

# ASCOT SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1196147

## Details

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Other names	ASCOT MEN'S SHED
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2021-10-13
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN WITHIN ASCOT AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN MEET JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY TO UNDERTAKE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN OR PASS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER SOCIALLY.FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; YOUTH OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL).

**Activities:** Ascot Shed is a community workshop space offering locals the opportunity to engage in practical activities, learn and practise skills, share their expertise & experience, and socialise with like-minded people.Donated machinery, tools and materials are used to improve the facilities and expand our capabilities. Funding covers legal costs and buys new equipment, spare parts and consumables.

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Arts/culture/heritage/science, Environment/conservation/heritage, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Bracknell Forest
- Surrey
- Windsor And Maidenhead

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£7,228	£4,035	-	-
2024-03-31	£4,775	£2,599	-	-
2023-03-31	£3,116	£2,004	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>Hamilton Ford</b>	Chair	2021-03-03
Dalwinder Singh Sidhu		2021-03-03
Peter Colin Richards		2024-01-01
Stephen Charles Rakowski		2025-09-09

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# Accounts

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# Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date  
From 01/04/2024

Period end date  
To 31/03/2025

Section A	Reference and Administrative details
Charity name	Ascot Shed
Other name the charity uses	Ascot Men's Shed
Registered charity number	1196147
Charity's principal address	Surrey House, Course Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 7HQ

## Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Hamilton Ford	Chair		
Dalwinder Sidhu			
Peter Richards	Secretary		
Paul Gibbinson			

## Names of the trustees for the charity, if any (for example, custodian trustees)

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year

## Names and addresses of advisors (optional information)

Type of advisor	Name	Address

## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (optional information)

## Section B Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts	
Type of governing document	Constitution, adopted 20/09/2021.
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).
Trustee selection methods	Trustees are appointed or reappointed every 2 years at the AGM held around calendar year end.

### Additional governance issues (optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;</li> <li>• the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;</li> <li>• relationship with any related parties;</li> <li>• trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them</li> </ul>	<p>Ascot Shed has been a member of the UK Men's Sheds Association since 2021 and follows their guidance relating to governance and codes of conduct.</p> <p>The single biggest risk to the charity is the potential loss of the workshop space. The building is rented and space is generously provided to Ascot Shed for free by the tenant. The security of that tenancy is uncertain so we are seeking to obtain our own dedicated premises or to secure a long lease affordably.</p>
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## Section C Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	<p>To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people particularly but not exclusively older men within Ascot and the surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially.</p> <p>For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental).</p>
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts	<p>Ascot Shed provides a variety of workshop areas where locals can engage in practical activities, learn and practise skills, share their experience &amp; expertise, and socialise with like-minded people. Equipped with donated tools and materials our members are empowered to repair, create and collaborate on projects of their own choosing, or to engage in 'Shed Projects' which are focussed on improving the facilities or making items to sell at fundraising events.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	<p>All trustees follow the Charity Commission's guidance and are committed to making decisions that ensure Ascot Shed provides benefit to a sufficient section of the public, without prejudice or discrimination, in accordance with its defined objects.</p>

### Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

<p>You <b>may choose</b> to include further statements, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• policy on grant making;</li><li>• policy programme related investment;</li><li>• contribution made by volunteers</li></ul>	<p>Ascot Shed is almost entirely run by its membership, with several members volunteering many hours every week to provide supervisory cover and key-holder responsibilities. Our members continue to build out and upgrade the facilities, and also give tours to prospective members visiting for the first time. Increasingly, training sessions are being organised to provide opportunities for learning and skills development; a magnanimous undertaking which is completely self-driven and is a testament to the collaborative and supportive environment we have endeavoured to foster from day one.</p> <p>The trustees are immensely grateful for the time, camaraderie and compassion volunteered by these members, without whose contributions we would not be able to grow the Shed's capabilities and extend a welcome to even more people.</p>
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## Section D

## Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A highlight of the year was being featured on Channel 5 News, during Mental Health Awareness Week. Royal Correspondent Simon Vigar did an excellent job of summarising the benefits of joining a community workshop, and made us feel proud of our achievements as a relatively young Shed.

