

TOOL AID RINGWOOD

England & Wales · Charity number 1198454

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-03-30

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

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Activities

Objects: TO RELIEVE POVERTY AMONGST PEOPLE IN UNDEVELOPED AREAS OF THE WORLD BY THE PROVISION OF REFURBISHED TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT, SENDING THESE VIA OTHER CHARITIES AND ORGANISATIONS THAT HAVE THE IN-COUNTRY CONTACTS TO ENSURE THEY REACH THOSE MOST IN NEED.

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Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Disability, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty
- **Who:** People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bournemouth
- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Poole
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£18,959	£16,158	-	-
2024-12-31	£17,184	£15,033	-	-
2023-12-31	£14,157	£12,100	-	-
2022-12-31	£12,622	£8,519	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Kenneth Burns Brown	Chair	2022-05-01
Anthony John Poole		2025-01-31
Colin Walter Probyn		2022-05-01
Leonard Smith		2022-05-01
Robin Lewin		2025-01-31

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Report on Tool Aid Ringwood activities in 2025

Output of refurbished tools, sewing machines and computers was up on 2024, with sewing machines rising from 125 to 175. TWAM and Work Aid continued to be the main recipients of items to go to Africa. TWAM were still having problems with drivers and vehicles, resulting in the loss of one scheduled pickup, but this was balanced by additional collections from Work Aid. Every pickup filled their respective 35cwt vans to the weight limit. In addition to sewing machines, a high proportion of items going to TWAM comprised complete kits, especially for carpenters, plumbers and electricians. TWAM also delivered sizeable numbers of sewing machines for us to service and repair, as they lacked the capacity to deal with them. Similarly, Work Aid delivered garden tools and other agricultural implements for us to refurbish and take away with their next pickup. Most of the output from both charities continues to go to East and Central Africa. Further items went to other charities, who collected from us to ship themselves, some of which also went to East Africa but also Madagascar. We continue to supply tools, which are surplus or not suitable for Africa, to other organisations in the UK, mainly local charities and schools.

We continue to operate every weekday morning and occasional afternoons. There was some turnover of volunteers but we have maintained an active list of about 50. Most do just one day a week, so we average about 10 per day, which is a comfortable number for effective and safe working. Donated items and volunteers come via our website and other publicity efforts, including attending local shows, advertising in local free magazines and responding to invitations to give talks. As most tools going to TWAM are sent as sealed kits, to their specifications and with contents declared for Customs on the outside, we have continued to buy some items to ensure that kits go complete. We get good feedback about where our items end up and how they are utilized, with sewing machines, in particular, making a large impact on the life of recipients.

Further improvements have been made to the workshop in the year, including replacing our air filtration system. All the upgrading work has been undertaken in-house with generous financial support for materials from 'angels'. We continue to cover a large part of our running costs from the sale of valuable metals, recovered from donated items unsuitable for refurbishment, particularly copper from cable, and other copper and brass from plumbing and electrical items. Disposing of plastic waste remains a problem but we estimate that we have once again saved at least 50 tons of material that would otherwise have gone to landfill.

Tool Aid Ringwood CIO Accounts Summary for year ending 31/12/2025

	2025		2024	
	£	£	£	£
Bank/Cash in Hand				
Opening balance	21,229.67		17,022.01	
Closing balance	24,030.15		19,079.49	
Unpresented/uncleared cheques	0.00		0.00	
Change		2,800.48		2,057.48
Income				
Bank interest	470.92		139.33	
Show income (not Gift Aid)	2,450.75		2,131.75	
eBay tool sales	873.35		---	
Scrap metal sales	6,130.68		6,053.07	
Donations subject to Gift Aid	2,045.00		2,524.00	
Donations not subject to Gift Aid	126.00		709.39	
Surplus tool sales (no GA)	6,323.65		1,898.00	
Total Gift Aid recovered	538.33		702.00	
Other income	0.00		0.00	
Total		18,958.68		14,157.54
Expenditure				
Rent	4,200.00		3,500.00	
Insurance	940.86		544.90	
Consumables	1,870.72		1,520.69	
Tools required for kits	435.35			
Petty cash/beverages	177.43		78.00	
Phone/Electricity/Website	3,902.16		3,053.27	
eBay& SumUp costs	49.34		---	
Show expenditure	271.67		149.28	
Capital purchases	940.64		1,109.29	
Donations to other organisations	2,000.00		1,100.00	
Premises work	606.34		1,014.64	
Routine maintenance	277.68			
Other expenses	486.01		29.99	
Total		16,158.20		12,100.06
Surplus		2,800.48		2,057.48

Approved by

Date

L Smith	Treasurer	12/01/2026
A Taylor	Honorary Examiner	12/01/2026

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Trustee Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Governing document

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The object of the charity is to help relieve poverty amongst people in under-developed areas of the world by the provision of refurbished tools and equipment, sending these via other charities and organisations that have the in-country contacts to ensure they reach those most in need.

