

SIED DYNION ABERGELE MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1197478

Details

Other names	ABERGELE MENS SHED
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2022-01-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING MEN, PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN, WITHIN ABERGELE 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, SOCIAL AND 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: We facilitate our members to socialise and take part in making wooden items ie wooden benches etc, from reclaimed/recycled materials. We also repair items for the local community. With the skills of our membership and using tools and machinery donated by members or purchased with proceeds from donations. We are currently located in a former church hall which we rent.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** LOCAL
- Conwy

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-10-31	£4,391	£11,455	-	-
2024-10-31	£11,755	£20,765	-	-
2023-10-31	£39,982	£31,130	-	-
2022-10-31	£6,739	£2,250	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Douglas Jackson		2023-12-11
Gareth BOYES		2023-12-11
JOSEPH MICHAEL DEAG BIRD		2023-12-11
Kevin Moors		2024-11-12
Paul Watson		2024-11-12

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Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statement

For the Period 1st October 2024– 30th September 2025

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STATEMENT OF CHARITY PURPOSE AND ACTIVITIES

1. Abergele Men`s Shed(AMS) is an Association Model Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) originally established on 31st January 2022 as a Foundation Model CIO and subsequently changed to an Association Model in accordance with Charity Commission guidance.
2. The objective of the CIO is *“to promote social inclusion for the public benefit of men living in the Abergele area, in particular but not exclusively, older men by preventing them from becoming socially excluded assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of premises in which men can meet jointly or individually to undertake and share creative, social and recreational activities”*.
3. AMS is entirely a voluntary organisation comprising members and Trustees (who are also members and volunteers). Volunteers undertake to provide support for beneficiaries in the community, whilst at the time providing the volunteers with a sense of purpose, social interaction, team work, physical and mental activity that aims to combat isolation
4. In March 2024 AMS relocated to the Church Hall at Berllan, Pensarn. Previously, they operated from rented premises at Worsley Wear retail outlet on the Tayna Industrial Estate in Abergele, which has subsequently closed.
5. The ethos for the work undertaken it to upcycle and recycle where ever possible. No charges are made for the services provided but instead donations are requested to contribute to running costs
6. The Charity does not wish to compete with local business. It focuses on repair and upcycling services that can benefit the community in a cost effective and non-competitive manner.
7. Some services are in the form of commissions from external organisations who want to provide a benefit to the community or members of their organisation. Donations are accepted for commissions in lieu of payment and where possible, recycled material is used.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

8. The number of volunteers peaked in the previous period 2022-2023 at 35. Difficulty has been experienced in retaining membership at this number due to relocation and suitability of premises. Membership for the 2024-2025 period peaked at 32 volunteers with some new members attending regularly. Approximately half the membership are regular attendees
9. When the premises at the Church Hall, Berllan, Pensarn was originally obtained in March 2023, it was not in a usable condition. It had been previously been used for illegal activities i.e. cultivation of cannabis, which had been investigated by the Police. There

was also no electricity supply to the premises as it had been cut-off by the Utility Company. Confirmation was obtained from the Police that their investigations were complete and they had no objection to AMS using the premises.

10. Considerable time and effort has been invested by the volunteers to make the premises useable for their purposes. The paraphernalia left by previous occupants has been removed and scrapped. The electricity supply was restored in January 2025 and electrical safety improvements and lighting improvements completed by a contracted electrician. Tool racking and workbenches have been installed and the walls of the main meeting area have been painted.
11. Unfortunately, in November 2024, progress was hampered, due to a break in at the Church Hall. A considerable amount of AMS power tools was stolen. Investigations have been progressed by the Police, but sadly to date no prosecutions have been made to date. A small number of tools were recovered by the Police and returned to AMS.

GOVERNANCE

12. During the period there were five Trustees who also form the Management Sub Committee responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity.

- Doug Jackson (Chairman) Appointed 13th January 2022
- Mike Bird (Treasurer) Appointed 13th January 2022
- Gareth Boyes (Secretary) Appointed 13th January 2022
- Kevin Moors Appointed 12th November 2024
- Paul Watson Appointed 12th November 2024

Sam Rowlands (MS), one of our long-standing Trustees, resigned due to increased responsibilities at the Senedd in Cardiff.

13. The Trustees met on 4 occasions at roughly 3 month intervals during the period.

14. None of the Trustees received any payment or expenses during the period.

15. The following policies are available

- Safeguarding Policy
- Health and Safety Statement
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
- Bilingual Policy
- Volunteer Statement
- Volunteer Information Statement

