

BRIGHT SHEDDERS

England & Wales · Charity number 1199015

Details

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Status Registered

Legal form CIO

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECT OF THE CIO IS 'TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE (PARTICULARLY, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY MEN AGED 18 OR OVER/OLDER MEN/OLDER MEN AND WOMEN, WITHIN BRIGHTLINGSEA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA, FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY THROUGH THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES IN WHICH THEY CAN MEET JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY TO UNDERTAKE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN OR PASS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER SOCIALLY".TO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRIENDSHIPS, SOCIAL INTERACTION AND SKILL SHARING IN A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH MEMBERS CAN MEET, SOCIALISE, CARRY OUT CREATIVE PROJECTS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SHED AND OF THEIR OWN CHOOSING, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY, COOPERATIVELY OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE WIDER COMMUNITY.TO PROMOTE GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING TO ITS MEMBERS THROUGH ACTIVE PARTICIPATION AND FROM TIME TO TIME PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RELEVANT HEALTH ORGANISATIONS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF GOOD HEALTH STRATEGIES FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERSHIP.

Activities: To provide a social hub for men (but not exclusively for men) to reduce social exclusion in the community, to practice woodworking skills using facilities they would not otherwise have access to as well as promoting a greater awareness of environmental issues and developing a positive attitude towards the reuse,

repair, repurposing and recycling of materials with an emphasis on reducing waste.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, Environment/conservation/heritage, Recreation, Other Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Essex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-05-06	£4,355	£3,900	-	-
2024-05-06	£4,708	£2,281	-	-
2023-05-06	£2,425	£657	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gary Noel Peck	Chair	2022-01-11
Gunter Teichler B.Ed.		2022-01-11
Jacqueline Mary Edmunds		2024-08-19
MARY JOSEPHINE BURRIDGE		2022-01-11
Mark Spearman		2023-06-13
Pauline Mary Smith		2022-06-14
Ricky Long		2023-06-13
Sheena McCartney		2024-11-12

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Minutes of the Bright Shedders AGM on Tuesday, 20th May, 2025
at Brightlingsea Museum

Present: Trustees: Gary Peck (Chair), Gunter Teichler, (Treasurer), Chris Bailey (Secretary) Mary Burrige, Pauline Smith, Mark Spearman, Sheena McCartney, Jackie Edmunds (minutes secretary)

Attendees: Stephen Boulter, Sam Jackson, Nick Rose, Andrew Challis, Adrian Espin, Mark Willatt

1. **Welcome and apologies:** Gary welcomed everyone to the AGM and gave apologies for Ricky Long. The **register of attendees** was noted.

2. **Constitution:** Gunter made the point that the Constitution was fixed by the Trustees and all decisions were made by them but no new Trustees were needed at the moment. Pauline said that there was nothing to report from the Charity Commission at present. All policy documents are either complete or in the process of being completed.

3. **Minutes and Matters Arising:** The minutes were taken as read and their acceptance was proposed by Chris Bailey and seconded by Gunter. The Trustees introduced themselves to those present.

4. **Chair's report:** Gary read his report which can be viewed in the Secretary's files. Gary said that there was already one lifetime member of the Shed and that the **Trustees would like to give life-time membership to Steve Burton**, who has given huge amounts of time to the building of the Shed, using his carpentry skills.

5. **Treasurer's report:** Gunter resigned from his position as Treasurer, **handing over the mantle to Sheena**. He said the Shed had a healthy bank balance at present, particularly because of the generous donations from bodies such as **the £700 from the Rotary**. **Sheena took over at this point saying that the balance at present was about £4,500**; there were anonymous donations; a Sum-up machine has been purchased. She said that the accounts were available if anyone would like to see them. **Sheena's full report can be viewed in the Secretary's file.**

6. **Membership:** Gunter spoke about how the membership would work. Chris **asked when the Shed would open** for new members. Gunter said that there is **still some building work to be finished off, such as the thresholds and then there would need to be a Buildings Regulation visit to sign off the work, ensuring that we have complied with all requirements**. **Annual membership would be £15 and there would be a £2 charge per session, with coffee, tea and biscuits included**. There would be concessions for people in receipt of various benefits. The timings of the sessions have not been finalised yet. **The Shed may, in time, become a Community Shed**, rather than a Men's Shed, with opportunities, perhaps, for women to attend certain sessions, but much still to be thought about and opinions sought.

7. Gary asked for **any questions from the floor**.

"Would there be specific sessions to teach skills?" Gunter said there were already quite a number of skilled people who could help with **wood-turning, carpentry, electronics, pyrography etc**. He added that the fundamental premise of the Shed was for companionship,

promotion of well-being as well as learning skills. A member of the audience said his disabled son had visited, tried out the new ramp and had been moved at how friendly and helpful the members present had been.