Trustees

- Ken Brown, Chairman and CEO
- Len Smith, Treasurer
- Colin Probyn, Workshop Manager
- Robin Lewin
- Anthony Poole

(Robin Lewin and Anthony Poole were appointed at the AGM on 29th January 2025 to replace Michael Beven and Geoffrey Kynaston.)

Membership

At the end of the year, there were 52 members active within the workshop, refurbishing items and recovering recyclable material from donations not fit for further use, with 5 others supporting in other ways. We lost a few active volunteers early in the year, mainly for health reasons but, as the result of advertising in local publications, nine new volunteers started during the last quarter of 2024. A further two have joined since the start of the year. Most members come in for one morning each week but numbers are such that we are now sometimes close to maximum capacity for comfortable and safe working on some days.

Activities

The workshop operates from at least 9am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday, though is usually open longer. The charity continued to receive large numbers of donated tools and other items throughout the year with no sign of this decreasing, though output was a bit down on 2024. This was partly due to reduced volunteer numbers earlier in the year but mainly because Tools with a Mission (TWAM), the main recipient of our refurbished tools, were having problems with drivers and vehicles for collection from us. However, we still put out an estimated 14 x 2.5ton vehicle loads of refurbished items, eight to TWAM and six to Work Aid, both sending items to East and Central Africa. The remainder went to various smaller charities who collected from us. Those to TWAM mainly comprised complete kits (e.g. carpentry, plumbing

and electricians) to equip a training establishment or enable sustainable businesses to be operated, ranging from a one-person enterprise to a village cooperative. Other tools were also sent in bulk, especially sewing machines, knitting machines, haberdashery and wool to go with them, and computers. At least a third of the cost of operating the workshop was met by recovering copper, brass and other valuable metals from donated items not capable of refurbishment. Also, all ferrous scrap was recycled. We estimate that at least 60 tonnes has been saved during 2024 that would have otherwise gone to landfill.

Financial results

These results reflect the whole of the 2024 financial year. They are prepared under the historical cost convention from receipts and payments shown within the current year. The previous year is shown for comparison.

Accounts summary for year ending 31/12/2024

	2024	2023
Bank/Cash in hand		
Opening balance	£19,079.49	£17,022.01
Closing balance	£21,229.67	£19,079.49
Change	£2,150.18	£2,057.48
Income		
Bank interest	£605.32	£139.33
Income from shows (no Gift Aid)	£2,524.51	£2,131.75
eBay tool sales	£91.12	£0.00
Scrap metal sales	£5,613.42	£6,053.07
Donations subject to Gift Aid	£3,140.00	£2,524.00
Donations not subject to Gift Aid	£540.00	£709.39
Donations for surplus tools (non Gift Aid)	£3,913.40	£1,898.00
Total Gift Aid recovered	£756.25	£702.00
Total	£17,184.02	£14,157.54
Expenditure		
Rent	£3,600.00	£3,500.00
Insurance	£656.93	£544.90
Consumables/maintenance		
Kitchen/cleaning	£136.62	£235.49
Workshop supplies	£522.11	£388.78
Parts for kits	£482.49	£548.28
Parts for sewing machines	£10.00	£56.21
Stationery/office supplies	£375.60	£291.93
Total consumables	[£1526.82]	[£1520.69]
Petty cash	£43.70	£78.00
Phone	£489.48	£491.35
Electricity	£2,384.57	£2,561.92
eBay costs	£45.56	£0.00
Show expenditure	£270.85	£149.28
Capital purchases	£2,635.21	£1,109.29
Donations to other organisations	£0.00	£1,100.00
Work on premises	£2,708.47	£1,014.64
Other expenses	£672.25	£29.99
Total	£15,033.84	£12,100.06
Cash profit	£2,150.18	£2,057.48

This report was prepared by the Trustees and signed by order of the Trustees:

	Ken Brown, Chairman/CEO	Date:
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Tool Aid Ringwood - Treasurer's summary 2024

This year's accounts are presented as "Profit and Loss" accounts, showing the Income and expenditure, as well as the change in cash across the year. Last year's figures are shown for comparison purposes.

