

MID CHESHIRE COMMUNITY SHED CIO

England & Wales · Charity number 1191054

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2020-08-27

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE:3.1 TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEN AGED 18 OR OVER WITHIN CHESHIRE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS, FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; RETIREMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL); DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; BEREAVEMENT; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS.3.2 TO FURTHER OR BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF CHESHIRE AND ITS SURROUNDING AREAS (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEN AGED 18 OR OVER) BY ASSOCIATING TOGETHER THE SAID RESIDENTS AND THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, VOLUNTARY AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS IN A COMMON EFFORT TO ADVANCE EDUCATION AND TO PROVIDE FACILITIES IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE FOR RECREATION AND LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF IMPROVING THE CONDITIONS OF LIFE FOR THE RESIDENTS.3.3 FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT TO PROMOTE LEARNING FOR PLEASURE BY PEOPLE NO LONGER IN FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT THROUGH THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR INDIVIDUAL CAPABILITIES, COMPETENCIES, SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING IN SUBJECTS OF EDUCATIONAL VALUE.3.4 THE ADVANCEMENT OF ANY EXCLUSIVELY CHARITABLE PURPOSE ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF ENGLAND AND WALES THAT THE CHARITY TRUSTEES MAY IN THEIR ABSOLUTE DISCRETION DETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME.

Activities: MCCS offers socially excluded persons a variety of crafts including woodworking, metal work and social activity

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Disability, Recreation
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,955	£14,734	-	-
2023-12-31	£11,175	£20,905	-	-
2022-12-31	£31,230	£13,572	-	-
2021-12-31	£4,815	£1,478	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gillian Michelle Heddon		2021-03-12
Malcolm Stuart Dunlop		2020-08-01
Robert Nixon		2025-09-01
Robert William Hayward		2020-08-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2024

To 31st December 2024

Charity name: Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO

Charity registration number: 11991054

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over within Cheshire and its surrounding areas, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.
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	For the public benefit to promote learning for pleasure by people no longer in full time employment through the continued development of their individual capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in subjects of educational value. Activities mainly involving the woodwork, metal work and artistry
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable as yet
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
		Most of our members work in our

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	workshop to produce items that can be sold at craft fairs and on commissions from external customers. Commissions
		are beginning to help raise income. They also make items for their own benefit. In this latter they are expected to pay for the consumables used Others have assisted in general work to the benefit of the CIO
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	The premises we obtained in 2022 has had the lease extended for a further two years. In addition the council has given us the use of small building to use as a wood store. The only condition is that we carry out any necessary renovations. This is planned for 2025. Members do meet and carry out activities in a similar manner to our original workspace. In addition we have been able to promote the Shed and have attracted more members from the wider community. The objectives are now being met but in a more constricted way than planned. We have made better use of our space as we've identified separate areas for model making, a dedicated room for our cnc laser cutter/ engraver and an area for art.

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	Fundraising has been difficult and at one point we considered a plan for closure. We had some excellent publicity due to a visit by our local MP and some Councillors. This increased our income from local donors
		No investments

Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		.
		<p>The lease agreement and terms of conditions with Cheshire West and Chester Council has been very successful. At present the future outlook for potential long term accommodation is looking less likely unless we either improve our finances considerably, or we find a particularly generous donor</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position at the end of the 2022 gave us some stability but it definitely appears that this is only a temporary reprieve. Our bank account currently stands at £12746. This is an overall decline of £10000 in the year
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves held at present as there are no liabilities
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No liabilities
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	0
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	A SWAT analysis carried out in 2021 indicated that the main areas of concern were the need to ensure that suitable premises were achieved. Failure to do so would risk the continuation of the CIO. Funding, membership were all identified as potential areas of concern. It has become apparent that not all of these have been achieved and need urgent action in the next year. This analysis is still valid

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	Fundraising falls into three types:- 1) Sales of items made by the members 2) Membership monthly payment of at least £10 per month 3) Commission work for external sources 4) Funding by external sponsors a) Small value funders such as supermarkets who have already proved successful b) Large scale sponsors. We have been able to make these approaches now we have a suitable address and working premises
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The CIO does not presently intend to include investment until a more stable environment has been achieved
		The principal risks largely revolve around

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	the acquisition of permanent workshop facilities. In the past year it has become apparent that this will be a much more difficult and complex operation. Funding is a major risk as the year has shown there are difficulties attracting large scale funding. To mitigate some risk we increased our monthly subscription to £20. This was the first increase in almost 10 years.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The CIO has an approved constitution. This probably needs to be reviewed in the next year.
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	Trustee selection and approval is at the discretion of the Trustees. However the constitution includes a time limit on named trustees. These can be reappointed once the views of the membership are included in the decision

