

Cranleigh Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1193410

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1st January 2022 to 31st December 2023

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

We have continued to develop and improve our workshop with the installation of additional insulation and dust extraction.

Membership

At the end of 2022, our membership had increased to 20 with a waiting list. The committee agreed to increase the number of spaces per session and by the end of 2023 our membership stood at 24. There is still a waiting list but session numbers are at maximum. An additional session will have to be introduced before the membership numbers can increase further.

Community projects

Community projects this year included storage boxes for Wonersh & Shamley Green School, bird boxes and hedgehog boxes for the Surrey Community Orchard project. We also built various wildlife and nesting boxes for the Knowle Park Trust conservation area. This is likely to be an ongoing project.

As always, 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 annual Cranleigh Lions Carnival where products made by the group are sold. The group also ran a game of skill and fast reaction on behalf of Cranleigh Lions, raising over £50 for their charity. Interaction with members of the public both young & old improved members confidence and outlook.

Overall, another very successful year. Increased membership, learning new skills, selling products that we have made and working as a team on community projects.

Financial review

Total receipts including donations & grants totalled £7,190. We received a very generous donation of £1,000 from Cranleigh & District Lions and just over £500 from a local resident's marathon sponsorship. These funds enabled the purchase of a new lathe and other associated equipment. A grant of £450 from the Parish Council has been allocated for workshop improvements that will be carried out in 2024.

Sales of products made in the workshop totalled £2,940

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.

Due to a general shortage of good quality natural timber, the committee approved an investment in a stock of Larch to the value of £450. The net result for the year was an excess of expenditure over income of £46. However, when timber stock values are added back, there was a small surplus of £400.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed to continue hold a reserve to £1,500 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 5 Trustees as at 31st December. Elections for officers committee and trustees take place in January each year.

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 impact upon the viability of the shed. The Trustees are confident that funds are sufficient to cover foreseeable costs in 2024.

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 2023 until the date this report was approved are:

Philip Loring	Chairman
Allan Harvey	Secretary
Mark Towers	Treasurer

Tony Vidler
Roy Baldwin

Committee
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The Trustees are:

Philip Loring
Allan Harvey
Mike Collings
Tom Nairn
Brian Winfield

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'PL', is written over a faint, circular blue stamp.

Philip Loring
Chairman & Trustee

Cranleigh Mens Shed
Income Expenditure Summary
1st January to 31st December 2023

Income			Expense	
Sales	2,939.73		Sundry	179.87
Membership Fees	1,370.00		Materials	2,215.24
Weekly Subs	746.60		Tools & Equip	2,908.91
Donations	1,509.25		Shed	1,064.09
Sundry Income	175.08		Admin (inc Insurance)	814.07
Restricted funds (Grants)	450.00		Events (Stall fees)	55.00
			Restricted funds	0.00
				7,237.18
			Deficit	-46.52
	7,190.66			7,190.66

Cash & Bank Reconciliation as at 31-Dec

Cash Box. 31/12	46.58	Deficit 2023	-46.52 *
Bank 31/12	3,656.82	Funds B/F 2022	3,749.92
Total funds	<u>3,703.40</u>		<u>3,703.40</u>

Note:

Total funds as at 31st Dec 2023	3,703.40
Provision for rent & electricity 2023	1,500.00
Total funds available 2024	2,203.40

Stock. Larch 404.20 *