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

16. Registered Charity Number 1197478 (England and Wales)

17. Registered Office: 4 Primrose Hill Cottages, St. George, Abergele LL22 9BT

18. Phone 01745 824479

19. Website <https://abergelemensshed.wales>

20. Bankers

Barclays Bank, Rhyl
68/70 High Street
Rhyl, Clwyd LL18 1EU

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Capital Assets

21. AMS owned a derelict building at Back 35 Market Street, Abergele, acquired from Crown Estates in 2019. AMS intended to seek grant aid from the National Lottery to renovate the building as a permanent base for AMS and a community hub for Abergele. Plans were approved and the building had planning consent for it to be refurbished to a community hub
22. Following a grant award of approximately £500,000 from the National Lottery, the Trustees held an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the outcome of receiving sealed tender bids, which unfortunately were in excess of the grant award. The Trustees concluded that the financial risk to proceed with the project was too great. A letter was sent to the National Lottery on 29/04/2024, informing them that the Trustees had decided to abort the project due to increased financial risk.
23. Subsequently 35 Market Street Abergele was put on sale with a local Estate Agent.
24. In April 2025, 35 Market Street was sold for £27,500, from which selling fee approximating £2500 were deducted

GRANTS

25. Currently there are no grants in force supporting the work of AMS.

TAXATION

26. The Charity has a VAT Exemption Certificate from HMRC which was awarded in the period Oct 22- Sept 23. This allows for VAT to be reclaimed over the past four years on eligible items of expenditure
27. The charity is eligible for discretionary council tax/rate relief for the premises it occupies. When AMS was located at Worsley Wear (up to March 2024) the rental negotiated was inclusive of rates and utility costs.

26 Conclusion

29. Berllan Church Hall continues to be a suitable meeting place for Abergele Men`s Shed within the local area of Abergele and Pensarn. The imminent focus is for Abergele Men`s shed to purchase the Church Hall from the landlord, which has been offered to the Men`s Shed for £85,000. The Men`s Shed are currently in the process of approaching the National Lottery to help fund the purchase of the building.
30. The tables detailed in sections 32-37, show a summary of AMS accounts which clearly shows that expenditure is in excess of income.
31. The sale of the capital asset known as 35 Market Street, previously owned by AMS, has boosted AMS funds by £24,965 and leaves AMS in a better financial position. It is intended that this capital sum realised will be used for improvements to the Berllan Church Hall, after it has been purchased from the landlord.

32. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR PERIOD 1st October 2024 – 30th Sept 2025

33 Financial Summary

FINANCIAL SUMMARY Oct 23 – Sept 24	Income for period	Expenditure for period
01/10/2024 Starting balance in bank	£6,886.92	
Total income for year from donations etc	£4,391.44	
Insurance claim compensation for theft of tools worth £9,500	£1,260	
Total Income banked for period	5651.44	
Fixed Costs e.g. rent, insurance, utilities etc		9,332.82
Other Operational Costs		2,122.82
Total Expenditure Oct 24-Sept 25		11,455.64
Bank Balance at 30/09/2025 not including sale of capital asset – 35 Market Street	£1,062.72	
Sale of Capital Asset – 35 Market Street	£24965	
Bank Balance at 30/09/2025, including Sale of capital Asset - 35 Market St	26027.72	

34 Income Breakdown

INCOME BREAKDOWN	This Year
Membership Fees	£35
Christmas Dinner Money collected from members	£297.50
Tea Kitty	£634.91
Project Donations	£3,070.11
Easy Funding	£50.96
Electricity Refund (Billing Error)	£302.96
Insurance compensation for tool theft	£1,260
TOTAL	£5,651.44

35 Fixed Operating Costs

FIXED OPERATIONAL COSTS	This Year
Rent	£7,600
Zurich Insurance	£208
Firemaster Service	£110.64
Electricity	£621.46
Security	£792.72
TOTAL	£9,332.82

36 Other Operational Costs

OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS	This Year
Transport/Fuel/Repairs	£241.99
Christmas Dinner	£360
Tools	£358.75
Materials	£945.44
Marketing	£169
Waste Disposal	£47.64
TOTAL	£2,122.82

37 Total Expenditure

TOTAL EXPENDITURE	This Year
Fixed Costs	£9,332.82
Other Costs	2,122.82
TOTAL	£11,455.64

38 The Finances of Abergele Men`s Shed continues to be a concern with rental costs currently £600/month being the overriding expense. Income from donations is approximately £4400, against expenditure of approximately £11,500.

39. The intended ownership of the Berllan Church Hall by Abergele Men`s Shed, will considerably reduce the fixed costs, to costs purely associated with insurance, utility costs and building maintenance costs. This is expected to leave the finances in a healthier condition. Other measures have been taken to increase income eg annual subscription fees have been increased from £5/year to £25/year.

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3. AMS is entirely a voluntary organization comprising members and Trustees (who are also members and volunteers). Volunteers undertake to provide support for beneficiaries in the community, whilst at the time providing the volunteers with a sense of purpose, social interaction, team work, physical and mental activity that aims to combat isolation
4. From July 2023 until March 2024 AMS operated from rented premises at Worsley Wear retail outlet on the Tayna Industrial Estate in Abergele. The Worsley Wear business closed and AMS has now relocated to a disused church hall at Berllan, Pensarn.
5. The ethos for the work undertaken it to upcycle and recycle where ever possible. No charges are made for the services provided but instead donations are requested to contribute to running costs
6. The Charity does not wish to compete with local business. It focuses on repair and upcycling services that can benefit the community in a cost effective and non-competitive manner.
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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

8. The number of volunteers peaked in the previous period 2022-2023 at 35. Difficulty has been experienced in retaining membership at this number due to relocation and suitability of premises. Membership for the 2023-2024 period peaked 29 volunteers with approximately half of these being regular attendees
9. When the premises at the Church Hall, Berllan, Pensarn was obtained it was not in a usable condition as it had been previously been used for illegal activities i.e. cultivation of cannabis, which had been investigated by the Police. There was also no electricity supply to the premises as it had been cut-off by the Utility Company. Confirmation was

obtained from the Police that their investigations were complete and they had no objection to AMS using the premises.