The first section shows the Cash/Bank situation at the start and end of the year. The Change in this section should match the Cash Profit calculated as the difference between the Income and Expenditure sections.

Cash/Bank

We currently operate 3 bank accounts, a cash box, and the petty cash tin. The petty cash tin is for milk, sugar, etc. and is "uncontrolled" but rarely contains more than £10, being checked weekly and topped up when necessary. The cash box is in my possession and, as the name implies, handles the normal daily cash transactions, both income and expenditure. The other accounts are with Lloyds Bank, and are a Treasurers Account, which is our normal "trading account" used for Internet Banking; a Business Banking Account with Instant Access which earns some interest and holds the working capital and first level reserves; and we have a Fixed Term Deposit which contains the remaining reserves and earns considerably more interest than the other accounts, but we cannot touch the capital (£10,000) until the end of the deposit term on 14/02/2025. Money is transferred between the accounts as necessary, attempting to balance the cash box and immediate needs on the Treasurers Account while trying to maximise the money we earn interest on.

At the end of December 2024 we had £253.92 in the cash box, £937.70 in the Treasurers account, £10,000 in the Fixed Term account, and £10,038.05 in the Business account. There were no uncleared or unrepresented cheques/transactions. We have received £509 in interest from the Fixed Term Deposit on its first anniversary, and should get a further £100(ish) in interest when it matures in February.

We had approximately £21,000 in available funds at the beginning of January 2025. Depending on how you calculate "operating cost", our operating costs are between £8,000 and £10,00 per year, so this means we still have 2 years of operating costs in reserve, one year immediately and a further £10,000 in February, so we are remaining well within our stated policy.

Income

The fact that the Bank is now paying a higher rate of interest on the Business Account, and the tranche received from the Fixed Term Deposit account means that there is a significant improvement in the interest received.

Show income is slightly higher than in 2023, but is the same proportion of our income.

We experimented with eBay sales during the year, with Rose (Animal Avenue) handling the sales on a commission basis. The first sale was successful, but subsequent sales flopped. We may continue this year, but we need a member who is prepared to handle the admin and shipping.

Sales of surplus tools (other than at Shows) were more than twice the amount we made in 2023, possibly because we have more "bin divers" than we had in 2023.

Scrap metal sales were less than the previous year, mostly because I asked Ken to hold back the last batch again, to try to keep our 2024 profit reasonable – well done Ken and his team.

Gift Aided donations and Gift Aid recovered were up on 2023 (thanks Fiona), but the non-Gift Aid donations were slightly down.

Overall, our income was up by 21% on 2023.

Expenditure

The rent was held at the same level as 2023. The insurance increased by 20% for the same cover – which had been expected.

The overall figure for consumables is about the same as 2023, though the mix has changed. We had to buy a set of cartridges for the printer, which was £280. These should last until 2026, hopefully. Petty cash was considerably less than 2023.

We buy electricity through the landlord. At the end of each month, I pay for the usage based on our sub-meter and the tariff he has given us (nominally checked against his bills). During the year, following the winding up of Moody Cow Farm Shop Limited, we were asked to move our supply to come from a different intake to the building, and the “supplier” became the farmer, and not the Farm Shop. The cost of moving the feed was about £1400, which was covered from existing profits. The tariff we are now on, based on a statement from Mark (farmer) is somewhat less than we were being charged before. The cost of electricity is 7% less than last year, and I hope it will fall further. Phone costs were about the same as 2023.

Show expenditure was higher than in 2023, but the profit on Farm Sunday was twice 2023 and Ellingham was about 30% higher. However, we did not make as much profit on Rustic Fayre, takings being 15% down and costs 20% higher, reducing the profit on Rustic Fayre by 22%.

