



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

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>

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 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	
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>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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Swift boxes made to order for Hitchin Swift Action b) Wooden Planters made from reclaimed pallets going to local schools and private commissions. c) Wooden items including turned hardwood designs and seasonal Items presented at an annual Christmas Market. d) 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

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

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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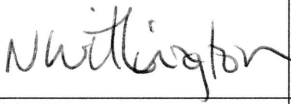

Other optional information

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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



Letchworth Men in Sheds

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

01/01/2025

To

Period end date

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

Coop account
Barclays account
Cash

Total cash funds

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

Other monetary assets

Stocks/goods for sale
Debtors

Investment assets

Assets retained for the Shed's own use

Buildings
Large items of machinery
Power tools
Hand tools
Other assets

Liabilities

Trade creditors
Accrued expenses

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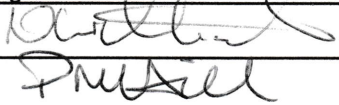
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature


PETER HILL

Print Name

NO. WORTHINGTON
PETER HILL

Date of approval

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