

Bembridge Men in Sheds Portacabin  
Steyne Park, Steyne Road  
Bembridge  
Isle of Wight  
PO35 5SL

**Trustees Annual Report**  
**November 2022**  
**Period Covered: 01/04/21 – 31/03/22**

Covid lockdown restrictions began to ease from the middle of April 2021. Although the Covid “Return to normal” steps took some time we were able to start limited outside activities from April. Given the age profile of our members, the management’s decision was to approach reopening in a slow and gradual way. We kept many Covid related Health & Safety measures in place at both the Scout Hut (used for weekly group meetings) and at the shed itself for project work – the latter being more open and spacious externally.

We gained charity status in June 2021.

We embarked on community projects such as signage for the anchor display at Coastguards Green, a lectern display and map at the Point and refurbishment of the ‘coffin carrier’ outside the library. Recycled materials were used wherever possible for these projects.

During the summer months we built 4 benches and installed them at Bembridge Windmill using wood recycled from the old windmill stocks. On a smaller scale the winter months were used creating bird box and bug hotel kits for the local junior school. Also, in terms of community projects, we tidied all the desk wiring in the local Library and built 2 shelves to hold the library’s PCs.

Several members went on a wood turning demo and 4 members followed up with a hands-on course. Several talks were presented by both members and non-members on subjects as diverse as a whittling demonstration and a presentation/talk on “Violet Szabo – The Velvet Assassin”.

Although mainly overcome, Covid related risks have continued to impact the activities and membership for most of the period of this report.

As can be seen from the annual accounts, the main income received during the period of this report was from making and selling recycled wood items. This reflects the easing of lockdown rules which enabled us to generate our own income from local sales. We received a small grant from Bembridge Parish Council which was used to buy a bench-top sander. The remaining income was from members subs and weekly tea-money.

Our expenditure during the period was mainly on shed tools, wood and other consumables for projects directed at the community. Running costs are principally insurance, with smaller sums for advertising and maintenance on the portacabins. Also on the expenditure side, we donated significant sums to AgeUK (to refund them for the money they secured for us when we first set up the shed), Bembridge C of E Primary School and Bembridge Windmills Pre-school.

The number of trustees registered with the Charity Commission started and remained at six throughout the reporting period.

The activity of the shed is split across 2 sites. We have weekly meetings in the Scout Hut, while hands-on project work takes place at our portacabins in Steyne Park. As Steyne Park has no post-box our mailing address is c/o Bembridge Parish Council, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge PO35 5XN.

Ian Graham  
Chair of Trustees  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**BEMBRIDGE MEN IN SHEDS**

CIO Ref 1194908

**Income and Expenditure Account 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022**

	Transaction Type	Debit	Credit	Notes
	Xfers between accounts	£25.00	£2,025.00	Transfers in/out of savings a/c
<b>INCOME</b>	Grants		£226.00	Dragons Den - Bembridge Parish Council
	Sales revenue		£1,083.37	Income from sales
	Annual member's subs		£235.00	Subs for 2021-22
	Weekly tea money collection		£212.15	Excess tea money put into bank
	Interest on savings accounts		£0.95	
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>£1,757.47</b>	
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	Refunds on project expenditure	£1,683.52		Payments from current account to members for items bought for projects
	Running costs	£813.72		Shed running costs
	Payments direct to supplier	£47.00		Direct paid to suppliers
	Donations (out)	£1,150.00		AgeUK, Bem Primary School, Windmills pre-school
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£3,694.24</b>		
	Cash in Hand		<b>£0.00</b>	
	Totals at 01/04/22	£4,025.16	£4,087.44	
	Opening balance plus credits minus debits		<b>£265.25</b>	
	Actual Current A/C Balance		£265.25	
	Actual Deposit Balance		£8,028.58	
	Decommission deposit balance		£1,000.03	
	<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>£9,293.86</b>	

CURRENT LIABILITIES @ 31/03/22	Uncleared cheques	Committed spend	Description	
	NONE	£30.64	Refunds due (IG)	
		£70.00	Lathe fixing (supplier)	
		£6.98	Windmill bearings (JS)	
TOTAL o/s LIABILITIES		£107.62		
Current a/c without o/s liabilities		£157.63		
	Total MiS Balance @ 31/03/2022	£9,186.24		
Profit/Loss 2021-22				
Account Name	Current Account	Deposit Account	Decommissioning Account	TOTALS
Balance at 01/04/21	£202.97	£11,027.66	£0.00	£11,230.63
Balance at 31/03/22	£265.25	£8,028.58	£1,000.03	£9,293.86
			Change in balance over 2021-22	-£1,936.77