

SAFFRON WALDEN COMMUNITY SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1198918

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-05-11

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

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CIO ARE TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT OF PEOPLE, RESIDENT IN SAFFRON WALDEN AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, BY ASSISTING THEM FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF SUCH PEOPLE, AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF A SOCIAL SPACE IN WHICH THEY CAN MEET JOINTLY TO UNDERTAKE AND SHARE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL, SOCIAL AND RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£8,168	£7,604	-	-
2023-12-31	£18,898	£19,712	-	-
2022-12-31	£14,995	£6,018	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Brian Burlinson	Chair	2024-05-21
George Peter Mottram		2022-04-07
Graham Dagnall Martin		2024-03-12
Janet Howard		2022-04-07
Peter Morrissey		2022-04-07

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The Saffron Walden Community Shed

Annual Report 2024

This year saw the continued development of the granary barn which included repairing the concrete floor and replacing the granary “windows” i.e. holes in the wall, with circular glazed panes. There were some changes in the Trustees with Mike Watts, who started the SW Shed and built the firm foundations on which we are growing, standing down as Chair, replaced by Brian Burlinson and Graham Martin taking over as Treasurer.

Also, as seen in the photo, we were visited by the then MP, Kemi Badenock to whom we presented a unique door stop made by our Shed lead, Peter Morrissey.



The Shed was busy with numerous projects including building commissioned owl boxes for a local church, bespoke house signs for local residents, and various items for sale by other local groups.



Not all was hard work though! We had planned that as part of Shed we would have outings to other places of interest. Our trip to the Wellcome Sanger Institute, pictured, was a great success as was the closing of the year with a Christmas

dinner at a local pub, also pictured. All in all, a great year in which the Shed grew from strength to strength



Brian Burlinson on behalf of the Trustees of Saffron Walden Community Shed

Saffron Walden Community Shed

Accounts 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2024

Opening balance	£12,324.12
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Income Unrestricted

Donations	£4,226.97
Annual Subs	£290.00
Attendance fees	£3,638.00
Interest	£13.23

Total Income	£8,168.20
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Expenditure Unrestricted

General	£4,680.88
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Expenditure Restricted

New Workshop Fund	£2,923.08
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Total Expenditure	£7,603.96
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Closing Balance	£12,888.36
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G D Martin
Treasurer
03/01/2025

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Annual Report 2023

By the beginning of 2023 we had been in our new home, the Old Granary Barn, for three months and construction on the interior had been non-stop. All the work on the barn, which had been kindly loaned to us by Audley End Estate, has been carried out entirely by the members. By the middle of the year, we had completed all the major work, having built three rooms within the



barn; one is a small workshop for hand tool work, the second is a tea and training room (left), and the third is dedicated to woodturning, an activity that has proved very popular among our members. The remainder of the barn houses our large pieces of machinery along with specially constructed benches and storage areas. The whole barn is now completely rewired and fully certified with lighting and heating installed.

With the help of a grant from the Government UK Shared Prosperity Fund we were able to purchase a CNC router system together with a computer, internet access and a television screen which has proved most useful for our training sessions. The CNC router (right) is an intricate cutting device which enables us to extend our areas of interest for members as well as providing us with the ability to produce high-quality commissions.



By mid-year we were able to reopen our new facility and begin to accept new members as well as take on projects to support our local community. The extra space that our new premises affords us has allowed us to increase our storage of second-hand wood and we continue to use as much recycled timber for as many of our projects as possible.

An enjoyable day was spent in August at the local museum craft day where we demonstrated the use of the pole lathe, showed some of our heritage tools and helped children to make their own bug boxes.

Our year ended with the construction of a substantial nativity scene (right), commissioned by the local Baptist Church and which will stand outside their church during the Christmas period.



The Trustees

Saffron Walden Community Shed



Saffron Walden Community Shed

Accounts 1st January 2023 to 31st December 2023

Opening Balance			£13,138.79
Income Unrestricted			
Donations	£3,128.94		
Annual Subs	£60.00		
Attendance Fees	£3,330.16		
Total	£6,519.10		
Income restricted			
UDC UKSPF	£6,599.00		
New Workshop Fund	£5,780.00		
Total	£12,379.00		
	Total Income	£18,898.10	
Expenditure Unrestricted	£3,872.51		
Expenditure Restricted			
UDC UKSPF	£6,599.00		
New workshop Fund	£9,241.26		
Total	£15,840.26		
	Total Expenditure	£19,712.77	
Closing Balance			£12,324.12

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The Saffron Walden Community Shed

Annual Report 2022

2022 was a difficult year for the Saffron Walden Community Shed. After the long period of restrictions due to the Covid pandemic, we were just beginning to make plans to start developing our work again, when early in the year we were told that the site on which our workshop was located was up for sale and that we would have to vacate our premises. Following a lengthy search, we were delighted to be offered a large brick-built Victorian barn, previously used as a granary, situated on a nearby farm. It had not been used as a granary for many years and the possibility of turning it into a suitable workshop looked to be quite a challenge. However, nothing daunted, our more-able members set-to to carry out the necessary construction



work to convert it into workspaces where we could continue with our work.

In the early part of the year, we also took the opportunity to apply to become a registered Charity Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and this we achieved, with the appointment of six Trustees, on 11 May 2022.

During the summer months we began the removal from our previous workshop of all our machinery, tools, benches, shelving etc., and the large quantity of second-hand timber we had acquired. The

trustees also began the task of raising the funds required for the conversion. Work began in September in the new barn, installing lighting and the necessary power supply for our machines, along with the construction of our first workroom. After much hard graft, this was finally finished in December, just in time for a celebratory Christmas Lunch.

During the period we have been closed, we have received significant interest from those wishing to join us as well as requests from local charities to make or mend items for them, confirming the need for this valuable facility in our community, which both meets the needs of those who might be socially isolated and providing a resource to local charities and organisations. 2023 will see the completion of the building work and we plan to be fully operational again by the end of May 2023 and with the extra space our new facility will give us, we hope to increase the range of activities that we can offer and increase our membership numbers considerably.

The Trustees

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Saffron Walden Community Shed

Accounts 11th May 2022 to 31st December 2022

Opening Balance			£4,161.98
Income Unrestricted			
Donations	£2,169.19		
Annual Subs	£210.00		
Attendance Fees	£1,115.42		
Total	£3,494.61		
Income restricted			
ECF Grant	£0.00		
New Workshop Fund	£11,500.00		
Total	£11,500.00		
	Total Income	£14,994.61	
Expenditure Unrestricted	£996.50		
Expenditure Restricted			
ECF Grant	£704.83		
New workshop Fund	£4,316.47		
Total	£5,021.30		
	Total Expenditure	£6,017.80	
Closing Balance			£13,138.79