10. Considerable time and effort has been invested by the volunteers to make the premises useable for their purposes. The paraphernalia left by previous occupants has been removed and scrapped. The electricity supply has been restored and electrical safety improvements and lighting improvements completed by a contracted electrician. Tool racking and workbenches have been installed and the walls of the main meeting area have been painted.
11. Unfortunately, in November 2024, progress was hampered, due to a break in at the Berllan premises, where a considerable amount of AMS power tools was stolen. Investigations by the Police are still in progress however, a small number of tools have been recovered.

GOVERNANCE

12. During the period there were four Trustees who also form the Management Sub Committee responsible for the day-to-day operation of the charity.
 - Sam Rowlands Appointed 13th January 2022
 - Doug Jackson (Chairman) Appointed 13th January 2022
 - Mike Bird (Treasurer) Appointed 13th January 2022
 - Gareth Boyes (Secretary) Appointed 13th January 2022

It is recognised the contributions made by former Trustees that are no longer in post:-

- Joanne Hughes (retired)
 - Paul Frost (retired)
 - Alan Yates (deceased)
13. The Trustees met on 8 occasions at roughly 6 week intervals during the period.
 14. None of the Trustees received any payment or expenses during the period.
 15. Attempts to recruit a suitable additional Trustee during the period were unsuccessful
 16. The following policies are available
 - Safeguarding Policy
 - Health and Safety Statement
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22. Construction Cost and Project Management Consultant:
Alun Williams BSc. MRIC
13 Dula Close
Rhos-on-Sea
Colwyn Bay LL28 4UR
23. Building Surveyor and Property Consultant
Ltd
Graeme Rich
Managing Director
GAR Property Consultants
15 Plas Hesketh
Abergele. LL228FL

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Capital Assets

24. AMS own a derelict building at Back 35 Market Street, Abergele. The intention is to seek grant aid to renovate the building as a permanent base for AMS and a community hub for Abergele. The building has planning consent for a community hub
25. The building is registered with the Land Registry in the name of two former Trustees and one serving Trustee (Samual Rowlands, Joanne Hughes, Alan Yates). This is not ideal as Trustees change. It is the intention to register the property in the name of the charity, with the Land Registry. The building has planning consent as a community hub and has undergone structural and utility surveys to confirm it is suitable for purpose
26. During the previous period 2022-2023 a National Lottery People and Places Development Grant (NLPPDG) amounting to £26,136 was awarded to AMS. The grant allowed for development of drawings, project plans, detailed costings and a tender document for the 35 Market Street site. No construction work was provisioned for under this grant.
27. Monitoring progress of the NNPPDG was a major focus for the Trustees with progress reported at each of the formal Trustees Meetings
28. During September 2023 the Development Grant was completed and an application was made to the National Lottery People and Places program for a Capital Grant amounting to £499,966.00 (including VAT, contingency and inflation allowance) to refurbish the structure of 35 Back Market Street, Abergele.
29. 25/1/24 a letter was received from the National Lottery (Wales) confirming that our application was successful and they were awarding £499,996 for the refurbishment of Back 35 Market Street, to a community hub
30. Letters were sent out to several contractors inviting them to tender for the project. Sealed bids from invited contactors were received and all opened on the same day by the Project Management Committee. Unfortunately, taking VAT, contingency and inflation costs into consideration the tender prices were in excess of the awarded grant.

31. The Trustees held an Extraordinary Meeting to discuss the outcome of receiving the sealed tender bids. The Trustees concluded that the risk to proceed with the project was too great. On 29/4/2024 a letter was sent to the National Lottery informing them the Tender prices were in excess of the awarded grant and that the Trustees had decided to abort the project.
32. Subsequently Back 35 Market Street Abergele has been put on sale with a local Estate Agent

GRANTS

33. UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) grant. During this period a grant of £6279.60 was received from the UKSPF administered by Community and Voluntary Support Conwy (CVSC). The grant was awarded to pay premises rental costs in the period Nov 23 – Oct 24. On return of the Project Monitoring Form confirmation has been received from CVSC that the grant project file has been closed.
34. Regional Integration Fund (RIF) grant. As part of a community consultation exercise carried out by AMS in Tesco Car Park, several people expressed their interest in forming Abergele She Shed. The idea was initially sponsored by AMS in terms of sharing premises. In March 2023 a grant of £7362 was awarded to be administered by CVSC, on behalf of the Welsh Government, for setting up an independent Abergele She Shed. The grant awarded was to cover She Shed premises rental costs, equipment and tuition costs. By agreement, the grant was deposited in AMS bank account, as the She Shed had difficulty with opening their own bank account. During the period of the grant award March-Nov 30th 2023 the whole amount of the grant awarded to the She Shed was not spent - £4178.50 was returned to CVSC.