Capital purchases included a replacement grinder and 2 linishers, a laminator, new workshop and store racking (15 bays), a Sumup 3G+ card reader for shows, a sack truck, engine hoist, and wheel barrow. Premises work included keys for the side door, roller door and front door padlocks, a new electrical feed to the store distribution board, the dust cubicle including electrical changes to main distribution board, matting at front of workshop, additional lighting in the store, emergency lighting over front exit door, and the transfer of the mains intake to Mark’s barn. Donations from Fiona Savory paid for the racking and dust cubicle.

The other expenses were a key cabinet for the many workshop keys (in cleanroom), Web site hosting, fire extinguisher service and new extinguishers, and Xmas coffee morning food!!

Overall, our expenditure was up by 24% on 2023.

Current position

Overall, we made a net profit of £2,150.18 in 2024, an increase on the £2,057.48 profit in 2023. This was despite trying to maximise expenditure to minimise any possible tax liability.

We have over two years operating costs in the bank, and have the major costs under control, so the financial position is healthy.

We were requested by HMRC to submit a Corporation Tax Return for 2023. Fortunately there is an allowance for non-charity related income, which we were (just) below, so there was no liability. I do not know if this request was automatic following the first full year of trading for the CIO, or if it is going to be a regular occurrence.

We have increased the amount of rent we are paying to £350 pcm, which will make our rent £4,200 for the year. This is still considerably less than we would pay for an industrial unit on an estate.

At present there is no major expenditure planned for 2025.

We should continue to increase our funds during 2025, particularly as we have no major expenditure planned. It should be noted that the sale of scrap metal is still a significant part (33%) of our income, so we are still very dependent on Ken and his team recovering copper etc. for sale to Saits.

Len Smith
Treasurer
13/01/2025

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The charity has continued to be very successful, with 52 volunteers refurbishing items and recovering recyclable material from items not fit for further use, with others supporting in other ways. Most members do just one morning per week but we are close to the maximum for comfortable working on some days, though still welcome new volunteers and squeeze them in somehow. We operate at least 9am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday, though often open longer.

Large quantities of tools and other items came in throughout the year, with no sign of this decreasing and 2023 exceeded 2022 for output. Most output goes to Tools with a Mission (TWAM) and Work Aid for shipping to Africa. TWAM alone collected 15 full loads of refurbished items in their 35cwt van and a further 9 loads went to Work Aid. Other items went to Veterans Forge, who provide training to wounded ex-service personnel and others suffering from PTSD, to Prodigal Bikes for shipment to a technical college in Kenya, some to a smaller charity in Madagascar and other one-off requests. We facilitated the dispatch of 12 electrical generators to Ukraine in January. Some tools and donated kitchen items (kettles, etc.) not suitable for Africa were also provided to Ukrainian families setting up homes in the New Forest area. In addition, several donations were made of surplus horticultural tools to local schools and other gardening projects. At a conservative estimate this amounted to 35 tons going out over the year. As we also strip wire and recover other non-ferrous material to help pay our overheads, and all ferrous scrap is collected for recycling, we estimate that at least 60 tons was saved that would have otherwise gone to landfill.

TWAM and Work Aid items mainly go to East and Central Africa. Those to TWAM included around 150 complete kits (e.g. carpentry) to equip a training establishment or enable sustainable businesses from a one-person enterprise to village cooperative; plus 135 sewing machines, 10 more than last year. Other items were sent in bulk, including knitting machines, haberdashery and wool, plus computers. All electrical items were PAT tested for safety.

Further improvements have been made to storage and handling facilities, all work completed by our own volunteers with generous financial help from donors.

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	2023		2022 (Note 1)	
	£	£	£	£
Bank/Cash in Hand				
Opening balance	17,022.01		12,918.74	
Closing balance	19,079.49		17,022.01	
Unpresented/uncleared cheques	0.00		0.00	
Change		2,057.48		4,103.27
Income				
Bank interest	139.33		7.65	
Scrap metal sales	6,053.07		4,398.90	
Donations subject to Gift Aid	2,524.00		1,925.58	
Total Gift Aid recovered	702.00		557.00	
Donations not subject to Gift Aid	709.39		1,723.00	
Donations for surplus tool (not GA)	1,898.00		1,895.72	
Show income (not Gift Aid)	2,131.75		2,114.25	
Other income	0.00		0.00	
Total		14,157.54		12,622.10
Expenditure				
Rent	3,500.00		2,000.00	
Insurance	544.90		0.00	
Consumables/Maintenance	1,520.69		1,340.37	
Petty cash	78.00		51.00	
Phone/Electricity	3,053.27		1,461.32	
Show expenditure	149.28		184.03	
Capital purchases	1,109.29		452.60	
Donations to other organisations	1,100.00		1,000.00	
Premises work	1,014.64		1,854.51	
Other expenses	29.99		175.00	
Total		12,100.06		8,518.83
Cash Profit		2,057.48		4,103.27

Notes

Note 1. The CIO started operating on 01/05/2022, assets and liabilities having been transferred from the old charity, so this column only represents the 8 months of operating in 2022.

