confident of continued interest in what we have to offer long term and expect that will attract new members (particularly as the challenges of lockdown have brought new isolation and challenges for many, who we believe will now seek us out).

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	This reporting period covers the main pandemic lockdown when we member subscriptions were suspended. During this period, we gained no other funds and did not seek grants, since we had no expenditure to support.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	n/a
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Inability to find premises from which to operate will, if continued, lead to loss of interest from existing members and a significant decline in ambition from trustees as well as members. We look forward to businesses and groups beginning to return to some normality during 2021 which will support our search for premises.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		We have no trusts.
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity trustees.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	All our trustees are volunteers, elected from and by our membership, in line with our CIO Constitution.

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	Letchworth Men in Sheds
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1188445
Charity's principal address	c/o 1, Milestone Close, Stevenage, Hertfordshire
Postcode	SG2 9RR

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	Peter Hill	Chair		Membership
2	Mike Elsdon	Membership		Membership
3	Neill Withington	Treasurer	06/02/2020 onwards	Membership
4				
5				
6				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser Name Address

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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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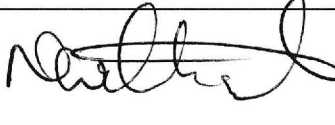

Other optional information

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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)	Peter Hill	Neill Withington	Mike Elsdon
Position (e.g., Chair)	Trustee (Chair)	Trustee (Treasurer)	Trustee (Membership)
Date	26/7/21	27/7/21	29/7/21



Letchworth Men in Sheds

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For the period from	Period start date 01/04/2019	To	Period end date 30/10/2020
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted to the nearest £	Restricted to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	210	0	210	0
Donations	42	0	42	0
Grants	0	0	0	0
Sales / event income	0	0	0	0
Interest	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	252	0	252	0
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	0	0	0	0
Sale of investments	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	252	0	252	0
Payments				
Shed premises costs	0	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0	0
Materials & consumables	0	0	0	0
Small tools (<£25)	0	0	0	0
Repairs and renewals	0	0	0	0
Refreshments & cleaning	0	0	0	0
Admin/Office costs	0	0	0	0
Subscriptions	116	0	116	0
Sundry	0	0	0	0
0	0	0	0	0
Sub total	116	0	116	0
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	0	0	0	0
Workshop machines	0	0	0	0
Sub total	0	0	0	0
Total payments	116	0	116	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	136	0	136	0
Transfers between funds	0	0	0	0
Cash funds last year end	0	0	0	0
Cash funds this year end	136	0	136	0

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Community Account	136	0	136	0
-	0	0	0	0
Cash	0	0	0	0
Total cash funds	136	0	136	0
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale			0	
Debtors			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	
			0	

Investment assets

0
0
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0

0

Assets retained for the Shed's own use

Buildings
Large items of machinery
Power tools
Hand tools
Other assets

0
165
565
100
100

0
165
565
100
100
930

0

Liabilities

Trade creditors
Accrued expenses

0
0
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

P. Hill
Neil Warrington

Print Name

PETER HILL
NEIL WARRINGTON

Date of approval

26/7/21
27/7/21