Taxation

35. The Charity has a VAT Exemption Certificate from HMRC which was awarded in the period Oct 22- Sept 23. This allows for VAT to be reclaimed over the past four years on eligible items of expenditure
36. The charity is eligible for discretionary council tax/rate relief for the premises it occupies. When AMS was located at Worsley Wear (up to March 2024) the rental negotiated was inclusive of rates and utility costs.

37. Financial Report Oct 23 – Sept 24

SUMMARY

October 2023 Starting balance	£15,876.90
Income Oct 23-Sept 24	£11,754.66
Balance	£27,631.56
Fixed Costs eg rent, insurance etc	£6,380.48
Other Operational Costs	£14,384.17
Total Expenditure Oct 23-Sept 24	£20,764.65
October 2024 Closing balance	£6,866.92

38 Fixed Costs

Rent	£6,100
Zurich Insurance	£206.68
Firemaster Service	£73.80
TOTAL	£6,380.48

39. Other Operational Costs

Transport/Fuel/Repairs	£237.68
Christmas Dinner	£701.50
Building Maintenance	£537.50
Tools	£154.67
Materials	£637.61
Refreshments	£16
Payments to She Shed	£1846
Donation to Conwy Camera Club	£120
RIF Grant Refunded to CVSC	£4,178.52
RIF Grant spent (Website Design)	£1,149
Professional Charges 35 Market St.	£4,586.69
TOTAL	20,764.65

40. Total Expenditure

Fixed Costs	£6,380.48
Other Costs	£14,384.17
TOTAL	£20,764.65

41. Income

Membership Fees	£80
Christmas Dinner Money collected	£593
Tea Kitty	£607.20
She Shed rent contribution	£400
Project Donations	£3,404.01
Misc. Donations	£214.11
Easy Funding	£176.74
Grant-UK Shared Prosperity Fund	£6,279.60
TOTAL	£11,754.66

42. Conclusion

The main problem that Abergele Men`s Shed has faced in the period October 2023 – October 2024 is retaining a stable meeting place for the members to enjoy. In 2023 the Men`s Shed had already relocated from St Michaels Church Hall, Groes Llwyd, Abergele, to spare commercial space in the Worsleywear Business Premises Abergele. Worsleywear closed down in March 2024, forcing the Men`s Shed to search for new premises, at an affordable rent.

The Men`s Shed relocated to a Church Hall at Berllan in Pensarn, which had previously been used for illegal cannabis cultivation and had been investigated by the Police. After confirming that the Police had completed their investigations, considerable time and effort were undertaken by the members to clear the Church Hall of all the equipment used in the previous illegal activities, to make it a usable meeting place. The electricity supply to the hall, which had been cut off during Police investigations, was restored by Scottish Power, paid for by the landlord in early 2025.

The Berllan Church Hall continues to be used as the Men`s shed meeting place. The long term intention is for Abergele Men`s shed to purchase the Church Hall from the landlord, which has been offered to the Men`s Shed for £85,000. The Men`s Shed are currently in the process of approaching the National Lottery to help fund the purchase of Berllan Church Hall.

Finances of Abergele Men`s Shed continues to be a concern with rental costs currently £600/month being the overriding expense. During this period, the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) awarded a grant of £6279.60 to cover rental costs. This grant is now fully spent and UKSPF is no longer available. The table below, detailed in sections 37-41, is a summary of the accounts which clearly shows that expenditure is in excess of income.

October 2023 Starting balance	£15,876.90
Income Oct 23-Sept 24, including UFSPF grant	£11,754.66
Balance	£27,631.56
Fixed Costs eg rent, insurance etc	£6,380.48
Other Operational Costs	£14,384.17
Total Expenditure Oct 23-Sept 24	£20,764.65
Sept 2024 Closing balance	£6,866.92

Income for period 1 st Oct 23- 30 th Sept 24	£11,754.66
Expenditure during period	£20,764.65
Operating Deficit for period	£9009.99

Considering income against expenditure for the period 1st Oct 23- 30th Sept 24, there is an operating deficit of £9009.99. However, the following tabulated one-off costs against expenditure were paid from Men`s Shed accounts, reducing this deficit to a small surplus of £1601.22

Refund unspent She Shed FOIL grant to CVSC	£4,178.52
RIF grant spent/paid to Abergele She Shed	£1846.00
Professional charges incurred for proposed development of 35 Market Street	£4,586.69
TOTAL ONE-OFF COSTS	£10,611.21
Operating Deficit for period	-£9009.99
Surplus considering one-off costs	£1601.22

It is anticipated that the proposed ownership of the Berllan Church Hall by Abergele Men`s Shed, will considerably reduce the fixed costs to costs associated with insurance, utility costs and building maintenance costs. This is expected to leave the finances in a healthier condition. In addition, the Trustees of Abergele Men`s Shed have put 35 Market Street on the market, which when sold, will boost Abergele Men`s Shed funds.

