

H&DMS Summary Report 2025

This our fifth year continues to be busy, having completed the Model Shop last year, at the beginning of November I was able to secure after a lot of research and help a very good quality second hand Metal Lathe, which I found on the 'Gumtree' web site, a Myford Super Seven B, at £2000.00 this included ten boxes of additional tools and adaptors for this lathe, so at 4am on a cold November Monday morning, Ray and I went in Ray's Van to Bristol on an eight hour round trip to pick up and load lathe into his Van. The members who unloaded and assembled the Lathe agreed we had found a little used bargain lathe. this was funded from the National Lottery Grant of £10000.00 I had secured earlier in the year for the build of the Model Shop and equipment. Also, a metal bandsaw was purchased this enhanced the model shop and gave us good scope for future projects.

On the 23rd of November 2024 disaster struck, a large tree had been blown down onto the top of our Shed by storm 'Bertie' This put us out of action for nearly six months. The roof had collapsed, broken many Purlins, and bent one of the main support frames. Only a year and a half previously we had sealed and painted the outside for longevity.

The Insurance took the longest to secure repair, but we did get all necessary parts to repair Shed in advance ready for when we had the go ahead from the Insurance brokers.

This did not deter us, and we continued on with what facilities we had useable; it was restricted in space and some members attended less during this period.

They have a good working relationship with the building Companies in Hunstanton building houses and flats etc, 'Bennetts' have been next to us for some time and had been providing Pallets, excess timber, gloves, and goggles. It was agreed when they had nearly completed that Estate, they would give us all the unused internal wood left over at end of build. This they did and a large quantity of useful sizes of internal wood was duly collected with trailers by our willing team of tea and coffee drinkers and stored under DPM in front of the quiet room.

'Bennetts' have moved to a new building estate in Snettisham and will continue to supply us with excess materials etc, when available.

'Lovells' also had completed their build, and again we were offered a selection of timbers, we selected a quantity of ten-foot x 8-inch x 3-inch posts, these became particularly useful for replacing some of our Purlins for repairs. Eight of the Purlins were required 3-inch x 3-inch, two Purlins were cut from each plank. Ready for eventual repairs to Shed.

Hunstanton in Bloom made a request for us to make a mock-up of the front of a Railway Engine 'The Fenman' to celebrate 200 years of the Railways. Caringly made with mindfulness of detail by Mark, Derek, and Jim. This was to be placed in the Town Hall raised flower bed with accompanying signage. Also, refurbishment of the odd socks caterpillar for children to paint in the Esplanade Gardens, and additional Wooden Slugs and Snails for the Sensory Garden again for children to paint. The rotary club added the flowers later.

The heritage centre requested refurbishment of the buffers at the Coal Shed on the old railway bed, made by Derek B.

In addition, we were again asked to produce 14 presentation bowls for the awards ceremony of Anglia in Bloom this year, we were prepared but had to rush as we could not start production till the Shed was repaired. These were made by Jim b. and Roger.

Again, this year Hunstanton in Bloom included our premises in the Judges Walk round the town. We were commended as they were impressed with our set up.

Culminating in Hunstanton receiving the Gold Award from Anglin in Bloom committee.

Hunstanton Festival of Arts requested again this year for another set of 90 painted tiles by local school children, to be fixed to one of the remaining two panels underneath the day Chalets on the North Promenade wall. This was completed by our established tea and coffee drinkers Martin and Roger at the end of June.

For the last panel there was not enough tiles painted to install, to complete this the local Artist Kate Dunbar invited volunteers from the town to come and have a go on painting the remaining 40 tiles. Two of our members Mark and Jim W attended and painted four tiles. They received recognition of their skills coming first in all comers. This plaque is displayed in the Quiet Room. The complete panel of tiles were completed late in the year and will be fitted to the North promenade wall next year.

During March we finally got the go ahead from the Insurance to rebuild our Shed. This was done with gusto and enthusiasm by our industrious members. The main support was straightened and welded at top for strength. Purlins previously cut were replacing broken ones, the roof panels carefully manoeuvred into place and fixed with bolt screws into the Purlins. Once outside sheeting had been done the inside could be insulated, rewired as necessary and panelled up this took a few weeks to complete before the internal walls could be painted again. The outside metal panels could not be painted for a further six months.