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	Induction and training manuals have been produced, A major problem arose during the year which unfortunately resulted in two Trustees resigning. Two further Trustees are to be appointed in 2025
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	An operational Working Group has been established. A Terms of Reference for the group is in operation and their main objective is for the running of the shed as an operational entity. This is proving successful and operates well. The Trustees are ensuring the governance of the charity is maintained.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO
Other name the charity uses	Hartford Shed
Registered charity number	1191054
Charity's principal address	314 Chester Road, Hartford Northwich CW8 2AB

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	Malcolm Stuart Dunlop	Interim Chairman/ Treasurer	Since April 2020	Trustees only
2	Steven Jackson		Resigned	
3	Stuart Poucher		Resigned	
4	Robert Hayward	Safety Officer	April 2020 to date	
5	Gillian Heddon	Head of Womens' section	January 2021 to date	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No funds held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional information)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of	Name	Address	adviser
Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)			

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

IT licence	£79.99	£79.99
TOTAL		£14,734.56
expenditure less income		£5,778.95

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)

<i>Malcolm Dunlop</i>	
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Malcolm Dunlop	Secretary, Chair, etc)	Date
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Treasurer	
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To 31st December 2023

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Additional information (optional)

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Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Not applicable as yet
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Most of our members work in our workshop to produce items that can be sold at craft fairs and on commissions from external customers. Commissions

		are beginning to help raise income. They also make items for their own benefit. In this latter they are expected go pay for the consumables used Others have assisted in general work to the benefit of the CIO
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	The premises we obtained last year as a workshop are not ideal as they tend to split groups . However members do meet and carry out activities in a similar manner to our original workspace. In addition we have been able to promote the Shed and have attracted more members from the wider community. The objectives are now being met but in a more constricted way than planned

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	Fundraising has not been as successful as last year. We failed to achieve the Community Lottery award. In addition the number of events where sales could be achieved have declined. Several Parish Councils have awarded us small commissions which have brought in some income.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investments
Other		.

		<p>The lease agreement and terms of conditions with Cheshire West and Chester Council has been reasonably successful. At present the future outlook for potential long term accommodation is looking less likely unless we either improve our finances considerably, or we find a particularly generous donor</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position at the end of the 2022 gave us some stability but it definitely appears that this is only a temporary reprieve. Our bank account currently stands at £12746. This is an overall decline of £10000 in the year
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Additional information (optional)

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Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The CIO does not presently intend to include investment until a more stable environment has been achieved
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The principal risks largely revolve around the acquisition of permanent workshop facilities. In the past year it has become apparent that this will be a much more difficult and complex operation. We

		intend to see if the lease can be extended beyond 2024 as an interim measure
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The CIO has an approved constitution
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	Trustee selection and approval is at the discretion of the Trustees. However the constitution includes a time limit on named trustees. These can be re-appointed once the views of the membership are included in the decision

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	Induction and training manuals have been produced but not fully implemented
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	An operational Working Group has been established. A Terms of Reference for the group is in operation and their main objective is for the running of the shed as an operational entity. The Trustees are ensuring the governance of the charity is maintained. It was agreed that there should only be 5 Trustees during 2023
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	
Charity's principal address	314 Chester Road, Hartford Northwich CW8 2AB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

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

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No funds held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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

Other optional information

Table 1 Finances

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	jul	aug	sept	oct	nov	dec	total	
Bank balance 2023	£22,476.00												£12,746.47	
Membership fees	£255.00	£285.00	£375.00	£355.00	£210.00	£250.00	£560.00	£280.00	£330.00	£250.00	£262.00	£272.00	£3,684.00	
Product sales			£60.00						£600.13	£291.86	£36.36	£10.00	£998.35	
Events and Activities														
Donations inc some commissions	£75.00	£1,982.20					£1,405.00		£2,277.00			£184.16	£5,923.36	
Misc income												£570.00	£570.00	
TOTAL													£11,175.71	£33,651.71
EXPENDITURE														
Rent	£779.09	£779.00	£779.00	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£779.09	£9,348.90	
Cheshire West & Chester rates	£195.00	£195.00	£195.00	£165.60	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£164.00	£2,062.60	
Telephone	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£45.54	£45.54	£45.54	£45.54	£45.54	£227.70	
Electric/ Gas	£575.18	£477.82	£75.03	£63.47	£2,596.63	£293.33	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£427.30	£1,072.98	£5,581.74	
Water				£542.60		£332.65							£875.25	
Insurances			£157.00										£157.00	
Training														
Maintenance														
One off projects expenditure			£55.01	£565.30			£228.18						£848.49	
Consummables		£21.95	£203.54			£128.38		£133.30	£64.00				£551.17	
Stationery				£64.93									£64.93	
Capital						£1,017.48							£1,017.48	
Event entry/ rent							£25.00						£25.00	
IT consummables								79.99		64.99			£144.98	
TOTAL													£20,905.24	£12,746.47

