CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 6th October 2020 To: 1st July 2021

Charity name: Axe Valley Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1191653

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The main purpose of the Axe Valley Men's Shed is to promote social inclusion and improve mental health and wellbeing for the public benefit. By reducing the risk to people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over, within Axbridge, Cheddar, Wedmore and surrounding villages and communities within Somerset, from becoming socially excluded. Relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially. This includes supporting people who have suffered trauma through physical & mental illness, bereavement, COVID shielding or any other issue which has led to a level of exclusion. Definition of Socially Excluded: 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; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; 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; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our main activities our centred around two specific sites, a 'Men's shed' and an outdoor activities site, where co-ordinated activities are provided that help us

particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.		achieve our objectives. Our activities include, social meeting sessions, workshop-based activities making and building things, art classes, music and modelling clubs, gardening activities and health and wellbeing sessions provided by healthcare professionals or specialists. We get involved in local community projects as volunteers or to make things for use within our local area, working in partnership with local organisations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees have considered the guidance on public benefit and work to ensure that all we do meets these aims.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	There is currently no policy on grant making as we do not make grants to other organisations, groups or individuals. As we mature as an organisation we will consider and form a policy should we be in a position to be able to make grants to others.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We do not have an investment policy as we are not currently in a position where we have capital that would benefit from investment.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	For this reporting period our main contribution from volunteers has been the refurbishment and establishment of our new ‘shed’ building and workshop area and preparation of our outdoor activities site in preparation for more relaxed Covid restrictions where we can become fully open. We acquired our new premises in August 2020 and preparation of this site for opening and running our first activities could not have been achieved without the contribution of our volunteers. This enabled us to provide a limited restricted service (following Covid guidelines) during this reporting period and open fully once restrictions were relaxed.
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	Our main achievement during this reporting period is the establishment of sites where we can undertake the activities that help us meet our overall objectives. This expansion is our key achievement and the building block to increase our activities and deliver the benefits as set out in our statement of purpose. We were formed in July 2019 as a single meeting place which could essentially only offer a place to meet providing a social inclusion and support network, limited to a weekly meeting within a local hall.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Our initial objective was to establish a permanent (or semi-permanent) site providing us the space and flexibility to 'open' and formally undertake all the activities that a typical menshed provides. After a search of over a year we have secured not one but two locations in which we can expand our activities. We are now a full open men's shed, registered member of the UK Menshed association and a registered CIO. We have met all our objectives in terms of preparing to provide our services and launch our new site, but the Covid pandemic has severely restricted what we could provide and when, as directed by Government guidance. However, we were able to provide 24 sessions during this period providing an essential service to people affected by the social isolation that derived from the pandemic.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	We did not set a specific target for fundraising for this period. Our financial needs for the year being unknown due to a lack of a permanent site and what that would cost. Our actual performance during this period exceeded our expectations and helped establish a financial base to grow. Initial thinking suggested that £5k would be an annual fundraising target, we achieved £7.8k in this period.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Axe Valley Men's Shed do not have any investments.
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	During this reporting period we increased our financial position by about £1.7k having very little activity in terms of our normal scheduled activities due to the Covid pandemic. We secured £7.8k of funding which ensured our financial sustainability over this period and finished the year with a financial reserve adequate for our needs planned to start the next year.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves held to ensure we can meet our commitments for ongoing premises rent and project/activity commitments.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,660 held in bank account at end of reporting period.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	We had no deficit during this period.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There was no concern about the charity continuing as a going concern during this period apart from uncertainty arising from the ongoing Covid pandemic and when we could resume normal activities.

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	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	From the 6th October 2020 Axe Valley Men's Shed are a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Within the Axe Valley Men's Shed constitution all committee members are elected at our AGM. Full Committee members are trustees, with a designated role, such as Secretary, Treasurer, etc, others may be elected or appointed by the committee to co-ordinate specific activities or projects but not as full committee members or trustees. This is reviewed annually. Committee membership can be revied for exceptional circumstances via an EGM.

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	Axe Valley Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity	1191653

number	
Charity’s principal address	Millstream Cottage, Crossmoor Road, Axbridge, BS26 2DY

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	John Douglas Ryves	Funding Officer		Committee/Members
2	Andrew Kenneth Laken	Chairman		Committee/Members
3	Dr Robin John Goodfellow			Committee/Members
4	Stuart Graeme Berwick	Treasurer		Committee/Members
5	Terrence White	Workshop Manager		Committee/Members
6	Thomas Clive Jenkins	Secretary		Committee/Members
7	George William Ware	Wellbeing officer		Committee/Members
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
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)

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

N/A

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	*Stuart Berwick*	*Andy Laken*
Full name(s)	Stuart Berwick	Andy Laken
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Treasurer	Chairman
Date	30/04/22	

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Axe Valley Men's Shed	No (if any)

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 10/6/2020	To	Period end date 7/1/2021

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts				
Cheddar Parish Council grant	1,000	-	-	1,000
Cheddar Valley Lions grant	250	-	-	250
NSF grant	1,950	-	-	1,950
Somerset Community grant	4,350	-	-	4,350
Donation Rotary Club Wrington	250	-	-	250
Membership fees	713	-	-	713
Sale of donated items & surplus equipment	265	-	-	265
Donations	1,629	-	-	1,629
Weekly sub fees (individual shed sessions)	555	-	-	555
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
***Sub total** (Gross income for AR)*	10,962	-	-	10,962
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	10,962	-	-	10,962
A3 Payments				
Sparks Somerset - provision of first aid training courses x5 people	125	-	-	125
Travis Perkins - materials for refurbishment	434	-	-	434
CRS Buiding supplies - materials for refurbishment	422	-	-	422
Electrical equipment & H&S equipment	622	-	-	622
Electrical refurbishment work	330	-	-	330
Groundworks & creation of disabled access at Shortlans outdoor site	2,585	-	-	2,585
Website fees	103	-	-	103
Grasscutting fee	40	-	-	40
Furniture	100	-	-	100
Shed consumables	30	-	-	30
Rent (Cheddar Shed site)	4,800	-	-	4,800
Utilities (electric & water)	97	-	-	97
Sub total	9,688	-	-	9,688
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	9,688	-	-	9,688
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,274	-	-	1,274
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	-	-	-	-
Cash funds this year end	1,274	-	-	1,274

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Petty cash	15	-
		-	-
		-	-
	Total cash funds	15	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	N/A	-	-
		-	-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B3 Investment assets	N/A		-
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	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Health & Safety equipment		
	Workshop consumables		
	Furniture		
	Tools		
	other activities equipment		-
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	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	None		-
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Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name
Stuart Berwick	Stuart Berwick
Andy Laken	Andy Laken

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When due (optional)

Date of approval
4/30/2022
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