"Would members be taught how to use the machines?" Gary said there would be availability for this and also, that sets of basic hand tools would be made available for members to borrow for use at home. Many tools had been given to the Shed and, if there were too many, they may be sold to create a small amount of revenue or donated to Tools with a Mission in Ipswich.

A member of the audience was **very complimentary about all aspects of the Bright Shedders and commented on the importance of passing skills to younger people**, setting examples and inspiring them.

8. **Date of next AGM will be in May 2026, exact date to be decided nearer the time.**

9. **Date of next Trustees' meeting – June 17th in the Shed.**

Treasurers Report

We started the year with a balance of £4099.67 and after many generous donations of both time and money we completed the year with a surplus of £454.58 which leave us with a new balance for the start of April of £4554.25.

We had a lot of anonymous donations as well as support from local companies who supplied us with materials and time, which are extremely grateful for. These companies have been thanked and again we thank you all. Without this support we would not be where we are today.

Since our year end we have received some more amazing donations especially from The Rotary Club (Round Table), which I'm sure will be put to good use.

I have a copy of the accounts should anyone wish to see them and am prepared to answer any questions from you.

We have purchased a Sum Up machine so we will be able to take payments by card in the future which will also make things easier for you and for us.

Thanks again for all your support



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BRIGHT SHEDDERS INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR Period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

Income		Expenditure	
Donations	1025.00	Materials	735.2
Commissions	420.00	Stationery	29.88
Other Cash donations	2846.95	Tools	443.44
Membership Fees		Building	2094.73
Session Fees		Sundries	112.79
Recycling	62.86	Insurance	484.19
	<u>4354.81</u>		<u>3900.23</u>

Accumulated funds as at 31st March 2025

Lloyds Balance b/fwd	4099.67	Lloyds Balance	4499.55
Surplus/Deficit for year	454.58	Cash in hand	54.70
	<u>4554.25</u>		<u>0</u>
			<u>4554.25</u>
			0

Signed by Treasurer

Agreed by Chairman

Good evening and welcome to the third A G M of Bright Shedders CIO.

I would like to introduce you to our Trustees and the roles they undertake.

I'm Gary Peck, Chairman.

Sheena McCartney, our Treasurer.

Chris Bailey, our Secretary.

Gunter Teichler is our Membership Secretary.

Pauline Smith who deals with the Charity Commission.

Jackie Edmonds who is our Minutes Secretary.

Mark Spearman who handles Social Media.

Ricky Long, who is unable to be with us, oversees our Health and Safety procedures.

And Mary Baker, who has been a steadfast trustee since we began.

Our second year has seen us complete the main structure of our shed. The ramp for disabled access is 99% complete. The solar panels have been fitted and are producing electricity. However, we still need to have the building, ramp, and electrical wiring signed off. A fire safety check will also be required, but we are on the brink of being able to open for membership.

Our aims are to provide opportunities for friendship, social interaction and skill sharing in a safe and enjoyable environment. We will be a valuable resource for our Members, local groups and the town.

In the future we will be looking to add ladies days/ sessions when and if the demand is shown. We currently have local authority permission, for six, two hour sessions. As membership increases, these will need to be pre-booked for use of the workshop.

Membership. This will have a set fee of £15 per annum which may be waived at our discretion. There will also be a fee of £2 for a 2 hour session.

We are looking for people who would be willing to assist us with event organisation and manning. Also we need someone willing to find and apply for sources of Grants. This year we have again been very fortunate with donations from individuals, businesses and other local charities and associations. Hopefully this will continue as we will have ongoing running costs and would like to keep the cost to members minimal. We will continue to accept donations of tools which we will use to expand, upgrade and replace what we have. Additional tools not required by us will be re-gifted or donated to other local sheds, charities, worthy individuals or where more applicable sold to raise money for our shed's finances.

Finally, those of you here last year will be aware that for his tireless work and commitment, Mr. Dave Murdoch was given Life Membership. We have decided that he should be joined by someone else who has also given generously of his time, tools and immeasurable experience to the project. Mr. Steve Burton

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Bright Shedders Men's Shed ~ AGM 22/05/2024 ~Chairman's Report

Good evening and welcome to the second AGM of Bright Shedders. Thank you all for coming tonight, it's good to see so many here.

Firstly an introduction to the Trustees:-

Our first year ended disappointingly with our previously acceptable structure failing to meet new criteria imposed by building control. This resulted in a search for a Structural Engineer to evaluate and redesign the plans where needed. Whilst looking for someone we began dismantling the floor and walls, removing the pallets that we were initially intending to use. This was an emotional and frustrating task as we were unable to get any feedback from Building Control. Fortunately for us we found a Structural Engineer who helped us, free of charge. Thank you Oliver Morgan for your help and patience. His structural drawings and calculations, along with our own drawings and plans, were submitted to Tendring Building Control and after a lot of toing and froing, permission to restart was granted, approximately 12 months from our first beginning.