Membership significantly increased again this year, from 45 to 78. In order to cope with growing interest we've implemented a waiting list, having found that new members integrate better when added a few at a time. We'd like to welcome as many people as possible, however it's neither safe nor productive when a substantial number of attendees on a given day are completely new to the environment.

Our AGM was held in December, followed by what has become a regular and popular feature we call a Shed Social, where members come together to prepare food and eat together on a Saturday afternoon (no workshop activity).

During the AGM, the monthly membership fee was retained at £5, the four Trustees were reappointed and it was decided that we'd seek additional trustees from the membership next year, volunteers willing.

Ascot Shed received a number of generous donations from members of the public, for which we are enormously grateful. £500 was donated by the Audley Foundation, which is a charitable fund directed by residents of Audley Sunningdale Park; a luxury retirement village with whom we've developed close ties, exploring the idea of creating a 'Senior Shed' for less physically able tinkerers in their advanced years.

Since our foundation we've made a habit of visiting neighbouring Sheds because much can be learned from one-another. This was formalised in early 2025, by Murray Law at Weybridge Men's Shed, into an initiative called Surrey Area Sheds, incorporating several Sheds in our geographic region to share resources and know-how.

<b>Section E Financial Review</b>	
Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>At year end, £6,481 in unrestricted funds was held as cash at the bank. Reserves are retained to fund facilities maintenance and upgrade expenditure, and for investments in specialist equipment.</p> <p>Should we have to vacate the current premises, reserve funds will be held to cover removal expenses and, if necessary, storage costs until a suitable alternative site is secured.</p>
Details of fund materially in deficit	Not applicable

#### Further financial review details (optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);</li> <li>how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;</li> <li>investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted</li> </ul>	<p>Principal sources of funds (in no particular order):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Membership fees</li> <li>Donations from members of the public</li> <li>Grants &amp; one-off donations from local charities</li> <li>Sale of surplus donated tools &amp; equipment</li> <li>Sale of reclaimed timber &amp; scrap metal</li> <li>Sale of goods made by members (fundraising)</li> </ol> <p>Expenditure on improvements to facilities has enhanced the effectiveness of the work spaces, benefitting all current members and boosting our appeal to new ones.</p> <p>We have begun replacing some of the donated tools with new ones, bought with Shed funds, raising productivity and unlocking higher standards of workmanship. For such progress to keep pace with gained experience, continual reinvestment in the equipment and workspaces is required.</p>
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<b>Section F Other optional information</b>	
<p>Our primary focus is ensuring the long-term future of Ascot Shed so that it may continue to benefit those members of society that want a productive space to tinker in and a sympathetic community to socialise with. To that end we will be redoubling our efforts to secure a 'forever home' property in the vicinity of the existing site, potentially with Parish or Borough Council assistance or from a philanthropic landowner. The possibility of having to pay rent in future may be compensated for by seeking financial assistance from Councils, charities and supportive individuals, should the need arise.</p>	

<b>Section G Declaration</b>	
<b>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</b>	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	<i>Hamilton Ford</i> <i>Peter Richards</i>
Full name(s)	Hamilton Ford      Peter Richards
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair      Secretary
Date	26/01/2026



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01/04/2024

To

31/03/2025

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Membership fees	2,499	-	-	2,499	684
Donations	3,078	-	-	3,078	380
Grants	-	-	-	-	368
Trading/event sales	793	-	-	793	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other/misc.	791	-	-	791	3,343
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>4,775</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>					
Asset sales	67	-	-	67	-
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,228</b>	<b>4,775</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Shed premises costs	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	375	-	-	375	368
Materials & consumables	1,567	-	-	1,567	1,640
Small tools (<£25)	-	-	-	-	79
Repairs & renewals	164	-	-	164	-
Refreshments & cleaning	210	-	-	210	-
Admin/office costs	63	-	-	63	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	25	-	-	25	13
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,404</b>	<b>2,099</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Hand & power tools (>£25)	1,631	-	-	1,631	-
Workshop machines	-	-	-	-	500
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,631</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,035</b>	<b>2,599</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,193</b>	<b>2,176</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>1,113</b>
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## Section D

## Achievements and Performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

This year we further expanded the workshop facilities to incorporate the broadening skillset of our membership, adding a 3D printing lab and a dedicated metalworking area.

