



## **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			1196147	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
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</b> (Gross income for AR)	<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>

## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories					
	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total current Period to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Cash funds					
Co-operative Bank	1,102.00	-	-	1,102.00	-
PayPal	-	-	-	-	-
Cash	10.00	-	-	10.00	-
<b>Total cash funds</b> (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	1,112.00	-	-	1,112.00	-
	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets	to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £		
Stocks/goods for sale	-	-	-	-	-
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
				-	-
Investment assets	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
				-	-
Assets retained for the Shed's own use	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)		
Buildings		-	-	-	-
Large items of machinery		-	-	2,660.00	-
Power tools		-	-	250.00	-
Hand tools		-	-	435.00	-
Other assets		-	-	1,925.00	-
				5,270.00	-
Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)		
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
				-	-
Signed by two or more trustees on behalf of all the trustees.	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval
			Hamilton Ford		21/06/2024
			Peter Richards		07/07/2024