

Cranleigh Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1193410

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025

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 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 helps 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 have been 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 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 continued to benefit from donations from local supporters and a very supportive landlord. This has enabled us to continually improve our facilities and range of tools including a new dust extraction system and table saw. Plans for further enhancements and investment have been agreed for 2026.

Membership

Our membership remains at 32 which is the maximum we can accommodate over the 4 sessions each week. We have a waiting list of 7.

Community projects

We have provided assistance for projects in the Knowle Park Trust conservation area. We have also undertaken work for the Parish Council, a local school and the local Guide group. 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

Members always gain significant benefit from attending the annual Carnival in support of the Cranleigh Lions, selling our products and engaging with the public. This interaction improves confidence and outlook.

Financial review

Total receipts including donations & grants totalled £7,371. We received generous donations from the Cranleigh & District Lions and Cranleigh Masons.

Sales of products made in the workshop totalled £2,457

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 a small deficit of £273 brought about by one off expenditure for the new dust extraction system and upgraded table saw.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees have agreed to hold a reserve of £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 2025 until the date this report was approved are:

Officers		Committee	Trustees
Philip Loring	Chairman	Gareth Hayton	Gareth Hayton
Allan Harvey	Secretary	Tony Vidler	Tony Vidler
Gary Wicks	Treasurer	Mike Collings	Tom Nairn
		Tom Nairn	Brian Winfield
			Mike Collings

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the trustees report above

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Philip Loring
Chairman & Administrator

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Income & Expenditure Report year ending 31st December 2025

Income		Expense	
Sales	2,457.79	Sundry	1,035.41
Membership Fees	3,660.00	Materials	1,073.93
Donations	940.00	Tools & Equipment	3,664.92
Sundry Income	288.53	Shed	847.13
Restricted funds	0.00	Admin (inc Insurance)	829.46
(Grants)			
Disposals	25.00	Events (including Stall fees)	65.00
		Tools with a Mission	129.11
		Restricted funds	0.00
			7,644.96
		Surplus/ Deficit	-273.64
	7,371.32		7,371.32