

WHERRY WOODTURNERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1196790

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2021-11-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: OBJECTIVES THE OBJECTIVES OF THE CIO ARE:A) TO PROMOTE THE CRAFT OF WOODTURNING FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT AND IN DOING SO RAISE THE APPRECIATION OF THE CREATIVITY, SKILL AND HERITAGE OF WOODTURNING.B) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE CRAFT AND SKILL OF WOODTURNING.

Activities: Wherry Woodturners is a charity located in Norfolk UK, we work with the local community, provide training and guidance to members in the art and skill of woodturning. Our membership ranges from teenagers to people in their eighties. We provide regular demonstrations by professional turners and provide monthly training sessions.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Norfolk
- Suffolk

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£7,422	£6,588	-	-
2023-12-31	£7,282	£6,155	-	-
2022-12-31	£3,872	£2,868	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Barry Prigmore		2025-01-01
David James Guymer		2026-01-01
David Pratt		2021-11-20
Nicolas Lewis		2026-02-01

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Objectives and Activities

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A) To promote the craft of woodturning for the public benefit and in doing so raise the appreciation of the creativity, skill and heritage of woodturning.

B) To advance the education of the public in the craft and skill of woodturning.

The Objectives were supported by regular meetings where members were shown better practices in woodturning and also had the opportunity to learn new skills from our Club AWGB approved tutors and professional Demonstrations.

The charity is assisted by the AWGB (Association of Woodturners Great Britain) who is the leading UK body. The AWGB provided advice, guidance, a grant to assist to support the demonstrator programme and provide Insurance cover for the clubs operation and to assist the clubs continued operations.

Fund raising activities were undertaken through out the year and included, membership fees, donations, raffle, commission from sale of equipment and goods and the participation in craft fares.

Achievements and Performance

Wherry Woodturners have enjoyed an exciting third year.

During the year we further realised that the wellbeing of our members was important and we spent time to consider there needs and provide help and advice helping new turners to develop the confidence to practice and engage in the craft. For older members and those with experience we provide a venue to exchange ideas and discuss processes as well as providing morale support of each other.

We enjoyed continued interest in the club, our membership increased during the year to 37 people with a mixture of ladies and gentlemen spanning an age range up to 87 years old. Members experience ranged from complete

beginners to those with many years experience. The Club has four Approved tutors who have supported members in Wherry Woodturners and other clubs in the area. We are planning to train two further trainers during the next year.

Our trainers lead training sessions in our regular training academy where we increased our meetings to 11 through the year in addition to normal club nights providing 25 meeting opportunities for members, visitors and guests.

We have twelve club nights per year and increased the involvement of professional demonstrators to eight meetings where new skills and approaches were shown and explained to members enabling them to to expand their knowledge and confidence.

During the year we maintained our success with social media reaching a wider audience through our website and Facebook page we now have followers from across the UK, Europe USA and Australasia . Through social media and more traditional marketing we have maintained our profile, attracting interest in the community which has resulted in new members.

During the year Wherry Woodturners further improved their relationship with Norwich and Waveney and District Woodturners by sharing Demonstration events and opening meetings to their members. The joint approach we developed in 2023 grew enabling all clubs to benefit from marketing through a trifold brochure distributed at events supporting all clubs.

During the year we continued to work with the Wherry Maude Trust supporting their events, providing items for sale made from the Maude's timbers, and our Chairperson turned several spares for the Wherry.

Financial Review

The Trustees supported by the committee members focused on Income and membership during the year being careful to balance income and expenditure to ensure revenue did not move in to the red. With careful planning acquisitions were made to cover equipment, and provide professional demonstrators.

We received two financial grants during the year from the AWGB one to support demonstrations and the second to support the cost of insurance.

The growing number of members gave the opportunity to make sales of equipment and wood which was either donated or acquired for resale the

income ensured the finances were managed without the need for financial loans.

Two trustees continued to provide support and equipment for the continued running of the charity. This support will become available to the Charity to acquire during the next financial year after agreement of the board of trustees and the volunteer committee.

Reserves

At the end of the 2024 the available cash was £2965.15 a growth from the beginning of the year when the opening balance was £2131.15. This provides an excellent foundation to plan the year ahead and we plan to consolidate reserves.

