



Working for Each Other



Chairman's Report 2023/2024 Management Committee

This year marked a pivotal shift in our leadership as our founder and long-serving chairman stepped down during the AGM. His invaluable contribution to the Shed was widely acknowledged by the membership. In his absence, the committee continued to oversee operations until an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was held on 8 November 2024, where a new chairman and two trustees were elected.

Throughout 2024, the Management Committee held regular monthly meetings to ensure alignment with the direction and purpose set by our members. Thanks to the dedication and perseverance of both the committee and our members, we successfully opened our new purpose-built workshop on 7 June 2024.

The trustees extend sincere gratitude to all Management Committee members for their ongoing support, hard work, and commitment.

Membership

Our membership continues to grow steadily, now reaching 86 members. We are especially encouraged by the increasing number of younger members joining us, helping to make the Shed more inclusive and appealing to a broader age range within the community.

Premises

Until June 2024, we operated from two temporary satellite sites kindly loaned by New Milton Town Council and New Milton Sand & Ballast. These sites, while functional, limited the opportunities for members to collaborate on personal and community projects. With the opening of our new, purpose-built workshop on 7th June, these temporary sites were closed, and all activities have since moved to the new facility. A heartfelt thank you to all who assisted with the relocation process.

Social

Our weekly meetings at New Milton Football Club on Fawcett's Field continue to be well-attended, with an average of 41 members participating each week. We hosted a range of guest speakers throughout the year, including Aimee Durnell (Lymington's secret history), Richard Deakin (New Forest Verderers, Commoners, etc.), and Marc Hegany (Hidden in Plain Sight – WW2 airfields). Other social events included a quiz night, lunches, and a Christmas social, attended by 86 people. These gatherings have fostered a vibrant social environment and encouraged members' families and friends to participate.

Community Projects & Events

Once again, we have contributed to several local community projects, with much of our recent focus on fundraising to support the new workshop. Notable projects include:

- Lions Club of New Milton – May Fayre and trophy creation for the NM Lions Classic Car Show
- Cliff House Christmas Market
- Pennington School fence repairs (with Tesco Stronger Starts Grant)
- Remembrance Sunday events
- House Martin tower for Christchurch Harbour Ornithological Group (CHOG)

- Planters for Lymington station and repairs to the station's model train carriage
- Upcycling a TV table for New Milton Youth Centre
- A garden bench for Kingfisher Care Home residents
- Book swap cupboard for Chiltern Drive
- Continued support for New Milton community garden, including benches and trellis work
- Advising New Forest Disability Shop and erecting a metal storage shed
- Construction of a historic armoury Gun Shell carriage for Hurst Castle, Historic England
- Ongoing design and construction of a bug hotel for the parish church's children's messy church

Additionally, we've undertaken many unrecorded projects that have positively impacted the community. We appreciate the time and effort generously given by our members. Although keeping up with the demands of these projects can be challenging, their success has been key to raising funds for the new workshop and strengthening our community ties. The requests for assistance continue to grow, and we remain committed to supporting both our members and the wider community.

Importantly, members don't need specialised skills to get involved—whether through time or resources, every contribution is valuable.

Fundraising

We are pleased to report securing several grants this year, including:

- Tesco Stronger Starts Grant – £1,500
- New Milton Mayor's Charity – cheque presentation on April 9, 2025
- Kingfisher Care Home – Nominated Charity of the Year – cheque presentation on January 29, 2025

We also boosted community visibility by supporting events such as the Lions May Fayre, two stalls at New Milton High Street, and a stall at Kingfisher Residential Home and the Cliff House indoor Christmas market.

Finances

Our Treasurer, John Healey, has diligently managed the charity's finances, and the auditor's report reflects his thoroughness. The charity remains financially healthy, the new workshop has been valued at £130,000 and we will have a clearer understanding of ongoing expenses once the workshop is in full use. In line with Charity Commission recommendations, the trustees have set aside a £5,000 Reserve Fund to cover any unexpected future costs, and we plan to invest these funds in a manner that ensures financial stability.

Donations

We are deeply grateful for the generous donations received from local businesses and residents. These donations, whether money, tools, equipment, materials, or raffle prizes, have been instrumental in our success.