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Charity Registration Number: 1197478 **Established:**
31st January 2022

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undertake the share creative, social and recreational activities.”

3. In preparing this report, the Trustees have taken due regard for the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit (Charities SORP – FRS 102).
4. The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission’s general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity’s aim and objectives and in planning future activities.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

5. AMS is an entirely voluntary organisation including Trustees (who are the members) and volunteers. Volunteers undertake to provide support for beneficiaries in the community whilst, at the same time, providing the volunteers with a sense of purpose, social interaction, teams work, physical and mental activity that will help combat isolation.
6. From the start of the period until July 2023 the AMS operation operated from rented premises at St. Michael’s Hall, Groes Lwyd, Abergele. From August 2023 the operating base moved to the Worsleywear Unit, Tayna Business Park, Abergele.
7. The ethos for the work undertaken is to upcycle and recycle where ever possible. No charges are made for the services provided but instead contributions are requested to offset running costs.
8. The Charity does not wish to compete with local business. It focuses on repair and upcycling services that can benefit the community in a cost effective, non-competitive manner.
9. Contributions can be in the form of money, equipment or materials. Money goes towards running costs, such as rent or materials that have to be purchased. Donated equipment and materials are retained depending on their suitability. Any funds raised from the sale of equipment goes toward running costs. Retained materials are upcycled or recycled and sold.
10. Some services are in the form of commissions from external organisations who want to provide a benefit to their community or members of their organisation. Donations are accepted for commissions in lieu of payment and, where possible, recycled material is used.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

11. The number of active volunteers during the period

- peaked at 35. The number is limited by opening hours (6 per week) and the availability of equipment.
12. During the period 38 services were provided ranging from small repairs to larger commissions at an average value of £93.60 per service.
 13. A partnership arrangement exists with Bryson Recycling who undertake the recycling and waste collection service to the local authority. In effect, Bryson Recycling, provide materials that can be recycled by the Men's Shed or which can enhance the services undertaken. For example, waste wood, paint or compost.
 14. Commissions have been obtained from the local TESCO supermarket for the provision of seating or planters that can be donated to local care homes or situated in public spaces be the benefit of the whole community.
 15. During the period 2 major public consultation events took place alongside several smaller events. The major consultation events took place at the Hafodunos Hall Spring Open Day, Llangernyw on the 20th May and outside the Tesco Superstore in Abergele over the 23rd and 24th June. On both occasions the events included the Abergele and District She Shed. All the events demonstrated overwhelming public support for the Men's Shed and its work for the community.

GOVERNANCE

16. During the period there were four Trustees:
 - Joanne Hughes appointed 13th January 2022
 - Alan Yates appointed 13th January 2022
 - Sam Rowlands appointed 13th January 2022
 - Paul Frost appointed 15th October 2022
17. The Trustees met on 8 occasions at roughly 6-week intervals commencing December.
18. None of the Trustees received any payments or accepted any expenses during the period.
19. Attempts to recruit a suitable fifth Trustee during the period were unsuccessful.
20. A major focus for the Trustees was to improve the general governance of the Charity and the following policies were adopted.
 - Safeguarding Policy
 - Health and Safety Statement
 - Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy
 - Bilingual Policy
 - Volunteer Statement

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- Volunteer Information Statement
21. The Trustees also adopted a dynamic Corporate Risk Register that is reviewed at each of the Trustee meetings.
 22. The Trustees formed two sub-committees involving the volunteers. The Trustee representative on each of the sub-committees was Paul Frost.
 - Management Sub-committee: This sub-committee is responsible to the Trustees for the day to day operation of the charity and comprises a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer formed from the volunteers. They meet on a monthly basis and have been overseeing the development of the 35, Market Street project. Members of the sub-committee attend Trustees meetings in a non-voting capacity to report progress.
 - Health and Safety Sub-committee: This sub-committee comprises the Management Sub-committee. They established and oversee a work place risk register. They also review ongoing working practices. The sub-committee meets at three monthly intervals.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

23. Registered Charity Number 1197478 (England and Wales)
24. Registered Office: 4 Primrose Hill Cottages, St George, Abergele LL22 9BT#
25. Phone No: 01745 824479
26. Website: <https://abergelemensshed.wales>

ADVISORS

27. Bankers Barclays Bank, Rhyl
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Consultant : Alun Williams BSc. MRICS
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Rich
Managing Director
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15 Plas Hesketh, ABERGELE, LL22 8FL

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Capital Assets

30. AMS own a derelict building at Back 35 Market Street, Abergele. The intention is to seek grant aid to renovate the building as a permanent base and as a community hub. The building has planning consent as a Community Hub.
31. The building is registered with the Land Registry in the name of three of the Trustees. The building has planning consent as a community hub and has undergone structural and utility surveys to confirm it will be suitable for purpose.
32. During the period a National Lottery People and Places Development Grant (NLPPDG) was obtained amounting to £26,136. The grant allowed project plans and detailed costings to be drawn up for the 35, Market Street site.
33. Discharging the NLPPDG was another major focus for the Trustees with progress reports being made at each of the formal Trustee meetings.
34. During September 2023 the Development Grant was completed and an application was made to the National Lottery People and Places programme for a Capital Grant amounting to £499,996.00 (including VAT; contingency and inflation allowances) to refurbish the structure of Back 35 Market Street, Abergele.

