

Cranleigh Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1193410

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1st January 2021 to 31st December 2022

Aims & Purposes

The aim & purpose of the Cranleigh Men's Shed, is the promotion of social inclusion for the benefit of men living in the vicinity of Cranleigh.

Objectives & Activities

Our objective is to combat loneliness and social isolation that may arise as a result of age or disability, by the provision of a workshop where men can meet and engage in activities together.

The Shed is open three days per week, providing facilities for members to make items mainly using wood either for themselves or for the Shed to sell at local events. The money raised provides for the purchase of materials and help towards running costs. Members work with others to produce items and learn new skills, make friends and enhance social contact.

When planning activities for the year the Trustees have taken into account the Commissions guidance on public benefit and in particular our main objectives of combatting loneliness and social exclusion. Members are encouraged to work on projects with others and also within small teams where they can interact, learn new skills and gain confidence. Members are encouraged to help others and transfer their knowledge. This also provides a safe and relaxed environment where members can share any concerns or problems and seek help, support and guidance from other members who may have experienced similar situations. The Trustees also seek out projects where the "Men's Shed" skills can be used for the benefit of the wider Cranleigh Community.

Achievements and Performance

Premises

Following the sale of land occupied by our workshop, we moved to new, larger premises in January with much improved facilities. A small Community Grant from Surrey County Council helped us with our set-up costs for the new facility.

Membership

The additional space afforded by our new premises has enabled us to offer more places and by the end of 2022, our membership had increased to 20.

Community projects

We have been able to use our skills to assist with community projects delivering a significant benefit for our members and for the community itself.

Following on from 2021 we cleaned & prepared a further set of street bollards ready for decoration by local artists as part of a community arts project.

A village noticeboard for the Ewhurst WI was renovated and a Sensory Sight Time capsule was made for Sight for Surrey. Stage props were made for a local primary school and a bench was renovated for a local club.

Members gained a great deal of satisfaction in being involved in these projects spending time and energy putting something back into the community.

Growing confidence and improving skills

Members gained significant enjoyment from attending the Cranleigh Lions Carnival once again, where products made by the group were sold. The group also ran a game of skill and fast reaction on behalf of the Lions, raising over £60 for their charity. Interaction with members of the public both young & old improved members confidence and outlook.

To further support the Lions charity, members produced a number of items for the Lions to sell on their Christmas market stall. These sales are always very successful. Through this activity members build team relationships whilst working together to fulfil orders and to provide an income for the Shed funds, whilst supporting the Lions in achieving their objectives.

Overall, another very successful year. Increased workshop space, increased membership, learning new skills, selling products we made and talking to the public, all adding to enormous pride and sense of achievement.

Financial review

Total receipts from unrestricted funds and normal operating activities totalled £6,503 which includes a very generous £1,250 donation from The Cranleigh Masons.

Restricted funds of £1,186 were £836 from Surrey County Council specific towards set up costs for our new premises and £350 from the Cranleigh & District Lions Club towards the purchase of a defibrillator.

Sales of products made in the workshop totalled £2,470

Members pay a monthly fee of £5 plus £1 for each session attended. The membership and session fees are designed to ensure that Shed costs for electricity, insurance etc is fully covered. The Trustees can waive these fees in cases of hardship.

The net result for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of £1,282. Restricted funds were fully utilised within the year.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed to increase our reserve to £1,200 to cover future rent, utilities & insurance. This ensures the Shed can continue to operate for a minimum of 12 months in the unlikely event of no income received.

Structure Governance & Management

The shed constitution is based upon the Charity Commission model for a CIO.

The Shed is controlled by a committee of 6 consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer plus 3 committee members. There were 3 Trustees as at 31st December. Elections for officers committee and trustees take place in January each year. There are plans to increase the number of Trustees in 2023.

The Committee meet formally 4 times per year, but many of the day-to-day decisions are made with members during the weekly sessions.

There are clear guidelines for the operation of the shed included in the workshop rules, of which each member has a copy. Members are required to undertake training on all tools that could constitute a risk, and to undertake refresher training on an annual basis.

Risks

The workshop is reliant on electricity for heating lighting and machine operation. Continued increases in electricity cost could impact upon the viability of the shed. However, the Trustees are confident that funds are sufficient to cover foreseeable costs in 2023.

Administrative Information

The Cranleigh Men's Shed is located in Knowle Lane Cranleigh GU6 8JL.

Correspondence address is 8 Redcroft Walk Cranleigh GU6 8DS

Officers and Trustees who have served from 1st January 2021 until the date this report was approved are:

Philip Loring	Chairman
Allan Harvey	Secretary
Mark Towers	Treasurer

Tony Vidler	Committee
Roy Baldwin	Committee

The Trustees are:

Philip Loring
Allan Harvey
Mark Towers

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the charity trustees


Philip Loring
Chairman

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**Cranleigh Mens Shed
Income Expenditure Summary 2022**

Income		Expense	
Sales	2,470.07	Sundry	279.08
Membership Fees	1,000.00	Materials	1,407.45
Weekly Subs	664.20	Tools & Equip	2,133.97
Donations	2,055.98	Shed	1,097.01
Sundry Income	313.57	Admin (inc Insurance)	249.26
Restricted funds (Grants)	836.00	Events (Stall fees)	55.00
		Restricted funds	836.00
			6,057.77
		Surplus	1,282.05
	7,339.82		7,339.82

Cash & Bank Reconciliation

Cash Box	174.76	Surplus 2022	1,282.05
Bank	3,545.62	Funds B/F 2021	2,438.33
Total funds	<u>3,720.38</u>		<u>3,720.38</u>

Note:

Total funds as at 31st Dec 2022	3,720.38
Provision for rent & electricity 2022	1,000.00
Outstanding membership fees 2022	35.00
Total funds available 2023	2,658.49


