

# BILLINGSHURST MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1200032

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2022-08-11

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT WITHIN THE PARISH OF BILLINGSHURST AND THE SURROUNDING AREA BY PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BECOMING SOCIALLY EXCLUDED, RELIEVING THE NEEDS OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIALLY EXCLUDED AND ASSISTING THEM TO INTEGRATE INTO SOCIETY. 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); SUBSTANCE ABUSE OR DEPENDENCY INCLUDING ALCOHOL AND DRUGS; DISCRIMINATION ON THE GROUNDS OF SEX, RACE, DISABILITY, ETHNIC ORIGIN, RELIGION, BELIEF, CREED, SEXUAL ORIENTATION OR GENDER RE-ASSIGNMENT; POOR EDUCATIONAL OR SKILLS ATTAINMENT; RELATIONSHIP AND FAMILY BREAKDOWN; POOR HOUSING (THAT IS HOUSING THAT DOES NOT MEET BASIC HABITABLE STANDARDS; CRIME (EITHER AS A VICTIM OF CRIME OR AS AN OFFENDER REHABILITATING INTO SOCIETY).

**Activities:** To promote social inclusion for public benefit through the provision of a facility particularly for, but not exclusively for, men at risk of being socially excluded.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- West Sussex

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-07-31	£8,006	£8,046	-	-
2024-07-31	£8,692	£9,267	-	-
2023-07-31	£9,171	£7,421	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Keith Witt	Chair	2022-07-01
Gerald McAteer		2022-07-01
Harvey Silverman		2022-07-01
Richard Melcio		2022-07-01

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## TRUSTEES REPORT 2024 - 2025

The year has been dominated by our efforts to get a second shed to act as a wood and finished jobs store.

Having obtained the relevant permissions from both Parish and District councils we finally decided upon purchasing a log cabin style garage, for which we had agreed a grant the previous year. As the garage had no floor, we had to construct some piers to make a level base. After delivery of the building we commenced its assembly, followed by construction and waterproofing of the roof. We then fabricated a floor to make the building complete. Painting the outside followed. We then started painting the inside which is now almost complete.

The next stages are to construct some racking inside, and to lay some hardstanding outside our double doors.

Regarding membership numbers we retained the main body of the members of the Shed, but a few did not renew, and a few new faces joined us, on balance we were a handful down. A concerted effort may be needed in the next period to advertise and recruit more members.

When we started we were given permission to stay on our site for 5 years before granting of a lease for us would be considered. We are now 3 years into that period, and apart from a parking problem, now thankfully resolved, we can think of no reason why that lease should not be granted.

We are still without a permanent secretary in place, so efforts must continue to fill this role.

Our finances continue to be sound, and our operating model seems to be successful. The donations from members have been unchanged since we began so we retain the ability to raise them if it is deemed necessary. In addition, we have a surplus of tools that we could use to create extra funds. We are of course always available to do repairs and accept other tasks.

During the year we changed our electricity supplier to Octopus energy. This proved to be a very worthwhile change and resulted in our electricity expenditure almost halving.

We attended 3 outside events during the year. These were the Billingshurst Christmas Fayre, the Billingshurst Showcase, in the springtime and the Billingshurst Show, in mid-summer. All 3 of these were profitable and raised our profile locally.

Last year we disposed of a lot of scrap wood by offering it as kindling. This was very worthwhile and we intend to repeat this exercise again this winter.

There are a few things that need addressing regarding our workshop. These are to replace our delaminating shuttering on windows and doors and building a permanent step at the rear door of the building. These jobs are to be attended too in the near future.

Keith Witt

Richard Melcio

Gerry McAteer

Harvey Silverman

Trustees.

