



# 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)

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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
<p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Section E Financial Review	
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>1. Membership fees</li> <li>2. Donations from members of the public</li> <li>3. Grants &amp; one-off donations from local charities</li> <li>4. Sale of surplus donated tools &amp; equipment</li> <li>5. Sale of reclaimed timber &amp; scrap metal</li> <li>6. 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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Section F Other optional information
<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>

Section G Declaration		
<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	



Ascot Shed			1196147	CC16a
Receipts and payments accounts				
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</b> (Gross income for AR)	<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>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>3,289</b>

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

Categories					
Cash funds	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total current Period to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Co-operative Bank	3,389	-	-	3,389	2,792
PayPal	3,043	-	-	3,043	487
Cash	50	-	-	50	10
<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,481</b>	<b>3,289</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	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		-	-	5,380	-
Power tools		-	-	1,450	-
Hand tools		-	-	435	-
Other assets		-	-	2,051	-
				<b>9,316</b>	<b>-</b>
Liabilities	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)		
Trade creditors		-	-	-	-
Accrued expenses		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
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<b>Signed by two or more trustees on behalf of all the trustees.</b>	Signature		Print Name		Date of approval