Plans and Projects for Future

The future is very encouraging with a growing membership our plans are during the next two years to provide members with;

- The Training Academy will continue to provide 10+ additional meetings enabling members and visitors to try new skills supported by our four tutors
- Increase our tutor team by a further 2 members
- Seek additional grant funding to provide
 - Additional Lathe
 - Equipment that can be used during training sessions and members can utilise for a loan fee in their own workshops

The above plans will be funded through normal income with the addition of available grant funding.

Structure, Governance & Management

Governing Document

The Charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and is governed by its Constitution.

Trustees

The Trustees are chosen on the basis of merit and their ability to make contribution to the charity in terms of skills, knowledge and experience. None of the Trustees have any beneficial interest in the company.

All Trustees are provided with the charities governing document, the relevant guidance from the Charity Commission on the role of trustees and the latest Annual Accounts and Trustees Annual report. At the end of 2024 Peter Stanley resigned as a Trustee. Peter has been replaced by Barry Prigmore from the 1st January 2025.

Organisational Structure

The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring that the charity fulfils its objectives. The Board reviews Wherry Woodturners strategic direction and the best use of the available resources to meet its objectives. The Board normally meets a minimum of twice a year as required to ensure the strategic management of the charity.

Further more the Trustees are supported by a team of volunteers who operate as a working committee to support the aims of the charity to deliver its objectives.

Related Parties

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Reference and Administration

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Principle Address	49 Panxworth Road South Walsham Norfolk NR13 6DX
Meeting Location	South Walsham Village Hall School Road South Walsham Norfolk NR13 6DZ

Trustees

The trustees serving this year and since the year-end were as follows; Peter is standing down at the 31st December and will be replaced in January 2025 by Barry Prigmore one of the founding members of the Wherry Woodturners.

David Pratt
Peter Stanley
Simon Crutchly

The trustees report was approved by the board of trustees



Mr David Pratt, Chair of Trustees

Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account for period ended 31st December 2024

	2024		2023	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership	2708.00		1822.00	
Grants	455.00		405.00	
Donations	129.69		363.85	
Equipment Sales	4129.83	7422.52	4690.9	7281.75
Expenditure				
AWGB	504.00		462.50	
Insurance	299.89		205.83	
Demonstrators	2130.40		1699.16	
Venue	795.00		660.00	
Equipment	517.59		489.42	
Admin Expenses	488.95		579.37	
Cost of Sales	1852.69	6588.52	2058.29	6154.57
Surplus		834.00		1127.18

Balance Sheet

	2024	2023	2022
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	2097.59	1585.00	1161.96
Depreciation	(317.00)	(232.39)	0.00
Current Assets (Badges)	£34.00	65.00	0.00
Cash at Bank	2965.15	2131.50	1003.97
Creditors Falling Due within one year	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	4779.74	3549.11	2165.93
Capital and Reserves	4779.74	3549.11	2165.93

Notes to the Financial Statements for period ended 31st December 2024

Assets

Assets and equipment loaned to support our growth include:

Lathes

Axminster AW 350 on permanent loan from AWGB

Axminster AW305 On Loan from Peter Stanley

Axminster AW 305 Purchased

Dust Extraction

Record power Extractor

Sharpening System

Sorby ProEdge

Audio Visual

Samsung and Lenovo Laptops, 2

Two 65" Smart TV's

Audio system

Marketing

Portable Gazebo for outdoor events

2 display screens

Club sew on badges

Depreciation

Assets are recorded at cost to the organisation and depreciation is charged at 20% per annum to reflect the low usage of equipment compared to other workshop environments.

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B) To advance the education of the public in the craft and skill of woodturning.

The Objectives were supported by regular meetings where members were shown better practices in woodturning. These are delivered by Demonstrations from experienced and professional woodturners.

The charity was assisted by the AWGB (Association of Woodturners Great Britain) who is the leading UK body. The AWGB provided advice, guidance, a grant to assist to support the demonstrator programme and provide Insurance cover for the clubs operation and to assist the clubs continued operations.

Fund raising activities were undertaken through out the year and included, membership fees, donations, raffle, commission from sale of equipment and goods.

Achievements and Performance

Wherry Woodturners have enjoyed an exciting second year.

During the year we realised that the wellbeing of our members was important and we spent time to consider there needs and provide help and engage in training and one to one support.

We enjoyed continued interest in the club, our membership increased during the year to 32 people with a mixture of ladies and gentlemen spanning an age range between 14 and 87years old. Their experience ranged from complete beginners to members with many years experience. Four members who were confident in their skills agreed to support our members and attended a one day Tutor assessment workshop provided by AWGB, all four members passed the Assessment.