**MEN'S SHED ACCOUNTS 31ST JULY 2024 TO 31ST JULY 2025**

INCOME							EXPENDITURE							CASH ASSETS			
DATE	DESCRIPTION	SUBS	SALES	GRANTS	DONATIONS	MEMBERS'P	DATE	SUPPLIER	DESCRIPTION	SHED	EQUIPMENT	MATERIALS.	ELECTRIC	MISC	BANK	CASH	TOTAL
															2907.53	132.50	3040.03
	AUGUST																
							2.08	NYES	SAND			3.78					
5.08	SUBS	30.00					5.08		MILK					1.30			
12.08	SUBS	10.00					15.08	LIDL	?					19.99			
19.08	SUBS	17.00					19.08		MILK					1.70			
19.08	SALES		15.00				22.08	SCREWFIX	DIPPLE			3.77					
26.08	SUBS	12.00					26.08		MILK					1.30			
20.08	LIONS		30.00				21.08	HOWDENS	DIPPLE			17.40					
							21.08	COVERS	DIPPLE			20.04					
							21.08	COVERS	DIPPLE			9.59					
							12.08	GAS&POWER					49.90				
							16.08	ALIEXPRESS	?					11.42			
							27.08	Bill PC	Xmas Fare					20.00			
															2882.81	110.40	2993.21
	SEPTEMBER																
2.09	SUBS	23.00					2.09		MILK					1.30			
2.09	DIPPLE		96.00				9.09		MILK					1.30			
9.09	SUBS	17.00					4.09	LAKER	FILLER			5.20					
9.09	MELCIO				100.00		11.09	AUSTINS	KEYS					10.00			
16.09	SUBS	18.00					11.09	AUSTINS	GLUE			11.08					
16.09	SALES		25.00				10.09	MID FRAMING				18.00					
23.09	SUBS	20.00					11.09	OCTOPUS					35.23				
23.09	JOE PULLEN					25.00	11.09	UNITED GAS					49.12				
23.09	BIRD FEEDER		20.00				23.09		MILK					1.30			
30.09	SUBS	29.00					30.09		MILK					1.30			
30.09	HEART		5.00														
	OCTOBER																
7.10	SUBS	13.00					14.10		MILK					1.30			
7.10	COFFEE TABLE		80.00				21.10		MILK					1.30			
14.10	SUBS	16.00					21.10	UNITED GAS					57.35				
14.10	TABLE		10.00				24.10	OCTOPUS					35.23				
14.10	SIMON PEARCE					25.00											
21.10	SUBS	9.00															
21.10	KINDLING		4.00														
28.10	SUBS	19.00					28-Oct		MILK					1.30			
	DONATION				5.00		28-Oct	TUMU(cash)	SWITCH		4.90						
	KINDLING		4.00				28-Oct	BEDFORD SAW	BLADES		31.99						
															3234.12	53.15	3287.27











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AUGUST 2023 - JULY 2024

This financial year started with us continuing to complete the construction and equipping of our workshop, which was completed by the end of 2023 approximately, with more equipment donated during the year to give us what we consider to be a Men's Shed worthy of the name.

Plans for the future were discussed and preparations made for the addition of a wood storage shed, and a grant was obtained to enable us to enact this addition.

Our membership continued to grow slowly, to a maximum of 21, although of course not all were regulars. Unfortunately our Hon. Sec. decided that he could no longer continue in his role and left our ranks. We continue to look for his replacement.

Membership fees were set at a very reasonable level and there were no calls for them to be reduced. What with our weekly subscriptions from attendees and donations received for work and repairs done, we ended the period with our finances in a very healthy condition and it is intended that we continue with this model.

We have been very grateful for the help and encouragement given to us by both Billingshurst Parish Council and by Horsham District Council, and we send them both our sincere thanks.

Keith Witt, Gerry McAteer, Richard Melcio, Harvey Silverman. Trustees.