They decided to use this opportunity whilst rebuilding the Nissen Hut to improve working conditions, two more benches were commissioned by John L. with the original three benches turned flat against the wall. This gave us more working space to work around benches and achieve more space so more members could work at the same time.

Also, a third wood lathe was added, with all the main equipment fitted to one side of shed the bandsaw and wood processor put on lockable rollers meant that now a new extraction system could be fitted. This was funded from our car boot sales. I obtained consent from the Headmaster of the School to assemble extraction unit outside beside the Nissen Hut, this gave us more working space with a quieter environment. The noisy extractor originally attached to wood processor will be offered to other sheds or disposed of.

We were asked by the Divisional Commander of the Scouts and Guides to make two Victorian games, ball in the buckets and a photo booth this had three dogs drawn on with the heads cut out by Mark these were made by Roger and Jim. Delivered to their Clubhouse in Jimmy's Field.

August came and time to paint the repaired Nissen hut as six months had passed, they had the new paint and corrugated rollers in stock ready. The Nissen hut was painted in two halves length ways the garden side first and two sessions later the drive side. When we first painted and refurbished the Nissen Hut all the members took part some painting some moving stones and cleaning up or holding the ladders while the energetic ones were painting. It was disappointing this year even after asking everybody to help very few would even consider help with the painting. The bulk of the painting was ably done by Martin, the others of you who did assist thank you for your efforts.

The School made their usual request for some painting during the term breaks, During the spring half term we painted the first-floor corridor, and in the Summer break we painted the second-floor larger corridor, these were painted by Martin, Roger, Derek, Paul, Mark J, Mark R and Myself.

Again, this year we ran the Car Boots for the School, this year was handicapped by the weather, rain, and cold winds so consequently besides our best efforts it was a poor year for us.

We achieved only £1499.05 for the Shed and £4493.77 for the School making the Total for the year £5992.82. Each year the Car Boots are getting smaller. In our first year we achieved a total of £9708.67. There is more competition these days plus the weather did not help this year. Let us hope for a better year in 2026.

The Hunstanton Heritage Society requested hardwood mountings for two presentation glass awards, these were ably cut, polished, and glued to the glass by Louis.

The Town Council requested an Elf generator and Fireplace for the Indoor Winter Wonderland Hub, which is in the basement of the Town Hall, and opens to the public on the 30th of November These have been caringly made by Mark, Derek, Roger, Jim, and Dave.

This has not been an easy year for us, first it was the tree blown down onto Shed, then Roy Warne and Myself have had major open heart surgery, also wives and partners of our members with serious illnesses, sadly Chris Hudds partner has passed away, rest in peace, Christine.

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

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas lunch on the 3rd of December 2025.

Thank you

Chris Ellis

Chair



Hunstanton & District Men's Shed

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
06/04/2024

To

Period end date
05/04/2025

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				
Membership fees	1,598.96		1,598.96	1,801
Donations	636.36		636.36	1,723
Grants				10,130
Sales / event income	325.00		325.00	446
Agreed work for Others	201.52		201.52	944
Car Boot Sales Income	1,757.00		1,757.00	2,655
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	4,518.84		4,518.84	17,699
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets				
Sale of investments				
Sub total				
Total receipts	4,518.84		4,518.84	17,699.15
Payments				
Shed premises costs				
Insurance	526.11		526.11	493.84
Materials & consumables	2,393.43	7,633.75	10,027.18	3,116.98
Small tools (<£25)				19.99
Repairs and renewals	22.74		22.74	30.00
Refreshments & cleaning	394.90		394.90	347.27
Admin/Office costs	90.40		90.40	4.37
Subscriptions	30.00		30.00	
Sundry				
Sub total	3,457.58	7,633.75	11,091.33	4,012.45
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	219.47		219.47	156.61
Workshop machines		2,407.96	2,407.96	
Sub total	219.47	2,407.96	2,627.43	156.61
Total payments	3,677.05	10,041.71	13,718.76	4,169.06
Net of receipts/(payments)	841.79	-10,041.71	-9,199.92	13,530.09
Transfers between funds	-3,355.74	3,355.74		
Cash funds last year end	8,979.37	11,685.97	20,665.34	7,135.25
Cash funds this year end	6,465.42	5,000.00	11,465.42	20,665.34