We more than doubled our membership from 20 to 45, with new members integrating quickly and strong friendships being forged as they integrate with kindred spirits with shared interests.

In the summer we were invited to collaborate with Lock5 at Ascot Racecourse again, reclaiming a significant amount of framing timber from temporary structures built for Royal Ascot race week, in what has become an annual team-building event.

Having a stock of free-to-use timber available to members has enabled the construction of dozens of individual and group projects & prototypes, and resulted in the production of numerous wooden 'goods' intended for sale at fundraiser events such as Christmas fairs, on the suggestion of members.

In September we seized an opportunity to acquire a second-hand 3.5 Tonne, 2-Post Automotive Lift, using £500 of reserve funds to make the purchase. Vehicle maintenance, repair and restoration are activities that many members have shown an interest in, particularly with the rising costs motoring.

Our AGM was held at the end of November and a proposed monthly membership fee of £5 per month was agreed upon, with concessions available for those with limited income. Payments began being made in December, providing us with a sustainable maintenance budget for consumables and machine spares going forward. Not a single prospective member has taken issue with paying 'subs' and we we're delighted to be told by many that it's excellent value for money.

Also at the AGM, Peter Richards was unanimously voted onto the board of trustees, replacing David Putt who moved to Devon earlier in the year. Peter brings a phenomenal wealth of expertise and experience, having previously been a Design Technology teacher and school workshop manager. He's one of our longest-standing members and has been instrumental in keeping us organised and compliant with regulations.

The Shed received a record number of tool donations from residents in Sunninghill, Ascot and Bracknell, yielding enough to fill 2 large crates with spare hand tools which we donated to a local 'Tools For Africa' collection point. Surplus power tools were offered for sale to members to raise funds and some of the larger or more 'niche' items were sold on eBay, further boosting our cash reserves.

Networking with other Sheds in geographic proximity produced a surprise benefit in March when Teddington Men's Shed (Sheddington) offered us their surplus Table Saw.

For the third year in a row, Ascot Fire Brigade Trust graciously provided us with a grant of £367.68 to cover our insurance costs.

<b>Section E Financial Review</b>	
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<b>Section F Other optional information</b>	
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<b>Section G Declaration</b>	
<b>The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.</b>	
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees	
Signature(s)	<i>Hamilton Ford</i> <i>Peter Richards</i>
Full name(s)	Hamilton Ford      Peter Richards
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair      Secretary
Date	31/01/2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

01/04/2023

To

31/03/2024

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Membership fees	684	-	-	684	800
Donations	380	-	-	380	1,000
Grants	368	-	-	368	408
Trading/event sales	-	-	-	-	908
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other/misc.	3,343	-	-	3,343	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>3,116</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>					
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,775</b>	<b>3,116</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Shed premises costs	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	368	-	-	368	432
Materials & consumables	1,640	-	-	1,640	1,183
Small tools (<£25)	79	-	-	79	-
Repairs & renewals	-	-	-	-	160
Refreshments & cleaning	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/office costs	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	13	-	-	13	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,099</b>	<b>1,774</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Hand & power tools (>£25)	-	-	-	-	79
Workshop machines	500	-	-	500	150
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>229</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>2,004</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,176</b>	<b>1,113</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,113</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,289</b>	<b>1,113</b>



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# Accounts

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## **Trustees Annual Report for Ascot Shed, Charity No. 1196147**

