



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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
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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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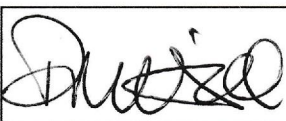
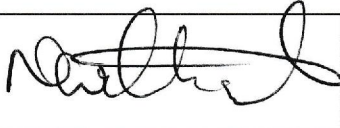

Other optional information

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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

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	0	0	0
Debtors	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0

Investment assets

0
0
0
0
0
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
0
0
0
0

0

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

Signature

Peter Hill
Neill Warrington

Print Name

PETER HILL
NEILL WARRINGTON

Date of approval

26/7/21
27/7/21