

## BILLINGSHURST MEN'S SHED

### TRUSTEES REPORT

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

TOTAL	£9171
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LIABILITIES	
Balance brought forward from previous balance sheet	2157
Surplus this year 2023	8028
TOTAL	£10185