

AGM - H&DMS Summary Report 9th November 2023

Having received our Five-year licence to Occupy to 1st April 2027 from our first year Probation licence gave us basic security to continue our project.

With another busy twelve months as we progress our Men's Shed, demands and requests on our services pouring in, where we can we do.

They received many projects and requests from the school during this year, making old fashioned games for the young children, splat the rat, hand skittles, ball in the bucket etc., elaborate stage sets and furniture for this year's pantomime, an outdoor chess table. Painting of the Headmasters flat for the incoming of a New Headmaster and CEO of the school trust on 1st September 2023.

Many requests came from Hunstanton Town Council, they created candy sticks, teddy bears, angels, and stars for the High Street Christmas decorations. Christmas tree and stars outside town hall.

Making Christmas trees from pallet wood painted green and silver with a star for sale to the public are well received and gives us a small income from the donations.

The workshop has been busy this year, with members constructing and repairing many projects of their own.

Later in the year we received a more challenging request from Hunstanton town Council, could we construct a carriage to be towed in the summer carnival carrying the senior boy and girl from our local primary school. They would be carnival King and Queen.

Our expert team of tea and coffee drinkers designed, constructed, on a trailer, supplied by Jim who supplied and upholstered the carriage, this full-size mock-up of the 'Royal landau' which was then painted. Fitted out in all its splendour with the Town Councils crest emblazoned on the doors and the men's shed on the number plate. On carnival day towed by Jim in his vintage land rover and accompanied by other members of the Men's Shed at the front of the procession to rapturous applause and rave reviews.

For the celebration of the Coronation a large wooden crown constructed by Derek in the flower bed and filled with flowers by the Rotary club at the Town Hall.

Also, an 'odd socks caterpillar' constructed from pallet wood some twenty-five feet long mounted on railings in the esplanade gardens at sea front for the young children to draw on for 'Hunstanton in Bloom.'

Six bug boxes were made and permanently fitted into the Sensory Garden complex in Boston Square also for 'Hunstanton in Bloom.'

Our contributions to Hunstanton in Bloom have been well received culminating in Hunstanton receiving the highest award 'Gold' for Anglia in Bloom 2023.

This year was not as hectic as our first year here at our Glebe House School site when we were either renovating the Nissen Hut or building toilet, wood store, and the Quiet room, raised flower beds, and wildflower garden, and laying gravel grids in the shingle.

With completion of our £4000 'Love Norfolk' grant, for purchasing our large wood lathe, topsoil for flower beds, Paint for the exterior of our Nissen Hut, Gazebo and numerous assorted power and hand tools we required to improve our workshop for the members.

Working outside is problematic as you are open to all the elements of the weather, there was originally a semi-permanent gazebo over the table saw area for many months, where the birds deposited direct hits! They came in one day to find the inclement weather had completely destroyed and blown away Gazebo!

It was decided to erect a sail over a larger area, again costly and would constantly have to be taken down due to the weather. This idea was shelved. A more permanent solution developed, to erect an extension on the end of our Quiet room which would have a roof and three sides, where you could potter under cover without getting wet.

Later in the year when the Santa's Sleigh has gone, a mini marquee which was donated to the shed, will be erected for outside work under cover from the elements which will benefit members when it is wet and windy.

We have continued to help in making items for children's groups, a Large Sand box, and a water wall. Assisting collecting from local people who have lost a partner generously donating equipment and tools to us. Sometimes quality gear!

We have been asked again this year to fit another set of one hundred tiles to the wall on the north promenade sea wall under the day chalets, local school children paint these. Unfortunately, the request is too late in the year due to the weather conditions, but we will fit them in April/May 2024 after the last frosts.

During the year we have had a few members leave and new members join but sadly Roy Evans passed away on Thursday 19th October 2023. Roy always with a happy smile, One of life's nicest people. We will miss him, Roy Rest in Peace.

Thank you to you all for your contributions to your Shed.

Thank you again for an industrious happy year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas lunch on the 29th of November 2023.

Thank you.

Chris Ellis
HDMS
Chair



HDMS CHARITY NUMBER

1191860

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from

Period start date

To

Period end date

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4/6/2022

4/5/2023

Section A Receipts and payments

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