

Cranleigh Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1193410

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

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 now open four 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 & Equipment

We have been fortunate to receive donations from local supporters which together with a very supportive landlord has enabled us to purchase a container for use as additional storage space.

Membership

Further to our continuing expansion having gained additional space and opened a new 4th session, we were able to increase our membership by a further 8 bringing the total membership to 32 by the end of 2024.

Community projects

We continue to provide assistance for projects in the Knowle Park Trust conservation area, have built a sandpit for a local school and created a mock archaeological dig area for the Sayers Croft outdoor learning centre. A larger project was the creation of 4 raised planter beds for a care home in Guildford.

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 always gain significant enjoyment from attending the annual Cranleigh Lions Carnival where products made by the group are sold. The group also runs a game of skill and fast reaction on behalf of Cranleigh Lions, raising over £100 for their charity this year. 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 £10,040. We continue to receive generous donations from Cranleigh & District Lions and Cranleigh Masons. We have also received donations from a company payroll giving fund. These donations enabled us to purchase a storage container.

Sales of products made in the workshop totalled £4,712

Members pay a monthly fee of £10. The membership 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 expenditure over income of £20.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed to hold a reserve to £1,000 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 now controlled by a committee of 8 consisting of Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer plus 5 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 2025.

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 2024 until the date this report was approved are:

Philip Loring	Chairman
Allan Harvey	Secretary
Mark Towers	Treasurer

Gareth Hayton	Committee
Tony Vidler	Committee
Roy Baldwin	Committee

Mike Collings
Tom Nairn

Committee
Committee

The Trustees are:

Gareth Hayton
Tony Vidler
Tom Nairn
Brian Winfield
Mike Collings

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Loring', written over a horizontal line.

Philip Loring
Chairman & Administrator

22/6/25

Cranleigh Mens Shed
Income Expenditure Summary

Income			Expense	
Sales	4,712.81		Sundry	1,344.04
Membership Fees	2,580.00		Materials	2,747.48
Weekly Subs	102.00		Tools & Equip	353.86
Donations	1,948.39		Shed	4,767.42
Sundry Income	697.72		Admin (inc Insurance)	664.05
Restricted funds (Grants)	0.00		Events (including Stall fees)	184.80
			Restricted funds	0.00
				10,061.65
			Surplus/ Deficit	-20.73
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Cash & Bank Reconciliation as at 31-Dec 2024

Cash Box.	85.87	Surplus/deficit	-20.73
Bank	3,596.80	Funds B/F 2023	3,703.40
Total funds	<u>3,682.67</u>		<u>3,682.67</u>