Grants

35. During the period four grants were received. Two grants were from government sources; one grant was from The National Lottery and one grant was from a third-party grant giving Charity:
36. **National Lottery People and Places Development Grant (£26,136.00)** in January 2023 to develop plans and costing for the development of Back 35 Market Street, Abergele as a community hub. This grant was a precursor to making a Capital Grant application to the National Lottery People and Places fund. The grant conditions and final payment were completed on 6th September in the amount of £19,859.50 representing an underspend of £6,276.50 which was retained by the Lottery.

Note: The Capital Grant application was submitted at the end of the period – application No: 20256866 in the amount of £499,996.00 – the decision for which is expected at the end of January 2024.

37. **Gwynt y Môr Community Fund for (£3,045.91)** during January 2023 to provide Health and Safety equipment meeting the recommendations of a Health and

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Safety consultant and the NW Fire and Rescue Business Fire Safety Compliance Officer. The grant was administered by Community and Voluntary Support Conwy.

38. **Regional Integration Fund (£7,362.00)** in March 2023 administered by Community and Voluntary Support Conwy on behalf of Welsh Government to set-up an independent Abergele She Shed. The grant period ran until November 30th 2023 so was still ongoing at the end of the period.

39. **Foyle Foundation (£4,300.00)** during April 2023 towards rent and website marketplace development. The website development was slow to take place as delays were met and eventually let down by the initial developer. Subsequently, website development took place at the end of the period and ultimately the site went public at the beginning of November 2023.

Taxation

40. During the period the charity applied for and received a VAT Exemption Certificate from HMRC. This will allow an application for VAT to be reclaimed over the past four years on eligible items of expenditure.

41. The charity is eligible for discretionary council tax/ rate relief for the premises it occupies. However, as both premises used during the period were shared, the rental negotiated was inclusive of rates and utilities.

Revenue

42. During the period expenditure was £31,130.24 and income, including grants, was £39,982.14 giving a surplus of £8,851.90 for the 12-month period. As this is the first full year of accounts, it is not possible to draw an accurate comparison from previous years.

43. Below are the full revenue accounts reported to and accepted by the Trustees for the period 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023.

Report to the Trustees of the Revenue Accounts for Abergele Men's Shed covering the accounting year 1st October 2022 to 30th September 2023

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Expenditure	Detail	Cost	Sub total
Fixed Costs	Rent (Men's Shed)	£4,336.00 ¹	
	Rent (She Shed)	£1,381.00 ²	
	Electricity ³		

	Water ¹	
	Heating Gas	£107.50 ⁴
Insurance	Zurich	£201.97
Health and Safety	Gwynt y Mor Equipment	£3,054.58 ⁵
	PPE	£182.68
Trustees expenses	Christmas dinner	£260.00
Advertising		£101.96
Certificates/ searches		£261.34
Translation		£38.22
Repair and Maintenance	Building	£780.00
	Equipment	£191.70
	Materials	£516.05
Sundry items		£0.00
	She Shed expenditure	£650.00 ⁶
	Refreshments	£0.00
	Website	£0.00 ⁸
	Donations out	£0.00
National Lottery	35 Market Street development	£19,067.24
	Sub total	£31,130.24
	Expenditure Total	£31,130.24

Income	Detail	Income
Membership		£105.00
Tea Kitty		£398.08 ⁷
Christmas dinner		£218.00
Project income	Donations	£2,292.00
	Commissions	£1,220.00
	Sales	£45.00
General Income	Easyfunding	£101.14
She Shed	Transfer	£1,035.51
Grants	NLF Dev Grant	£19,859.50
	Gwynt y Mor (H&S Equipment)	£3,045.91
	RIF Grant	£7,362.00
	Foyle Foundation Grant	£4,300.00
Income Total		£39,982.14
	Sub total	-£8,851.90
<u>Carried Forward from 2022</u>		
<u>v/e</u>		<u>£7,025.01</u>
Budget balance		£15,876.91

Notes

1 Ten months at Groes Lwyd and 2 months at Tayna Business Park part funded by Foyle Foundation grant

2 From Feb 2023 funded by RIF

3 Included in rent agreement

4 Bottle gas for heating

5 Gwynt y Môr grant

6 RIF grant (balance carried over to following period)

7 Member attendance contributions

8 Website under development funded by Foyle Foundation – payment in next period

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Retained / Committed Sums

44. The amount of £9,106.51 is retained from the period to meet ongoing commitments detailed below:

Amount	Comment
£5,571.00	Balance of RIF grant for set-up of She Shed/ or return to CVSC (para 38)
£2,500.00	Balance of Foyle Foundation grant to set-up and promote website (para 39)
£1,035.51	Held on behalf of She Shed pending confirmation of bank account details

