

H&DMS Summary Report 2024

Like the previous four years we have had a busy twelve months improving and adding to our Shed complex, giving us more room, and enabling us to set up more facilities.

By Christmas last year we had completed the conversion of the 'Royal Landau' carriage to a 'Santas Sleigh' Wheels and superstructure removed, new sides fitted and painted red, detachable skis fitted, beautifully decked out with Christmas presents at the back, and mounted on six heavy duty swivel wheels to manoeuvre and handed over to the Hunstanton Town Council.

We have had many requests over the past twelve months from other charities and businesses.

The Union Church asked for their Large Notice Board to be refurbished, it had wood, Perspex replaced and repainted then reinstalled. Following this they requested that the smaller notice board be repaired but was declared unrepairable. So, a new notice board constructed, modified as requested, painted, and installed.

They have since requested another notice board same as the last one for the south side of the church. Due to our other commitments this has not been made yet. Also requested were three chicken wire grids to keep debris and ducks falling into basement areas, these were made and installed.

Recently they requested a suggestion box which was duly made with oak wood with green baize, by John and Jim.

The school requested could we assist again this year with making the props for the school play. This year the play was 'Bugsy Malone' our expert tea and coffee drinkers constructed all the required items for the play, the set being so large the school could not accommodate it on their premises, telephones, fire hydrant, boxing ring, tommy guns, bar, library, scenery flats etc., were carefully made and transported to the Town hall, each night was a sell-out. The Shed was commended for the contribution of the props.

Also, at Easter we were requested to paint the large dining area walls and skirting boards during the summer holidays, and paint, fill and modify staircase to dining room. Our experienced team of painters Martin, Peter, and Paul. Completed this task.

Natural England approached us to see if we could make some new signs for the Norfolk Coast to display the local habitat birds, seals etc., They required fifteen large signs with two and four 3" or 4" legs 1500 – 1800mm long posts. These were made with tanalised wood and marine ply for durability. Our tea and coffee drinkers Derek, Roger, and Mark completed these and Roger made two deliveries of the finished signs to Brancaster with his horse box.

Hunstanton in Bloom gave us many requests who were preparing for the Sixtieth Anniversary of Britain in Bloom, apart from repairing the odd socks caterpillar made last year which is placed in the esplanade gardens. They requested slugs, snails, and butterflies made in pallet wood about three feet in size painted white with a black outline of the mollusc and insects. These were mounted in the Sensory Gardens for the children to paint in colours of their choice.

Following this was a request for an eight-foot front of a 1960's VW Campervan made in wood and painted in blue and white with a Britain in Bloom 60 Number plate, the windows and lights were cut out and the VW front mounted flat on stilts was installed in the Town Hall flower Bed. Flower plants were placed in and around the VW cut out by the rotary club.

In addition to this we were asked at short notice to make the thirteen-presentation bowls for the awards ceremony of Anglia in Bloom, the original tree cut offs were unsuccessful as was the second delivery. The bowls split overnight drying out. John found some seasoned strips of wood, glued, and clamped two sets of four pieces together. These were cut up into the required thirteen bowls and made by Jim, some were produced in his workshop at home due to time parameters. These were warmly received and appreciated by recipients.

This year Hunstanton in Bloom included our premises in the Judges Walk round of the town, although we have a wildflower garden and a series of flower beds, bird box and bug box we were not exactly in pristine presentation mode due to our building program of the new model shed. Nevertheless, the Judges were impressed with the complex and our contributions to the town and presented us with a recognition award, which is displayed in our quiet room.

We were invited to the Hunstanton in Bloom wrap up tea party to hear the Judges summary of the town's efforts. Paul, Jim, and I attended this function.

Our efforts contributed to Hunstanton receiving the highest award Gold' award for best Coastal Town.

In March one of our members married again, we clubbed together and sent Norman and Verity a wedding gift. In the meantime, Norman has seriously damaged himself walking the dog in the woods and tripping over. It is taking several months for his recovery back to rude health, we look forward to seeing him in the new year.

Also, in March the UK Men's Shed association erected a shed at Portcullis House in the Palace of Westminster to raise awareness of men's wellbeing and the Men's Shed Movement. All the UK sheds names were on display for the MPs to view, a considerable amount of MP's viewed the shed and shed locations, our local MP James Wild did not know there was a men's shed in Hunstanton. His PA contacted us and arranged a visit to our complex on the 4th of April this year, he spent a few hours here with us talking to many members, and a lot of you were in the group photo.

He enjoyed his visit and was impressed by our complex, which he commented on in his twitter account, this was noted by the Chief Executive of the national CITB at Bircham Newton.

There they have a division called the Constructionarium which has been in operation over twenty years, firms send their employees there for team building, they form groups who are tasked with constructing a London landmark in one fifth scale size. They are given five working days Monday to Friday to complete in all weathers outside.

The Chief Executive Julia Stevens contacted us to ask if we would like to visit the site and view a landmark near completion on a Thursday. Two groups from our shed visited during June and July; the landmark being constructed was the 'Shard.' This was interesting and informative on a cold drizzly day; we were in full Health & Safety gear which kept us partially dry. We chatted to the team who were building and finished with a hot cup of coffee before departing. Julia Stevens mentioned to us at the end of the season the wood used during the year is available for us to pick up for use in the shed.