**For Period:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

### **First Trustees**

Hamilton Ford (Chairman)

Dalwinder Sidhu

David Putt (Treasurer)

Paul Gibbinson (also Trustee of Hounslow Men's Shed)

### **Summary of Progress**

We announced our intention to set up a Men's Shed in Ascot on the UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) web site in early 2021 and soon met local resident David Putt, who came with prior experience of running a non-profit in the borough. David's energy and expertise was instrumental, establishing Ascot Shed as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and helping to prepare Surrey House for public visitation. He and Paul Gibbinson were natural choices for 'First Trustees', Paul having provided the inspiration and early guidance.

Many of our first members joined because Ascot Shed was still "in development", providing an opportunity to physically contribute and have a say in the direction of the organisation. In February 2022 a half-dozen founding members volunteered 'membership fees' to provide funds for day-to-day expenses and also to buy a second-hand CO<sub>2</sub> Laser Cutting Machine and a PAT Tester, setting an ambitious and professional tone for the future.

Continuing to rely on UKMSA as the primary advertisement for Ascot Shed has proven effective because prospective members already understand and identify with the 'Shedder' mentality, resulting in a high conversion rate and a good fit with our existing team. Our ranks have grown steadily over the past 18 months and attendance levels now rival long-established Sheds, with multiple members visiting every day.

Tremendous progress has been made refurbishing Surrey House, thanks to this collaborative effort and collective vision, resulting in a well-used kitchen & dining area, and a very capable computer & electronics laboratory. The woodworking area, now in its third iteration, continues to be the busiest department.

Social engagement is paramount and our 'Saturday Socials' have proven popular with members, being a great way to bring everyone together irrespective of interest or ability. These also serve as informal Annual General Meetings.



### **Notable Events**

3 woodworking workbenches were gifted to us by Hounslow Men's Shed on day one and a couple of bench-top machines were donated by other Sheds in Berkshire and Surrey, when we visited them seeking inspiration and advice. Smaller tools and machines soon came in from members of the public having garage clear-outs.

In the Summer of 2022 we established a symbiotic relationship with Lock5, one of the event space providers to Ascot Racecourse. With their cooperation we were able to reclaim a large amount of used timber after Royal Ascot race week, conveniently reinforcing the sustainability goals of all three organisations. We plan to repeat the collaboration next year.

The old Heatherwood Hospital site yielded a surprise opportunity to obtain a large number of workshop-related items, such as heavy-duty workbenches, industrial shelving, a large drill press and several dust & fume extractor units. Clearing out the former maintenance department in August 2022 was an enormous job and we're still sorting through the various electrical and plumbing components recovered from the store room.

We're immensely grateful to Ascot Fire Brigade Trust for covering our insurance premium. We'd also like to thank an early supporter, M.P., with whose donations we were able to buy new electrical cable, framing timber and sheet materials for the 'Rec Room' renovation.

Hamilton Ford

Chairman

13<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Ascot Shed  
Surrey House, Course Road, Ascot, SL5 7HQ



Ascot Shed

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from

13/10/2021

To

31/03/2023

## Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>					
Membership fees	800.00	-	-	800.00	-
Donations	1,000.00	-	-	1,000.00	-
Grants	408.00	-	-	408.00	-
Trading/event sales	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-
Other/misc.	908.00	-	-	908.00	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>3,116.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,116.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>					
Asset sales	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of investments	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>3,116.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,116.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Shed premises costs	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance	432.00	-	-	432.00	-
Materials & consumables	1,183.00	-	-	1,183.00	-
Small tools (<£25)	-	-	-	-	-
Repairs & renewals	160.00	-	-	160.00	-
Refreshments & cleaning	-	-	-	-	-
Admin/office costs	-	-	-	-	-
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-
Sundry	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,775.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>					
Hand & power tools (>£25)	79.00	-	-	79.00	-
Workshop machines	150.00	-	-	150.00	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>229.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>229.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,004.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,004.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,112.00</b>	<b>-</b>