FUTURE PLANS

45. The major project for the forthcoming year is to develop the building at Back 35 Market Street. This is subject to a grant allocation from the National Lottery People and Places Capital programme. Plans, costings and specifications were submitted at the end of September 2023 and an outcome to the application is expected at the end of January 2024. The time line for the project to be completed is 12 months.
46. The National Lottery grant, if successful, only covers the refurbishment of the Back 35 Market Street building. If the grant application is successful the intention is to move all the Men's Shed equipment to the new building. However, it will be necessary to seek equipment to fit out elements of the building for which no suitable equipment is currently available. In line with the Charity's ethos of recycle and upcycle, consideration will be made over the months to secure quality second hand equipment. Alternatively, grant funds will be sought where recycling is not possible.
47. It is likely grant funding for fitting out Back 35 Market Street could require partnership funding from the resources of the Men's Shed. Consequently, it will be necessary to build a funding reserve. The best opportunity for this, at present, is to seek rent support for the coming period thus allowing general income to be allocated to a building reserve fund.
48. In pursuit of raising income the Charity will focus on diversifying its income sources. A major contributor to this will be the development of a website for which a grant has been obtained from the Foyle Foundation (para. 39). Development of this project is already under way and scheduled to be completed at the beginning of the next period. A quality website will raise the profile of the Charity and what it offers; provide a sales platform and act as a source of gaining increased membership.
49. During the period a She Shed was set up with assistance from the Regional Integration Fund grant. Development

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has been slow due to a number of factors including suitable accommodation, the inability to secure a separate bank account and engagement within the organisation being limited to fewer individuals than was originally indicated through public demand. Meanwhile the Men's Shed acts as bankers for the project. The project will be pursued bearing in mind the grant period ends in November/December 2023.

50. As the Charity develops its Capital assets there is a greater demand to improve the organisations governance. The first step will be to introduce a formal Trustee Induction programme.

51. Working as a charity with the objective to build capacity within the local social sector: Initial consideration has been given to undertake a Social Value analysis involving Bryson Recycling and, perhaps, a local Housing Association. Such a project would have benefits to all parties. The Charity wants to be able to measure and articulate the social value its work provides. Bryson recycling has contractual targets to meet regarding physical recycling but no measure, nationally, is made on the social value it creates in support of local voluntary organisations. Such a measure would help to promote its business profile. Local housing associations are already involved with measuring the social value they provide to their tenants, local community organisations and have existing links with Bryson Recycling. This is likely to be a longer-term project and consideration must be made to the timely nature of this aspiration in the current climate of change faced by Abergele Men's Shed.

Treasurer: Print Name
..... JOSEPH MICHAEL BIRD

Signed *M Bird* 5th / FEB 2024 Date

Reviewed by: Print Name
..... MARK PENOLEBURY ACMA

Signed *M Penobury* 6th Feb 2024 Date

ABERGELE MEN'S SHED
ACCOUNT DETAILS 2022-2023

Description	Carried Forward	October 2022	November 2022	December 2022	January 2023	February 2023	March 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023	August 2023	Sept 2023	Total
Expenditure detail														
Carried Forward from 2021-2022	£7,025.01													
Fixed Costs														
Rent (Men's Shed)		-£420.00	-£270.00		-£270.00	-£270.00	-£786.00		-£495.00	-£386.00	-£429.00	-£500.00	-£900.00	-£4,336.00
Rent (She Shed)		-£120.00	-£120.00			-£50.00	-£222.00		-£165.00	-£132.00	-£132.00	-£200.00	-£200.00	-£1,381.00
Electricity														£0.00
Water														£0.00
Gas														£0.00
Zurich														£0.00
Health & Safety														£0.00
Building														£0.00
Gwynn V Motor Equipment														£0.00
PPE														£0.00
Trustees Expenses			£0.00											£0.00
Xmas dinner			-£260.00											-£260.00
Advertising														£0.00
Certificates/ matches														£0.00
Translation														£0.00
Repair and Maintenance														£0.00
Equipment														£0.00
Replacements														£0.00
Materials			-£38.90											-£38.90
Sturdy Items														£0.00
Stock/ Goods														£0.00
She Shed expenditure														£0.00
Refreshments														£0.00
Washie														£0.00
Donations out														£0.00
National Lottery - 33 Market Street development														£0.00
Sub total Expenditure			-£560.00	-£688.90	£0.00	-£352.80	-£451.90	-£7,583.37	-£1,418.28	-£2,497.22	-£2,201.69	-£3,367.72	-£10,370.14	-£1,853.22
Income detail														
Membership (21 paid members @£5)		£5.00	£20.00	£40.00	£5.00	£0.00	£3.00	£20.00	£5.00	£10.00	£10.00	£25.00	£43.00	£105.00
Taxi fee		£23.00	£32.00	£9.40	£23.00	£40.00	£33.00	£37.68	£90.00	£39.00	£39.00	£25.00	£43.00	£398.08
Xmas Dinner														£238.00
Donations		£10.00	£40.00	£120.00	£20.00	£340.00	£250.00	£330.00	£340.00	£274.00	£390.00	£228.00	£228.00	£2,292.00
Commissions														£2,292.00
Sales			£45.00											£45.00
Expanding			£17.93											£17.93
She Shed transfer														£0.00
NICE Don Grant														£0.00
Geoffrey V Mori (H&S Equipment)														£0.00
Rif Grant														£0.00
Foye Foundation Grant														£0.00
Tesco														£0.00
Sub total Income		£40.00	£154.93	£377.40	£25.00	£3,356.80	£10,672.80	£2,416.38	£1,921.51	£5,509.50	£12,294.51	£13,537.23	£1,351.00	£39,982.14
Year end balance														£15,876.91
Monthly														
Running total		£6,515.01	£5,991.04	£5,378.44	£6,270.64	£9,275.62	£12,365.05	£13,963.15	£12,787.44	£16,285.25	£25,217.04	£16,379.13	£15,876.91	