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AUGUST 1st 2023 - JULY 31ST 2024

<u>INCOME</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
Membership donations		375	Shed Materials	5883
Weekly Tea		846	Electricity	736
General Donations		266	Insurance	640
Grants	HDC	3376	Project Materials	403
	HDC	199	Equipment	1294
	BPC	750	Misc	311
	UKMS (BUPA)	<u>900</u>		
		5625		
Sales		846		
Refunds	HMRC	596		
	MATS	<u>127</u>		
		734		
		<u>£ 8,692.00</u>		<u>£ 9,267.00</u>
Cash in Hand 01.08.2023		90	Cash in Hand 01.08.2024	132
Cash in Bank		3524	Cash in Bank	2907
Total		<u>£ 12,306.00</u>		<u>£ 12,306.00</u>

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To 31<sup>st</sup> JULY 2023

After 18 months of administrative comings and goings regarding site location, various permissions and agreements and obtaining charitable status, work actually began in January 2023 on building the shed. Firstly the site in Station Road Gardens had to be cleared and 2 trees were removed to make it usable. In order to get the shed level it was decided to base it on screw piles on which a base was laid.

Previously 2 garden summer houses had been purchased with the idea of erecting one at each end of the base, with the central portion being for doors and wooden infill. This was duly completed, but the ceiling would have been too low so the walls had to be raised to a usable height.

The next step was to put on a roof to keep out the weather. This was done with help from Horsham District Council who granted us the funds to insulate the whole building, and by Onduline Roofing who provided the actual roofing material. Doors and windows were then installed with help from Heath Windows.

After a couple of break-ins it was clear that a security fence was needed to protect the shed and Foresters Finance kindly provided the materials for this, and it was duly erected.

It had not been possible to obtain permission for water services to be laid on to the site, due to the water neutrality policy of west Sussex County Council, However electrical supply was very kindly laid on by Billingshurst Parish Council, to great relief, as this would have been very expensive for the shed to finance.

At this point the shed was weather proof and secure, but was beginning to fill up with donated boxes of tools and lengths of wood, a situation that clearly will have to be remedied.

Very grateful thanks must be extended to Gerry McAteer, Gerald Freemantle, Richard Melcio and David Ambrose all of whom put in so many hours of skill and hard work in order to get the shed into its current condition.

The financial situation of the shed has remained stable throughout, with revenue spending being largely covered by members donations and all capital expenditure made possible by grants from various benefactors. Attempts in the future must be made to increase revenue by increasing the range of activities.

Keith Witt

Chairman.

## BILLINGSHURST MENS SHED

### TRIAL BALANCE AS AT 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023

Annual membership fees	£345	Building materials for construction of shed.	
Weekly subscriptions	726	Capital Expenditure.	£6278
Donations	898	Other material purchases	
Grants		Revenue expenditure	394
Horsham District Council	500	Insurance	535
Horsham District Council	2500	Fees paid	45
West Sussex County Council	2500	Miscellaneous expenses	<u>169</u>
Billingshurst Lions	<u>372</u> 5872		
Sales	<u>1330</u>		
	9171		7421
Cash in hand at 01.08.22	274	Cash in hand at 31.07.23	90
cash at bank at 01.08.22	1540	Cash at bank at 31.07.23	3474
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	10,985		10985
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BILLINGSHURST MENSINCOME and EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT for 12 months 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

INCOME			
Annual membership Fees			345
Weekly Subscriptions			726
Donations			898
Grants			
	HDC	500	
	HDC	2500	
	WSCC	2500	
	Billingshurst Lions	372	5872
Sales			1330
TOTAL			£9171

BALANCE SHEETas at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023

ASSETS			
Cash in Hand			90
Cash in bank account			3474
Equipment			43
Buildings brought forward		300	
Capital Expenditure 2023		6278	6578
TOTAL			£10185

EXPENDITURE

Material Purchases		394
Revenue Expenditure		535
Insurance		45
Fees Paid		169
Miscellaneous Expenses		8028
Surplus of Income over Expenditure		

TOTAL £9171

LIABILITIES

Balance brought forward from previous balance sheet 2157

Surplus this year 2023 8028

TOTAL £10185