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

	Signature(s)	<i>Malcolm Dunlop</i>	
	Full name(s)	Malcolm Stuart Dunlop	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	
	Date	7/08/2024	

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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	A number of our volunteers have worked at home and in our new workshop to produce items that can be sold at craft fairs to help with finances. Others have assisted in general work to the benefit of the CIO
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	During 2022 the CIO was successful in obtaining suitable premises as a workshop. This has allowed members to meet and carry out activities as originally designed. In addition we have been able to promote the Shed and have attracted more members from the wider community. The objectives are now being met.

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	<p>Fundraising has been reasonably successful . We have been able to attend events and sell items to the public. A number of Councils have awarded us small grants. The Co-operative supermarket chain selected us as a charity for their members to donate to. This raised in excess of £2000.</p> <p>London Midland Trains awarded a donation of almost £13000. A number of individuals have donated in excess of £2000. One group has donated a covenanted sum of £4800 to purchase equipment. We have also been shortlisted on the Lottery Community Fund.</p>
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	No investments o date
Other		<p>The lease agreement and terms of conditions with Cheshire West and Chester Council has been signed and we have taken up premises, albeit on a two year lease for our registered address at 314 Chester Road, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire.</p>

		<p>The long and sometimes frustrating journey has brought us to achieve the goals we set ourselves for the Mid Cheshire Community Shed. Now we look to the future with increased membership, collaboration with other similar local charities and local businesses and of course a successful funding program. This will put us in a much better position to develop and help more people in Cheshire.</p>
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Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The financial position at the end of the period gives us some stability for the next two years. Our bank account currently stands at £22000.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	No reserves held at present as there are no liabilities
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	No liabilities
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<p>Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The CIO does not presently intend to include investment until a more stable environment has been achieved</p>
<p>A description of the principal risks facing the charity</p>	<p>Para 1.46</p>	<p>The principal risks largely revolve around the acquisition of permanent workshop facilities. Currently a number of options are under investigation and should become more apparent during 2023</p>
<p>Other</p>		

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Additional information (optional)

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Currently under development
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	An operational Working Group has been established. A Terms of Reference for the group is in operation and their main objective is for the running of the shed as an operational entity. The Trustees are ensuring the governance of the charity is maintained. Two of the Trustees decided not to continue beyond their constitutional time span. The remainder have all been re-elected as their period in office approached the end.

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We are developing a relationship with Grozone.
Other		

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Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No funds held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

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)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Table 1 Finances

	01/01/21 to 31/12/21	01//01/22 to 31/12/22
Membership fees	270	4543.00
Product sales	929.00	759.26
Payment to purchase consumables for projects	1413	1249.00
Commission projects	540	1250.00
Events and Activities	398	270.00
Donations	1200.00	22937.00
Gift Aid	0	0.0
Float	65.61	222.43
TOTAL	4815.61	31230.69
EXPENDITURE		
Rent	0	5389.07
Cheshire West & Chester deposit		2000.00
Utilities	0	2403.54
Insurances	173.48	157.00
Training	0	0
Maintenance	0	0
One off projects expenditure	1169	2250.00
Stationery	55.52	136.20
Event entry/ rent	80	
TOTAL	1478	13572.36
TOTAL INCOME SINCE START (Aug 2020)	6293.61	
INCOME LESS EXPENDIITURE	4815.61	22473.94

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)	Malcolm Stuart Dunlop	
	Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer/ interim chairman	
	Date	22/01/2022	

MID CHESHIRE COMMUNITY SHED CIO

England & Wales - Charity number 1191054

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report

From 1st August 2020

To 31st December 2022

Charity name: Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO

Charity registration number: 11991054

Objectives and Activities

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over within Cheshire and its surrounding areas, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

For the public benefit to promote learning for pleasure by people no longer in full time employment through the continued development of their individual capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in subjects of educational value. Activities mainly involving the woodwork, metal work and art.