Approved by

		Date	
Len Smith	Treasurer	08/01/2024	
Anthony Taylor FCA	Honorary Examiner	08/01/2024	

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Trustees

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- Colin Probyn, Workshop Manager
- Mike Beven
- Geoff Kynaston

Membership

There are 48 volunteers active within the workshop, refurbishing items and recovering recyclable material from donations not fit for further use, with 10 others supporting in other ways. The workshop operates from at least 9am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday, though is usually open longer. Most members come in for one morning each week but our numbers are such that we are now close to maximum capacity on some days.

Activities

The charity continued to receive large numbers of donated tools and other items throughout the year with no sign of this decreasing and 2022 has been our best year for output. Tools with a Mission (TWAM) alone collected 13 full loads of refurbished items in their 35cwt van to send to Africa. These comprised complete kits (e.g. carpentry) to equip a training establishment or enable sustainable businesses to be operated, ranging from a one-person enterprise to a village cooperative. Other tools are also sent in bulk, plus sewing machines, knitting machines, haberdashery and wool to go with them, and computers. This amounted to at least 26 tonnes during the year. TWAM remain our largest recipient with items going mainly to East and Central Africa. Work Aid also

took three similar sized vehicle loads. Other items have gone to Veterans Forge near Corfe Castle, who provide training to wounded ex-service personnel and others suffering from PTSD, Prodigal Bikes for shipment to a technical college in Kenya, some to a smaller charity in Madagascar and several other local organisations. At a conservative estimate this amounted to 35 tonnes for the year. As we also strip wire and recover other non-ferrous material to help pay our overheads, and all ferrous scrap is collected for recycling, we estimate that at least 60 tonnes has been saved that would have otherwise gone to landfill. We have also facilitated the dispatch of 12 small electrical generators to Ukraine and hopefully more will follow.

Financial results

These results reflect the whole of the 2022 financial year, including the first four months when we were operating as a charity prior to the transfer to the CIO. They are prepared under the historical cost convention from receipts and payments shown within the current year. The previous year is shown for comparison.

Tool Aid Ringwood Accounts Summary for year ending 31/12/2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Bank/Cash in Hand				
Opening balance	15,415.36		15,469.36	
Closing balance	17,022.01		15,415.36	
Unpresented/uncleared cheques	0.00		--	
Change		1,606.65		-54.00
Income				
Bank interest	8.06		1.16	
Surplus tool sales	2,649.85		60.77	
Scrap metal sales	6,367.00		3,817.98	
Donations subject to Gift Aid	2,205.58		5,750.00	
Donations not subject to Gift Aid	1,783.00		2,311.20	
Show income subject to Gift Aid	0.00		N/A	
Show income not subject to Gift Aid	2,114.25		N/A	
Total Gift Aid recovered	797.00		1,577.50	
Other income	0.00		1,200.00	
Total		15,924.74		14,718.61
Expenditure				
Rent	3,000.00		1,800.00	
Insurance	833.77		821.28	
Consumables/Maintenance -			2,006.60	
Kitchen/cleaning	209.54		N/A	
Workshop supplies	528.92		N/A	
For kits	884.16		N/A	
Stationery/office supplies	178.70		N/A	
Total		1,801.32		2006.60

Petty cash	110.00	50.00
Phone	537.83	641.65
Electricity	4,036.39	1,138.71
Show expenditure	184.03	N/A
Capital purchases	749.14	632.12
Donations to other organisations	1,000.00	3,140.88
New storeroom	1,854.51	N/A
Other expenses	211.10	4,541.37
	Total	14,318.09
Cash Profit		14,772.61
		-54.00

This report was prepared by the Trustees.

Signed by order of the Trustees:



Chairman/CEO

Ken Brown,

Date: 27th February 2023