Website and Publicity

Our PR & Communications Officer has worked tirelessly to maintain our social media presence and update local community papers about our activities. Additionally, our Digital IT Champion is revamping our website to include an events calendar, keeping members informed and engaged. Progress is also being made on securing free Microsoft charity licenses, setting up generic email addresses, and improving website hosting.

Purpose

At the heart of our Shed is a commitment to social inclusion. We provide a welcoming space where members can connect, share experiences, and rediscover purpose. Through skill-sharing, learning new hobbies, or simply enjoying good company, we aim to prevent social isolation and promote good health and wellbeing, including raising awareness of men's health initiatives.

Beyond the Shed, we take pride in contributing to the wider community and are committed to listening to our members as we continue to grow and evolve.

In conclusion, our Shed is more than just a workshop—it's a place where connections are made, communities thrive, and lives are enriched.

Mark Hughes
Chairman

Income and Expenditure Account

New Milton Men's Shed

For the year ended 31 December 2024

2024

Income

Membership Subscriptions	2,838.47
Donations (Includes £39,620.80 assumed value of volunteers time to build interior of new shed)	46,541.28
Fundraising	1,964.67
Income from Functions	2,641.25
Income from Project Work	463.00
Income from Trips	1,612.00
Other Income	
Bank Interest Received	99.86
Income from Sales of Equipment	1,580.21
Total Other Income	1,680.07
Total Income	57,740.74

Direct Costs

Ground Rent	252.00
Utilities	719.68
Property Maintenance	141.52
Shed Consumables, Small Tools and Equipment	1,031.51
Membership Refunds	35.00
Purchases for Fundraising	55.00
Purchases for Functions	2,542.75
Purchases for Project Work	237.76
Purchases for Trips	1,642.50
Speakers	185.00
Total Direct Costs Administrative	6,842.72

Costs

Office Equipment and Stationery	199.99
Affiliation Fees	30.01
Advertising	159.60
Insurance	806.11
Leasehold Building - Structure - Depreciation Charge	1,186.11
Leasehold Building - Kitchen - Depreciation Charge	194.44
Leasehold Building - Washroom - Depreciation Charge	116.67
Workshop Tools and Machinery Depreciation Charge	1,166.61
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings - Depreciation Charge	36.00
IT and Electrical Equipment - Depreciation Charge	126.83
Other Equipment Depreciation Charge	55.00
Total Administrative Costs	4,077.37

Surplus for the Year

46,820.65

Balance Sheet

New Milton Men's Shed As at 31 December 2024

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Fixed Assets

Tangible Assets

Leasehold Building - Structure	122,000.00
Leasehold Building - Kitchen	5,000.00
Leasehold Building - Washroom	3,000.00
Workshop Tools and Machinery	5,878.37
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings	140.00
IT and Electrical Equipment	731.90
Other Equipment	144.17
Total Tangible Assets	136,894.44

Less Depreciation

Leasehold Building - Structure - Accumulated Depreciation	(1,186.11)
Leasehold Building - Kitchen - Accumulated Depreciation	(194.44)
Leasehold Building - Washroom - Accumulated Depreciation	(116.67)
Workshop Tools and Machinery - Accumulated Depreciation	(1,260.40)
Furniture, Fixtures and Fittings - Accumulated Depreciation	(36.00)
IT and Electrical Equipment - Accumulated Depreciation	(365.30)
Other Equipment Depreciation	(97.79)
Total Less Depreciation	(3,256.71)

Total Fixed Assets

133,637.73

Current Assets

Prepayments and accrued income

Prepayments	352.65
Total Prepayments and accrued income	352.65

Cash at bank and in hand

Current Account 5360	268.51
Deposit Account 3668	9,100.00
Cash In Hand	131.12
Total Cash at bank and in hand	9,499.63

Total Current Assets

9,852.28

Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Accruals	184.84
Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	184.84

Net Current Assets (Liabilities)

9,667.44

Total Assets less Current Liabilities

143,305.17

Net Assets

143,305.17

Capital and Reserves

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Current Year Earnings	46,820.65
Members Funds b/fwd	96,484.52
Total Capital and Reserves	143,305.17