In order to pursue the above objectives, the Trustees have followed the guidelines as set out by the Charities Commission

Contribution made by volunteers

A number of our volunteers have worked at home to produce items that can be sold at craft fairs to help with finances. Others have assisted in general work to the benefit of the CIO. This has been especially valuable in the search for suitable workshop premises. In addition, the volunteers have been very productive in carrying out projects for others for example the building of a new Father Christmas Sled for the Northwich Round Table

Summary of main achievements

Due to the pandemic, there has been very little ability to achieve the main objectives of the CIO. This is because they mainly consist of interpersonal interactions between individuals and groups. In addition, the CIO has spent most of the time since inception attempting to secure premises as a future home for the members to meet, work and interact. The CIO was successful in obtaining temporary accommodation that allowed small groups to meet socially when Government restrictions allowed.

Fund raising activities performance

Fundraising has been minimal as to secure high levels of funding we need an address that can be seen as the “workshop”. In addition, the monthly donation by the participants had to be suspended until there are suitable premises. Once these have been agreed the initial income will be in the order of £10000 per annum from the participants.

There has been some small scale fundraising by sales of items made by members at local craft fairs. Some local business have included the CIO in small fund raising schemes. These include ASDA, CO-OP, Northwich Round Table, Lostok Parish Council and Hartford Parish Council.

(See table 1 for financial information)

Further information

Investment performance against objectives

The CIO has been unable to take part in any investment to date. However, our initial investment for 2022 will be to establish a permanent workshop facility.

General information

From being told by Age UK Cheshire (AUKC) in March 2020 that funding would cease from 31/08/2021.

There were assurances given that there would be funding until the end of August 2021 provided by Japanese Tobacco Industries (JTI) of Crewe, and there would also be £30,000 of funding to be shared by all the Cheshire Sheds to transit to independence. Within a few days of this announcement, all sheds were closed due to the Covid Pandemic Age UK Cheshire made the decision to permanently close the Hartford shed. Essentially the funding ceased from 23rd March 2020, although some of the transition funding was made available to pay solicitors fees for submitting the application to the Charities Commission.

Five of members of Hartford Shed were elected to investigate the feasibility of a replacement facility. These were, Richard Bates, Malcolm Dunlop, Bob Hayward, Steve Jackson, and Stuart Poucher who became the working party tasked with developing the new independent "Shed". This was initially done via "Zoom" meetings and included the assistance of Paul Gee (former Co-ordinator, Men in Sheds, Hartford) and Christine Mathews-Sheen (Former Senior Co-ordinator, Age UK Cheshire). Very early on it was decided that the original Hartford women's section should be reincorporated back into the new venture, and that a new lower the minimum age of 25 and offer membership to the disabled of the area as well. The

new organisation would be called "The Mid Cheshire Community Shed" to reflect our new status.

Age UK Cheshire had also taken the decision not to continue with the lease on the Hartford premises and this meant that a new venue would be required.

With the assistance of a firm of Solicitors in Liverpool the Mid Cheshire Community Shed gained registration as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) in late August 2020. Members of the task group became the Trustees of the CIO and could then set about solving the most important tasks. Firstly, obtaining a bank account, and secondly finding a new workshop. What would appear at first site to be the easier of the tasks, i.e., getting a bank account, proved to be quite protracted. Because of the Covid Pandemic banks were no longer engaged in "in person" new banking so it proved to be difficult to get an account until well after Christmas. This seriously impeded our progress in the finding of new premises.

The Trustees were informed of the first potential premises we in Lostock Gralam, which at that time came to nothing, but led us on to "The Old School" next door. The negotiations with the owner went very well and had the CIO been successful with a bank account by then this may have been successful. However it did lead to an introduction to the Lord Lieutenant of Cheshire David Briggs CVO MBE KStJ. His role apart from organising visits to Cheshire by the Royal Family, is to assist Charities in their endeavors and he has been very helpful over the months.

There then followed a number of weeks looking at premises in the Northwich area, tracking down the owners and finding they were not available, too small or just not suitable. Cheshire West and Chester Councillor Sam Naylor (now Mayor of Northwich) suggested properties to us, one of which namely the old "Greenwood Furniture" shop in Tabley Street in Northwich, seemed to be promising. Negotiations with the Council started just after Christmas 2020, but this proved fruitless

The latest development of up to present day is that we are now waiting to sign the lease agreement and terms of conditions with Cheshire West and Chester Council for what will be the new home and registered address at 314 Chester Road, Hartford, Northwich, Cheshire of the CIO.