I CERTIFY THAT THESE ACCOUNTS ARE A TRUE REFLECTION OF AMNS' FINANCIAL SITUATION AS 30-09-23.

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England & Wales - Charity number 1197478

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2	Aberglife Main Shed		Income and expenditure for year ending 30/9/2012									
3												
4	Balance from previous year							2563.48				
5	NICOME							145				
6	Members dues		29 x 65					1885				
7	Tea entry Subs							1749.28				
8	Bay Funding							54.18				
9	Dentitions							419.15				
10	Repairs and sales							209				
11	Aberglife field Club							860				Donated on their dissolution
12	Aberglife Handicapped Club							3959.34				Donated on their dissolution
13												
14	Total Income							6734.95				
15												
16												
17												
18												
19												
20	EXPENDITURE											
21												
22	Items Gray Builders Merchants							186.01				
23	Fuel (Generator)							87.34				
24	Print (catering)							15.59				
25	Donation Cancer Research							100				In memory of Gordon Simpson
26	Coffee and biscuits							20				
27	Philip Hughes Structural Surveyor							743.4				
28	Alan Williams Quantity Surveyor							877.5				
29	Zurich Insurance							272.51				
30												
31	Total Expenditure							2290.95				
32												
33												
34	Total Income plus previous balance							6738.95 + 2566.41 = 9275.36				
35	Balance at Bank 30/9/12							7825.01				[9275.36 - 2750.35 = 7825.01]



PLEASE COMPLETE USING BLOCK CAPITALS AND BLACK INK (complete additional forms if you have more than 4 trustees)

Organisation name (Your organisation name as it appears in your governing document)

Abergele Men's Shed

Total number of trustees your organisation has

Three

Trustee 1	Trustee 2	Trustee 3	Trustee 4
Name Samuel John Rowlands	Name Alan Yates	Name Joanna Hughes	Name
Signature: 	Signature: 	Signature: 	Signature
Date 30 01 2021	Date 22 01 2021	Date 22 01 2021	Date

Working with vulnerable groups

Tick this box if your organisation works with vulnerable people (including children) and you declare that you have:

- Read and understood the Charity Commission's safeguarding guidance
- Carried out all trustee eligibility checks the law requires and on the basis of those checks are satisfied that the people acting as trustees are both eligible and suitable to act as trustees of this charity

Corporate Trusteeship

Tick this box if your organisation has a corporate trustee (another organisation which acts as trustee such as a local authority) and its directors are making this declaration)

Personal benefit

If your organisation pays (or will pay) any trustee for being a trustee OR any trustee or person connected to them for providing goods and services, you declare that this will:

- be in the organisation's best interests
- be lawful and authorised
- help the organisation carry out its purposes (or be a necessary by-product of it carrying out its purposes)

Trustee eligibility and responsibility

By completing and signing this form, you declare that you:

- are willing to act as a trustee of the organisation named above
- understand your organisation's purposes (objects) and rules set out in its governing document
- are not prevented from acting as a trustee because you:
 - have an unspent conviction for one or more of the offences listed here*
 - have an IVA, debt relief order and/or a bankruptcy order
 - have been removed as a trustee in England, Scotland or Wales (by the Charity Commission or Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator)
 - have been removed from being in the management or control of any body in Scotland (under relevant legislation)
 - have been disqualified by the Charity Commission
 - are a disqualified company director
 - are a designated person for the purposes of anti-terrorism legislation
 - are on the sex offenders register
 - have been found in contempt of court for making (or causing to be made) a false statement
 - have been found guilty of disobedience to an order or direction of the Charity Commission

You also declare that:

- the information you provide to the Charity Commission is true, complete and correct
- you understand that it's an offence under section 60(1)(b) of the Charities Act 2011 to knowingly or recklessly provide false or misleading information
- your organisation's funds are held (or will be held) in its name in a bank or building society account in England or Wales
- you will comply with your responsibilities as trustees - these are set out in the Charity Commission guidance 'The essential trustee (CC3)'
- (if applicable) the primary address and residency details you provide in a charity registration application are correct and you will notify the Charity Commission if they change

* https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/820804/Disqualification_Reasons_Table_v2.odt