Our trainers now lead training sessions in our regular training academy where we increased our meetings from 2 to 9 through the year in addition to normal club nights.

We have twelve club nights per year and increased the involvement of professional demonstrators to eight meetings where new skills and approaches were shown and explained to members enabling them to expand their knowledge and confidence.

During the year we enjoyed significant success reaching a wide audience through social media and our website we now have followers from across the UK, Europe and USA. Through Social media and more traditional marketing we have maintained our profile, attracting interest in the community and new members.

The interest from the community enabled the club to help several families where the woodturner was deceased, we assisted them by clearing workshops and selling on their behalf enabling the club funds to benefit from donations to funds.

During the year Wherry Woodturners improved the relationship with Norwich and Waveney and District Woodturners by sharing Demonstration events and opening our meetings to their members. To encourage a joint approach we published a trip fold brochure to distribute at events to support all clubs development.

During the year we continued to work with the Wherry Maude Trust supporting their events, providing items for sale made from the Maude's timbers, and planning to make spares for the Wherry.

Covid -19 Impact

During 2023 the impact of the Covid pandemic began to wane, though wider in the industry its effects were still evident with supply restrictions and the announcement of companies ceasing to trade.

Financial Review

In the first year of operation the Trustees were cautious balancing income and expenditure to ensure revenue did not move in to the red. With careful planning acquisitions were made to cover equipment, and provide professional demonstrators.

We received two financial grants during the year from the AWGB one to support demonstrations and the second to support the cost of insurance.

The growing number of members gave the opportunity to make sales of equipment and wood which was either donated or acquired for resale the income ensured the finances were managed without the need for financial loans.

Two trustees made support and equipment available for the continued running of the charity. This support will become available to the Charity to acquire as the finances become stable and after agreement of the board of trustees and the volunteer committee.

Reserves

At the end of the first year the available cash was £1003, this increased to £2132.50 by the end of the second year This provides an excellent foundation to plan the year ahead and we plan to consolidate reserves as the Charity becomes more financially stable.

Plans and Projects for Future

The future is very encouraging with a growing membership our plans are during the next two years to provide members with;

- Provide up to 10 demonstration experiences during 2024 plus additional all day event for members, visiting members of other clubs and the public.
- The Training Academy will provide 10+ additional meetings enabling members and visitors to try new skills support by our four tutors
- Increase our tutor team by a further 2 members
- Seek additional grant funding to provide
 - Additional Lathe
 - Additional Audio visual equipment
 - Equipment that can be used during training sessions and members can utilise for a loan fee in their own workshops

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Simon Crutchly

The trustees report was approved by the board of trustees



Mr David Pratt, Chair of Trustees

Financial Activities

Statement of Financial Activities Including Income and Expenditure Account for period ended 31st December 2023

	2023		2022	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Membership	1822.00		2406.00	
Grants	405.00		405.00	
Donations	363.85		50.00	
Equipment Sales	4690.9	7281.75	1011.69	3872.69
Expenditure				
AWGB	462.50		352.00	
Insurance	205.83		168.49	
Demonstrators	1699.16		350.00	
Venue	660.00		390.00	
Equipment	489.42		1379.17	
Admin Expenses	579.37		229.06	2868.72
Cost of Sales	2058.29	6154.57		
Surplus		1127.18		1003.97

Balance Sheet

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fixed Assets	1585.00	1161.96
Depreciation	(232.39)	0.00
Current Assets (50% Badges)	65.00	0.00
Cash at Bank	2131.50	1003.97
Creditors Falling Due within one year	0.00	0.00
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	3549.11	2165.93
Capital and Reserves	3549.11	2165.93

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The Objectives were supported by regular meetings where members were shown better practices in woodturning by Demonstrations from experienced and professional wood turners, discussion and training.

The charity was assisted by the AWGB (Association of Woodturners Great Britain) who is the leading UK body. The AWGB provided advice, guidance, a grant and long term loan of equipment to assist the club to commence operations.

Fund raising activities were undertaken through out the year and included, membership fees, donations, raffle, commission from sale of equipment and goods.