Last year we had a visit from the Long Sutton Men's shed, we said as soon as we had a gap we would reciprocate. We visited their Shed in July this year, they had a huge complex of three buildings, with many members and a junior section for under eighteens. They had a lot of overheads for telephone, heating, and electricity etc., It is always interesting to see other sheds as they are all different to suit their members, also giving us ideas we may incorporate into our shed.

In September Roger, Paul, and I visited Wayland Men's Shed for this years 'mardle' we met up with sixteen of the thirty sheds leaders in Norfolk. The Wayland Shed is in a sports complex who have use of some huge rooms to accommodate their eighty members, over fifty members attend only for tea and banter, the rest meet in a small workshop which they hope they can expand, we noted there quiet and efficient extraction system for these machines which we may install similar in our workshop. We also had a presentation on combatting loneliness and discussion, followed by an enjoyable BBQ to finish the day.

The Hunstanton and District Festival of Arts requested again this year to affix another set of ninety painted tiles by the children of the town to the wall situated on the north promenade underneath the day chalets. This we completed on two rare sunny days. There are two of the nine panels left which are blank, no doubt next year we will be asked to fill these panels.

Last year we were donated a considerable amount of metal work equipment with nowhere to install and use. This equipment is stored and covered up in the main workshop to protect it from the sawdust. We spoke to the Headmaster of the School to get approval to build another workshop on our allotted site, which was approved. The project was costed up and required about £8000.00 pounds with a further £2000.00 for additional equipment and material. We applied for a £10,000.00 grant for this project from the National Lottery in January this year, which was successful, and the grant made available to us from March this year.

The new Model shop built by our industrious tea and coffee drinkers is nearing completion, when the electrics installation is complete the equipment and benches can be installed, this will help de clutter our main workshop. Giving us a little more room to enjoy ourselves.

During the year we have had new members join but sadly one of our trustees Bob Gillett passed away Saturday 27th April 2024, Bob fastidious in his work contributions for the shed, we made a montage of Bobs exploits in an album and gave it to Margaret his wife, who had constantly supplied us with homemade cookies, asked for more pictures of our evening celebration of Bobs life we had at the United services Club to add to the Album, this was done. Since Margaret has moved to be nearer her daughter. Rest in peace Bob.

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

Thank you again for an industrious happy year.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas lunch on the 4th
December 2024.

Thank you

Chris Ellis
Chair



HDMS CHARITY NUMBER

1191860

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2023

To

Period end date
05/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
9-Car Boot Total Income	9,814.96		9,814.96	
1-Membership fees	378.72		378.72	
2-Donations	1,723.28		1,723.28	
3-Grants	130.00	10,000.00	10,130.00	
4-Sales and Event Income	288.00		288.00	
5-Work for others	944.00		944.00	
7-Transfer from cash to current account	1,990.05		1,990.05	
8-Refunds	157.45		157.45	
6-Subscriptions	1,422.50		1,422.50	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	16,848.96	10,000.00	26,848.96	
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of Assets				
Sale of investments				
Sub total				
Total receipts	16,848.96	10,000.00	26,848.96	
Payments				
1-Electricity Water Gas Fuel				
2-Insurance	493.84		493.84	
3-Materials & consumables	2,353.18	763.80	3,116.98	
4-Small tools (<£25)	19.99		19.99	
5-Repairs and renewals	30.00		30.00	
6-Refreshments & cleaning	347.27		347.27	
7-Bank Charges and Subscriptions	4.37		4.37	
8-DBS Checks				
9-Cash to current account	1,989.97		1,989.97	
10-Car Boot Payment to Glebe Sch	7,159.84		7,159.84	
Sub total	12,398.46	763.80	13,162.26	
Asset and investment purchases				
11-Hand and power Tools (>£25)	156.61		156.61	
12-Workshop machines				
Sub total	156.61		156.61	
Total payments	12,555.07	763.80	13,318.87	
Net of receipts/(payments)	4,293.89	9,236.20	13,530.09	
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	4,685.48	2,449.77	7,135.25	
Cash funds this year end	8,979.37	11,685.97	20,665.34	

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

Categories	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current Period to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Current account	8,492.69	11,685.97	20,178.66	
Deposit account				
Cash	486.68		486.68	
Total cash funds	8,979.37	11,685.97	20,665.34	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK

To:
The Charity Commission
PO Box 211
Bootle
L20 7YX

From: S.A.A Lightbody
Glebeside
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Walpole St.Peter
PE14 7PA

9 January 2025

Dear Sir,

Re: HUNSTANTON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED
HDMS CHARITY NUMBER 1191860

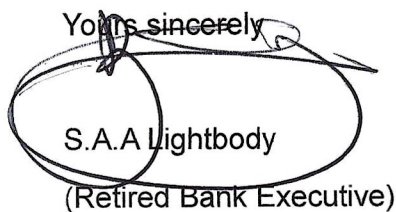
I have been asked by the members of the above "Men's Shed" to take an independent look at the accounts for the year ended 05/04/2024.

I was supplied with all the necessary information required in both paper and computer records.

I understand that the spreadsheet which forms the basis of the accounts was devised by their umbrella organisation to comply with your submission requirements.

I am pleased to report that after looking through the accounts, I found them to be completed to a competent standard and a reasonable reflection of the business undertaken.

Yours sincerely



S.A.A Lightbody
(Retired Bank Executive)