CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 2nd July 2021 To: 1st July 2022

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. This was our position last year and it has not changed during 2021/22
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. This has also not changed since our last report and continues to be our position during 2021/22
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	For this reporting period our main contribution from volunteers has been the development of our second site at Shortland's field in preparation for establishment of our community gardens and preparation for our orchard and growing areas, which have seen the establishment of our first crops and laid solid foundations for the site to be developed further next year to incorporate further growing activities and outdoor sessions. Our volunteers have also expanded and developed the main 'shed' building and workshop area into the additional unit and significantly developed, organised and run our new activities which could not have been achieved without the contribution of our volunteers. This enabled us to contribute significantly to many local projects and initiatives. Growing and enhancing what we do and delivery more within our community.
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 achievements during this reporting period: Development of our outdoor site building a solid base for expanding activities during 2022/23. Establishment of a fit for purpose safe space across two units where we were able to fully develop and deliver a full range of activities and services associated with a typical men's shed. Increased our membership and outreach within our target group by 50% over the previous year. Double our financial reserves, revise our financial model and become more financially sustainable. Contribute to local initiatives like the Axbridge Pageant, local Heritage trail and others, giving shed members a real sense of contribution to local community projects and building our visibility and outreach across the communities that these benefit. Delivered 213 activities and sessions for our members that helped us meet our overall aims and objectives for men as a men's shed. This expansion of activity and the benefit it brings is our key achievement and the building block to increase further our activities and deliver the benefits as set out in our statement of purpose.

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. We achieved this last year with the establishment of our main shed site and an outdoor site in which we wanted to expand our activities. This year, we have also expanded our main shed site by 50% taking on an adjacent unit and combining to form a single shed. Our main objectives for this year were to fully open the men's shed, start building

		our activities and sessions, develop and increase our membership and our financial position to make us more financially sustainable. We have met all our objectives in terms of finally fully opening the shed, establishing and launching a number of new services and increasing our financial viability. In addition we also started to make more services available to the wider local community and participated in more local community initiatives. In the previous year the Covid pandemic severely restricted what we could provide and when, we were only able to provide 24 sessions during this period. Having a full year open has providing an essential service to people affected by the social isolation that derived from the pandemic. In total we ran 213 sessions throughout the year, growing significantly what we do, the impact we can make on men's mental health and wellbeing and our overall visibility and contribution to our local community.
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 relatively unknown due to a lack of stable financial reporting caused by the disruption of the pandemic and enforced closures. A stable period of opening and running our activities is needed to predict our financial needs accurately. However, after achieving £7.8k last year and predicting challenges post pandemic our actual performance during this period exceeded our expectations and helped further establish a financial base to grow. We achieved £8.4k 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 have virtually doubled our financial position building a better financial base to guarantee our longer-term security at our current rented accommodation and start to build funds towards securing a permanent, long term and more financially sustainable home. Activity, in terms of our normal scheduled activities, has grown steadily post pandemic and enabled us to restructure our financial operating model accordingly to meet our financial demands this year. Our fundraising has exceeded our expectations securing £8.4k of funding which ensured our financial sustainability over this period and finished the year with a financial reserve adequate for our needs and planning 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	£11,387 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 increasing costs post pandemic and the emerging cost of living crisis and any impact this may have over the winter of 2022/23.

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	Para 1.46	

charity		
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 reviewed 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	28/04/23	

Charity Registration No. 1191653 (England and Wales)

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AXE VALLEY MEN'S SHED CHARITY
INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JULY 2022

Trustees	Andrew Laken Stuart Berwick John Ryves Robin Goodfellow Terry White Thomas Jenkins George Ware Stephen Staples
Charity Number	1191653 (England and Wales)
Registered Office	Millstream Cottage Crossmoor Road Axbridge Somerset BS26 2DY United Kingdom
Accountants	Poolbridge Accountancy Limited Forge Enterprise Centre 3 Church Road, West Huntspill Highbridge Somerset TA9 3RN

AXE VALLEY MEN'S SHED
TRUSTEES' REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JULY 2022

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 1 July 2022.

Trustees

The following Trustees held office during the whole of the period:

Andrew Laken
Stuart Berwick

The following Trustees were appointed during the period:

John Ryves was appointed on 29 September 2021.
Robin Goodfellow was appointed on 29 September 2021.
Terry White was appointed on 29 September 2021.
Thomas Jenkins was appointed on 29 September 2021.
George Ware was appointed on 29 September 2021.

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the report and accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year. Under that law, the Trustees have elected to prepare the accounts in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Charity law the Trustees must not approve the accounts unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of the profit or loss of the Charity for that period. In preparing these accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Signed on behalf of the board of Trustees

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Stuart Berwick
Trustee

Approved by the board on: 30 November 2022

AXE VALLEY MEN'S SHED
INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JULY 2022

	2022 £
Turnover	19,452
Cost of raw materials and consumables	(1,198)
Staff cost	(35)
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	(601)
Other charges	(13,491)
Profit	4,127

AXE VALLEY MEN'S SHED
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT 1 JULY 2022

		2022 £
Fixed assets		1,804
Current assets	11,387	
Net current assets		11,387
Total assets less current liabilities		13,191
Net assets		13,191
Capital and reserves		13,191

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

1 Statutory information

Axe Valley Men's Shed is a Charity, registered in England and Wales, registration number 1191653. The registered office is Millstream Cottage, Crossmoor Road, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2DY, United Kingdom.

Approved by the board on 30 November 2022

Stuart Berwick
Trustee

Charity Registration No. 1191653

AXE VALLEY MEN'S SHED
DETAILED INCOME STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1 JULY 2022

This schedule does not form part of the statutory accounts.

	2022 £
Turnover	
Sales	19,452
Cost of raw materials and consumables	
Purchases	1,198
Staff costs	
Travel and subsistence	35
Depreciation and other amounts written off assets	
Depreciation	601
Other	
Rent	9,550
Light and heat	1,178
Stationery and printing	64
Insurance	538
Software	114
Repairs and maintenance	556
Sundry expenses	92
Other legal and professional	128
Other direct costs	1,271
	13,491
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation	4,127