Achievements and Performance

Wherry Woodturners have enjoyed an exciting first year from the early meetings of the five founding members (David Pratt, Peter Stanley, Simon Crutchley, Barry Prigmore and Paul Phillips) who met in one of the members workshops during September 2021 to the first formal meeting in February 2022 considerable achievements were made.

Initially a drive for new members was the challenge with an initial target of 15. Early meetings were conducted on Zoom as Covid was still rampant and face to face meeting impossible, by January we had over 20 members waiting for an in person meeting.

During November the original five members formed the founding committee and we engaged with AWGB (Association of Woodturners of Great Britain) as we are all members they assisted with advice, guidance, governance and

encouragement to form a CIO. The Charity Commission provided advice and guidance as we were a new emerging Charity.

We completed our Governance documents and agreed the Constitution and were a registered Charity by 26th November 2021.

We gained 12 members and became affiliated to the AWGB by 3rd December.

We developed our social media presence with a website and Facebook page which were active by January, this encouraged new members and was quickly reaching over 500 people across the world in the woodturning community.

We held our first meeting in February 2021 with over twenty people attending, a demonstration by a club member; the club was born and started to grow. By December membership had reached 35 with an age range spanning from 13 to 88 years old with a diverse mix of abilities and skills.

January we received a two grants from AWGB the first a financial grant to support the engagement of a professional demonstrator to show enhanced skills and the second the supply of equipment that included a Lathe, Tools and basic PPE face guards.

We engaged 3 professional woodturners during the year to share their skills and support the demonstrations of skills by club members.

In March after the interest shown by new members we planned our first training events for members and potential new members which were held in June and July.

In response to the needs of members we invested in audio visual equipment to enhance the viewing of demonstrations with a sound system and 65" smart television.

We reached out to three organisations to provide partnership and support The Wherry Maud Trust (a registered Charity) who maintain and sail one of the two remaining trading Wherry's in Norfolk (<https://wherrymaudtrust.org>). The Trust provided reclaimed wood from the Wherry for our turners to make components that could be sold potentially providing funds.

Norwich Woodturners (www.norwichwoodturners.co.uk) and Waveney and District Woodturners (www.wavenyanddistrictwoodturners.co.uk). Norwich woodturners loaned a lathe to help the club provide skills training, all three clubs worked together to promote woodturning in the region opening club evenings and demonstrations to all members.

During the year the Charities Trustees supported the charity by loaning equipment for its continued success.

Covid -19 Impact

Covid made a significant impact.

The Charity was started as a result of Covid to provide an environment where like minded people could meet to share experiences and develop their woodturning skills and importantly be in a risk free, welcoming and friendly environment.

During 2021 woodturning clubs like many other organisations suffered a loss of membership as meetings shifted to online events, people became insular and often lonely.

It also was recognised that people were commencing hobbies including woodturning with little knowledge or ability, there was not a risk free environment readily available for people to meet and develop their skills.

As a group we recognised that Covid would slowly end and the Charity was formed to respond to this need for people of all ages and abilities to enhance their skills or just to “taste” a new hobby.

We meet in a Village Hall and were one of the first organisations to re-engage in face to face meetings in February 2021, providing an environment where people could meet safely, subject to the necessity of social distancing etc., members were encouraged to bring their own mugs for a brew and if unwell not to attend. We needed to be take care as some of our members were vulnerable.

Financial Review

In the first year of operation the Trustees were cautious balancing income and expenditure to ensure reviews did not move in to the Red. With careful planning acquisitions were made to cover equipment, provide professional demonstrators.

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Plans and Projects for Future

The future is very encouraging with a growing membership our plans are during the next two years to provide members with;

- Provide up to 10 demonstration experiences per year
- Open a Training Academy to provide 10+ additional meetings to enable members and visitors to try new skills
- Commence an annual full day event with a professional woodturner and open the event to other members of the AWGB and clubs
- Seek additional grant funding to provide
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	£	£
Income		
Membership	2406	
Grants	405.00	
Donations	50.00	
Equipment Sales	1011.69	3872.69
Expenditure		
AWGB	352.00	
Insurance	168.49	
Demonstrators	350	
Venue	390	
Equipment	1379.17	
Admin Expenses	229.06	2868.72
Surplus / Loss		1003.97

Balance Sheet

	£
Fixed Assets	0.00
Current Assets	1161.96
Cash at Bank	1003.97
Creditors Falling Due within one year	0.00
Net Assets / (Liabilities)	2165.93
Capital and Reserves	2165.93

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