

Men's Shed AGM 22nd

Chairman's Report

I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to everyone who has been instrumental in supporting and guiding us through the challenges and successes of the past year. In particular, my gratitude goes out to the dedicated trustees and committee members who have been unwavering in their support during my inaugural year as Chairman.

As I reflect on the events of this remarkable year, it becomes evident that the support I've received from all quarters has been indispensable. Our Men's Shed faced formidable challenges due to the pervasive impact of austerity, compounded by the relentless rise in the cost of living. Understandably, this financial strain has made it difficult for many individuals to actively participate in the enriching activities offered by the Men's Shed.

Despite these adversities, the infusion of new members has been a beacon of hope, playing a pivotal role in keeping our shed not only operational but thriving. While grants have been scarce, we did manage to secure a significant one for the installation of solar panels on our roof – a crucial step to mitigate the escalating costs of electricity. However, the bureaucratic hurdles with the council have proven to be a substantial barrier. We remain optimistic that later in the year, we will receive positive news on this front.

Our commitment to supporting local charities and groups, including the Gardening Club, Boatshed Charity, Flanders Friends, Trusthorpe Village Hall, and the Glass House farm care facility, continues to be a cornerstone of our mission.

The Men's Shed has not only weathered the storm but has emerged as a respected institution within the community. Our new location has not only provided a physical expansion but has also served as a catalyst for growing our membership and establishing a distinguished presence. The core ethos of the Men's Shed remains unchanged – it's not merely about the tangible products we create; rather, it is about fostering connections, breaking the chains of isolation, and addressing prevalent issues such as loneliness, depression, and social exclusion.

In essence, the Men's Shed stands as a haven where individuals come together to share experiences, offer mutual support, engage in learning opportunities,

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29th February 2024

To: The Chairman and Members of the MTS Men's Shed

Ref: Audit of Accounts: 1st June 2022 to 31st May 2023

Dear Chairman and Members,

Please find below audit report for the MTS Men's Shed for the period up to 31st May 2023.

For audit and accounting practice, original submitted documents may now contain ticks, signatures or dates in green ink; this is common practice by internal / external auditors and is widely recognised as proper practice.

Items included within the remit of the audit.

Bank Statements dated 27.06.22 to 26.05.23 (inclusive)

Purchases (invoices/receipts) June 2022 to May 2023

sumup reports – June 2022 to May 2023

Paying in deposit slips (Post Office – various)

Items excluded from the remit of the audit

N/A

General

- All payments have been entered onto the spreadsheet and corresponding invoices/receipts support.

General Notes

The treasurer has undertaken the duties to a good standard and should be thanked for the accuracy of the accounts and paperwork submitted.

Reconciliation

All bank statements supplied are original and sequentially numbered. The final statement for the end of the financial period concurs with the bank statement being:

- Income
- Payments
- General Expenditure.

Recommendations

n/a

Statement of Conclusion of Audit

STATUS: ~~RESERVED~~ / UNRESERVED

I am content that the accounts are financially sound, and the audit totals are correct; please accept this unreserved statement to close / balance the audited accounts for the financial period ending **31st May 2023**.

Signed:  _____

Auditor

Date: 29th February 2024

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