The main structure is now complete and the integrity and quality of our work has been passed by Building Control and currently we are putting on the roof elements. With good weather and manpower we are optimistic that we will have completed the building by late summer and can begin fitting out the shed and offering Membership to adult men in our catchment area.

The exact details have, as yet, not been finalised, but will follow closely the model adopted by other Men's sheds throughout the UK. A list for names of potential members is available tonight.

Our past and present progress is reliant on the generosity of individuals and local organisations and companies and also some commissions we have undertaken. Our thanks and appreciation goes to all who have contributed.

We still require help with the build process. If anyone has a few hours to spare once or twice a week? We would also be happy to accept donations of tools, building materials or money towards immediate and future costs. Any donations of tools duplicated or unsuitable will be forwarded to other charitable organisations including other Men's Sheds and Tools With A Mission, or occasionally they may be sold to provide much needed funds for us.

We are also looking to add members to our board of Trustees. We are looking for people with secretarial and/or accounting skills to lessen the load on those already carrying out those roles.

At this point I would like to thank Helena Nwaokolo, a founder member, our minutes secretary, and also a powerful voice in our social conscience, who is stepping down from the Trustees for personal reasons. We wish her all the best and hope she will follow our progress with pride that her involvement has been instrumental in the setting up of what will be a valuable community resource.

Chairman: Gary Peck

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Income and Expenditure Account for the Period

1st April 2023 -31st March 2024

Income	2023/2024	Expenditure	2023/2024
Donations	£728.41	Floor Boards	£150.00
Commissions	£980.00	Sawn Timber	£233.28
Essex Community Trust	£3,000.00	Insurance	£177.24
		Benches	£372.00
		Batteries for Solar Panels	£1,055.96
		TDC Planning Fee	£293.00
		Excess of income over expenditure	£2,426.93
	<u>£4,708.41</u>		<u>£4,708.41</u>

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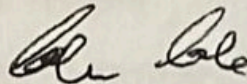
Accumulated fund as at 31st March 2024

Lloyds Balance B/fwd	£1,672.74	Lloyds balance	£4,099.67
Surplus for Year	£2,426.93		
	<u>£4,099.67</u>		<u>£4,099.67</u>

Note: £1,944.04 of the funds are ring fenced to complete the purchase and installation of the Solar panels.

In my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the organisations affairs as at 31st March 2024

Signed



John Cole

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Brightshedders currently has seven trustees. Mary Jane Ng and Steve Hammond resigned, we thank them for their contributions. New trustees Pauline Smith, Mark Spearman and Ricky Long have joined Gary Peck (chair), Gunter Teichler (treasurer), Helena Nwaokolo and Mary Burrige. Brightshedders has been registered as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and has a bank account with Lloyds Bank. There are currently two signatories – Gary Peck and Gunter Teichler. The trustees have a what's app group and meet approximately monthly at the Railway pub. Our first AGM was held on 9th May 2023.

The group originally thought of having a Community Shed for both men and women. However on advice from Essex Men's Sheds the decision was made to initially concentrate on men only as funding might be more available for this group who can be more socially isolated.

Efforts to build on the Community Centre site using shipping containers were not successful, nor were there any suitable premises to rent locally.

Brightlingsea Town Council agreed to lease the group an area of land at Lower Park road Recreation ground, the Scout fields. The rent has not yet been agreed.

The aim is to build a hut using recycled materials and the build was going well, with about six volunteers. The building will be timber framed utilising reclaimed pallet wood and "foundations" from tyres and stone chippings. The building will be off grid and use solar power. However in April, Tendring District Council Building Control brought the build to a halt as they changed the classification of the building. Advice was sought from a local structural engineer, Oliver Morgan, who has agreed to work pro bono.

A complaint might be made to Tendring District Council for letting the build continue but in the meantime alterations are being to the building to allow the resumption of the build. The options were discussed by the trustees. A smaller group of trustees will make decisions about the day to day build but keep all the trustees informed.

Grants have been forthcoming from Love Essex and from Essex Community Foundation (for solar panels). Screwfix declined our application.

We have had personal donations of tools and equipment which are much appreciated and also from Brightlingsea Winterfest.

Brightshedders have had a presence at the local Music Festival and an event at the Library. This coming year we will be at the Music Festival and the Classic Car Show.

Two trustees have attended a suicide awareness course organised by MIND.

A revised information leaflet has been produced.

We have a Facebook page – BriShed.

We do not currently have a website and have decided to wait until we are more active as there may be costs involved.

We have received a commission for information boards for All Saints church.

Pauline Smith