

BRIDPORT COMMUNITY SHED – 2021 TRUSTEES' REPORT
for the Annual General Meeting, 11th January 2022

Notwithstanding the difficult year that it has been for everyone, 2021 saw the Bridport Community Shed go from strength to strength. A dedicated core of volunteers used the lockdown period to transform the physical space we occupy at the town council gardeners' yard, and make it a spacious and secure place to be. We have created ample outdoor working space, sheltered from wind, rain or sun depending on the season, and have made our indoor areas more effective for social distancing and good ventilation. We were able to attract external funding and donations for the materials and supplies needed to make this all possible.

As a result we have been able to cope with the growing number of people who came to the Shed when we re-opened to the public. We attribute this to a mixture of an increasing public concern to repair and recycle; the spread of our reputation, both through publicity and by word of mouth; and referrals from other service providers who appreciate the opportunity we can provide for people to do practical things socially.

In the coming year we have plans to further expand the range of activities we offer, including: making the drop-in repair café more regular; establishing woodworking courses for youth; running a craft session for particular adult groups. However, the Trustees note that we are currently stretching our existing volunteer capacity to its maximum. If we are to overcome this bottleneck as we expand our scope, we must do what we can to secure more people to help, either as volunteers or on an occasionally paid basis. We must aim for our very success not to become also a constraint.

15 Dec. 2021

Raja Jarrah

Written on behalf of the Trustees of
The Bridport Community Shed

BRIDPORT COMMUNITY SHED
Treasurers Report - 31 st May 2021

Receipts

Donations	493.55
Grants	£8,050.00
Sales & Repairs	£739.75
Events	£348.00

Total income to date **£9,631.30**

Summary

Bfwd Bank balance	£2,908.54
Income	£9,631.30
Expenditure	-£4,363.51

Bank balance as at 31st May 2021 **£8,176.33**

Expenditure

Materials & Tools	£702.58
Health & Safety	£121.45
Printing & Stationery	60.37
Garden costs	£110.04
Insurance	£372.98
Rent	£650.00
Longer Term Grant costs	£200.17
Subscriptions	£24.00
Repair Café	£1,439.58
Lathe room	£346.66
Tree	£180.00
Web	£14.39
Security	£141.29

Total expenditure **£4,363.51**

Year End