The long and sometimes frustrating journey has brought us to achieve the goals we set ourselves for the Mid Cheshire Community Shed. Now we look to the future with increased membership, collaboration with other similar local charities and local businesses and of course a successful funding program. This will put us in a much better position to develop and help more people in Cheshire.

Financial Review

The financial period is only the latter nine months of 2021. The finances of the CIO have improved although by very much less than would normally be expected due to the restriction. The first six months prior to the bank account had a stable sum held as cash. For a more detailed summary see table 1

The Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO is holding no reserves apart from the sum in the bank account. This is because there are no financial liabilities up to 31st December 2021

Risk for continuation as a going concern

A SWAT analysis carried out in 2021 indicated that the main areas of concern were the need to ensure that suitable premises were achieved. Failure to do so would risk the continuation of the CIO. In addition funding, and membership were all identified as potential areas of concern and these are currently being addressed. Once the CIO has secured a premises a further SWAT analysis will be carried out in order to ensure the previous threats are reduced and suitable action taken

Principal sources of funding

Funding falls into three types:-

- 1) Sales of items made by the members
- 2) Membership monthly payment of at least £10 per month
- 3) Funding by external sponsors
 - a) Small value funders such as supermarkets who have already proved successful
 - b) Large scale sponsors. We have been unable to approach these until we have suitable permanent and registered premises

The first of these is currently at a very low level as such items are having to be made at home. The second is unlikely to have its full effect until premises are secured. There is currently a very small income by a few subscriptions being paid. The latter of the third is currently nil, again due to the lack of a suitable address.

Investment Policy

There has been no investment policy included in the first year of operation. Further work will be undertaken in 2022. The whole raison d'être of the CIO is an investment in social wellbeing

Principal risks

The principal risks largely revolve around the acquisition of suitable workshop facilities. This, however, is likely to be alleviated in early 2022. Any further risks are mainly financial until a sustainable income can be achieved

Structure, Governance and Management

The Mid Cheshire Community Shed is governed by the constitution as approved by the Charities Commission. This is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)

Trustee selection and approval is at the discretion of the Trustees as laid out in the constitution. This includes a time limit on named trustees. These can be re-appointed once the views of the membership are included in the decision. There is the possibility of increasing the number of Trustees, however, at present it is unlikely that this will be enacted as there is an intention of integrating members as part of working/ management groups.

Induction and training of Trustees

A policy for the induction and training of new/ replacement Trustees is under development. This will follow the guideline as laid out by the Charities Commission

Organisational structure

It is intended that the operational aspects will be undertaken by working groups, each with specialist areas e.g., metal working, wood turning, art. Their responsibility will be the organisation of the day-to-day management of their respective section. Until the CIO has premises such a system has no benefit. Should finances allow it is possible that a manager will be appointed as an employee.

Relationship with similar organisation

The CIO is a member of the national Men's Sheds Association. This body is not a resource centre and plays an advisory role in the operation of similar sheds. It also has agreements with some suppliers for discount for equipment etc.

Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name	Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	11991054
Charity's principal address	7 Wardle Drive Northwich CW9 7LW n.b. change expected in early 2022

Trustees

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year
1	Malcolm Stuart Dunlop	Interim Chairman/ Treasurer	Since April 2020
2	Steven Jackson	Secretary	April 2020
3	Stuart Poucher	Chairman (to Dec 2021)	April 2020
4	Robert Hayward	Safety Officer	April 2020
5	Richard Bates	Trustee	April 2020
6	Graham Alcock	Trustee	July 2020
7	Gillian Heddon	Head of Womens' section	January 2021

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
NONE		

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Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Table 1 Finances


n.b. Bank account not opened until March 2021 due to pandemic

	01/08/2020 to 31/12/20	01//01/21 to 31/12/21
Membership fees	0	270
Product sales	0	249
Payment to purchase consumables for projects	0	1413
Commission projects	0	540
Events and Activities	0	398
Sales	0	573
Donations	0	900
Gift Aid	0	0
Float	1885	65.61
Starting balance		1885
TOTAL	1885	6293.61
EXPENDITURE		
Rent	0	0
Utilities	0	0
Insurances	0	173.48
Training	0	0
Maintenance	0	0
One off projects expenditure	0	1169
Stationery	0	55.52
Event entry/ rent	0	80
TOTAL		1478
TOTAL INCOME SINCE START (Aug 2020)		6293.61
INCOME LESS EXPENDIITURE		4815.61

Declarations

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