

# BILLINGSHURST MEN'S SHED

## 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

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Trustees.

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	FEBRUARY																
3.02	K WITT					25.00	3.02	MILK					1.30				
	G MCCATEER					25.00	4.02	CROMWELL TOOLS		12.18							
	ANNA BORSEY					25.00	13.02	OCTOPUS(39.36)				Pre Pd					
	G JONES					25.00	10.02	BILL P O	VALCRO			22.40					
	N PAYNE					25.00	12.02	LAKERS				39.12					
	K BROWN					25.00		LAKERS				30.00					
	HEDGE HOG		20.00				17.02	MILK					1.30				
	KINDLING		12.00				17.02	DUNSTER HSE		893.00							
	SUBS	17.00															
12.02	SUBS	27.00															
17.02	SUBS	15.00															
	KINDLING		8.00														
	STOOL		40.00														
	BUG HOUSES		42.00														
	HDC GRANT			5000.00			21.02	EBAY	VACUUM BAGS				7.29				
24.02	SUBS	19.00					24.02	MILK,SUGER					3.00				
	KINDLING		20.00				25.02	LAKERS	PLY	103.20							
	TABLE SAW		160.00				26.02	LAKERS	BATTEN	3.60							
	OWL BOX		80.00				26.02	LAKERS		8.58							
														8343.79	47.75	8391.54	
	MARCH																
3.03	SUBS	16.00					3.03	MILK					1.30				
10.03	SUBS	26.00					5.03	PLUMBFIX	LOCK				3.28				
	KINDLING		4.00				5.03	AVS	BOLTS				2.98				
17.03	SUBS	21.00					5.03	OCTOPUS	ELECTRIC			40.61					
	KINDLING		4.00				6.03	AVS					3.82				
	TABLE SAW		50.00				11.03	LAKERS	Misc	72.71							
	ROUTER(Cham)		37.65				13.03	COVERS	CUPRINOL				16.86				
24.03	SUBS	15.00					17.03	MILK					1.30				
31.03	SUBS	17.00					20.03	LAKERS	BALLAST	66.00							
	SHOW		12.00				23.03	LIDL	MAT				7.99				
							24.03	PO	Post				7.65				
							25.03	LAKERS	BALLAST	78.00							
							26.03	LAKERS	carcassing	403.44							
							27.03	DUNSTER HSE	SHED	2676.99							
							26.03	BILLI SHOW					15.00				
							31.03	MILK					1.30				
														5119.09	52.35	5171.44	
	APRIL																
							1.04	NYES	NAILS	3.94							
7.04	SUBS	16.00					2.04	OCTOPUS	ELECTRIC			35.76					
	ROUTER		20.00				2.04	LAKERS	CREDIT	-60.00							
	KINDLING		4.00				2.04	LAKERS	PLY/INS	330.00							
	G FREEMANTLE					25.00	7.04	MALES	PEGS	9.07							
14.04	SUBS	25.00					7.04	MILK					1.30				



	DONATION				5.00		9.04	PLUMBFIX	STANLEY BLADES				23.99			
21.04	SUBS	6.00					9.04	PLUMBFIX	RAWLBOLTS	-5.79						
28.04	SUBS	14.00					9.04	LAKERS	BRACKETS	4.36						
							9.04	PLUMBFIX	RAWLBOLTS	15.77						
							11.04	LIDL	COFFEE				4.44			
							14.04	LAKERS	25X75		3.42					
							14.04	G MCATEER	INSULATION	30.00						
							16.04	LAKERS	SCREWS	8.58						
							17.04	LAKERS	SCREWS	19.62						
							21.04	MILK					1.00			
							28.04	MILK					1.30			
														4815.93	45.45	4861.38
	MAY															
5.05	SUBS	7.00					1.05	OCTOPUS	ELECTRIC				26.65			
12.05	SUBS	25.00					6.05	LAKERS	INSULATION	141.82						
26.05	SUBS	20.30					13.05	AUSTENS	BRACKETS	6.60						
26.05	SAW		15.00				9.05	LAKERS	NAILS	4.15						
							16.05	COBLERS	KEYS	5.00						
							16.05	HANDYMAN	KEYS	10.00						
							17.05	SCREWFIX	GLUE				3.99			
							20.05	LAKERS	NAILS	3.60						
							12.05	MILK					1.30			
							26.05	MILK					2.30			
							31.05	CRAN COBLERS	KEYS				10.00			
							20.05	GERRY	COOP				19.05			
							21.05	GERRY	COOP				19.05			
							26.05	GERRY	REFUND				-38.10			
							2.06	WESSEX	INSURANCE				78.40			
							2.06	WESSEX	INSURANCE				405.79			
														4062.78	160.45	4223.23
	JUNE															
							2.06	MILK					1.30			
2.06	SUBS	14.00					2.06	OCTOPUS	ELECTRIC			24.98				
	SALES		3.00				4.06	GERRY	EG ON MOVE				19.05			
9.06	SUBS	17.00					5.06	GERRY	EG ON MOVE				19.05			
16.06	SUBS	17.00					9.06	MILK					1.30			
23.06	SUBS	18.00					10.06	BILL ELECTRICAL	WIRING	1402.00						
30.06	SUBS	12.00					17.06	MILK					1.30			
28.06	FAYRE SALES		52.10				17.06	TOOLSTATION	OVERALLS				17.88			
28.06	DONATION				9.30		17.06	LAKERS	GUTTER	132.95						
30.06	SALES		12.00				17.06	LAKERS	GUTTER	-132.95						
13.06	BILL PART		50.40				17.06	CARE ASHORE	GERRY				12.60			
							18.06	EG ON MOVE	GERRY				18.65			
							19.06	AMAZON	GERRY				11.95			
							20.06	DUNSFOLD COMM	GERRY				18.80			
							20.06	ST NIC CHURCH	GERRY				1.00			
							23.06	MILK					1.30			
							24.06	AMAZON	GERRY				37.99			
							26.06	CARE ASHORE	GERRY				26.10			
							30.06	MILK					1.30			



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