

TEST VALLEY MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1200625

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-10-10

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

Contact

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN), WITHIN THE TEST VALLEY, HAMPSHIRE, 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 TO UNDERTAKE, JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY, CREATIVE, PHYSICAL, OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN OR PASS ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER SOCIALLY. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS CLAUSE 'SOCIALLY EXCLUDED' MEANS BEING EXCLUDED FROM SOCIETY, OR PARTS OF SOCIETY, AS A RESULT OF ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; BEREAVEMENT OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL).

Activities: To provide a venue and support for members to talk and connect with others while participating in group or individual projects. To provide opportunities for friendship and socialising in a safe environment while providing space, expertise and facilities for members to pursue hobbies, crafts and other creative activities. To undertake projects which benefit the members and the broader community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Hampshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£28,798	£4,514	-	-
2024-03-31	£8,067	£8,027	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
David Joseph Taylor John		2023-11-02
Nicholas Paul Bower-Bowden		2023-01-19
Philippa Margaret Bowden		2023-01-19
Richard Waters		2025-10-30

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st April 2024 To 31st March 2025

Charity name: Test Valley Men's Shed

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Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people within The Test Valley and 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 to undertake, jointly or individually, creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Providing and maintaining a safe space where projects can be undertaken (principally woodworking and metal working) and encouraging the passing on of knowledge to enable new skills to be learned and applied.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Yes

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers		
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Test Valley Men's Shed has maintained the premises and tools which have been used throughout the year to allow the members to have a social space to meet friends and to acquire or improve physical skills. This has allowed us to sell small items to the public at local markets as well as repairing and renovating many cherished or practical items for the local public.</p> <p>There are now 24 members of the Shed which is as many as the premises will take although we will still consider new members if an application is made.</p> <p>Our focus is on maintaining and improving the premises making sure it remains a safe and welcoming space.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Currently healthy assisted by grants from local businesses and National Lottery
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	Reserves are not held in a specific account but have been identified for use on known upcoming projects
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£6,140
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	None. The lease from the Parish Council has been signed and a grant has been received to cover the cost of replacing the drains.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Funds have been raised through grants and donations from local organisations, We have also raised funds from sales of products and repair / renovation work done locally.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	The Shed has no investments.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	N/A
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	CIO
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	By vote of members or co-option by trustees where appropriate. Trustees appoint individual posts.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Test Valley Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	N/A
Registered charity number	1200625
Charity's principal address	The Old Pavilion, Laverstoke Lane Laverstoke RG28 7NW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Nicholas Bowden	Chairman	19/1/23 –	
2	Philippa Bowden	Treasurer	19/1/23 -	
3	Keith Fowler		19/1/23 – 30/10/25	
4	David John		1/4/23 -	
5	Richard Waters		30/10/25 -	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>N/P Bowden</i>	
Full name(s)	Nicholas Paul Bower-Bowden	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	<i>11 - 11 - 2025</i>	

Test Valley Men's Shed

Income and Expenditure Accounts 12 Months to 31st March 2025

	2024		2025	
	Income	Expenditure	Income	Expenditure
Grants and Donations	60.00		21,429.04	
Product Sales	2,268.69	105.64	5,112.65	1,508.32
Scrap income	222.06		299.00	
Membership fees	680.00		760.00	
Tea/Coffee and other refreshments	1,096.85	629.10	798.00	603.32
Other Income	228.00		40.00	
Premises repairs				472.53
Equipment repairs & renewals		1,630.50		1,350.48
Postage & Stationery		2.00		12.82
Insurance Charges		477.44		484.94
Other Expenses		26.67		46.00
Cleaning		51.37		36.01
Toilet / storeroom move		374.11		
Metalwork lathe		50.63		
Electricity		1,163.15	359.67	
Balance for year	4,555.60	4,510.61	28,798.36	4,514.42
Profit / Loss for year		44.99		24,283.94

TEST VALLEY MEN'S SHED

Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2025

	2024	2025
	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	1,756.83	1,115.31
Current Bank Account Excl Lottery grant	4,082.12	9,354.58
Lottery Grant		19,653.00
	5,838.95	30,122.89
CAPITAL & RESERVES		
Balance forward	5,793.96	5,838.95
Excess of Income over Expenditure	44.99	24,283.94
Balance at 31st March	5,838.95	30,122.89
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Amounts falling due within one year		
Insurance		1,404.00
Electricity		997.00
Water		444.00
Legal Fees		1,485.00
Repairs and renewals covered by grant		19,653.00
Repairs and renewals not covered by grant		5,000.00
Available balance as at 31st March 2025		1,139.89

These financial statements have been prepared from the books and records of Test Valley Men's Shed for the period 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025

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Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£5,288
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Parish Council are the main leaseholder and the Shed sub-lease is up for renewal. The Council have warned us of a potentially high cost to maintain the drainage which would influence their position when renewing the lease. A grant to cover the cost has been approved but we are still waiting for the Council's approval.

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Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Nicholas Paul Bower-Bowden	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	
Date	20/11/2024	

TEST VALLEY MEN'S SHED
Profit & Loss Account
from 10th October 2022 to 31st March 2024

**10th October
2022 to 31st
March 23**

INCOME

Grants and Donations	1,668.25
Whitchurch Tennis Club- Recharged utilities	0.00
Product Sales	1,082.50
Scrap income	70.00
Membership fees	0.00
Storage rental	200.00
Tea/Coffee and other refreshments	415.31
Raffles and other fund raising	75.00
Other revenue	0.00
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	3,511.06
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EXPENDITURE

Public Liability & Building Insurance	734.83
Electricity	1,691.50
Wood burner & Gas Heaters	402.00
Web Site Fees	54.94
Building Renovations	0.00
Equipment repairs & renewals	247.00
Med Shed Assoc Fees	0.00
Postage & Stationery	7.50
Water Charges	0.00
Supplies for resale items	79.00
Other	37.81
Refreshments	260.70
Cleaning	1.09
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	3,516.37
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EXCESS/(DEFICIT) INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE **-5.31**

TEST VALLEY MEN'S SHED

Balance Sheet as at 31st March

2023

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CURRENT ASSETS

Cash	750.69
Current Bank Account	5,043.27
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	5,793.96

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Amounts falling due within one year	0.00
Building Insurance	
Water charges	
Web site fees	

NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)

5,793.96

CAPITAL & RESERVES

Balance forward	4,580.54
Excess of Income over Expenditure	1,213.42
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Balance at 31st March	5,793.96

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Expected allocation of funds:-

Capital projects

Upgrade heating system	2,500.00
Insulation and decoration of premises	2,000.00

Stephen Saunders
Honorary Treasurer.

11/2/2024

**12 months to
31st March
2023**

**1st October 2023
to 31st March
2024**

**12 months to
31st March 2024**

2,335.21
0.00
1,620.80
316.00
51.00
200.00
765.91
75.00
0.00

60.00
0.00
1,935.19
222.06
120.00
0.00
535.25
0.00
228.00

60.00
0.00
2,268.69
222.06
680.00
0.00
1,096.85
0.00
228.00

5,363.92

3,100.50

4,555.60

734.83
1,835.50
402.00
54.94
0.00
361.01
0.00
7.50
39.93
327.74
45.31
305.12
36.62

0.00
310.00
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975.49
512.26
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2.00
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82.87
7.88
396.44
20.50

477.44
1,163.15
0.00
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1,079.11
976.13
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2.00
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105.64
26.67
629.10
51.37

4,150.50

2,307.44

4,510.61

1,213.42

793.06

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2024

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1,756.83

4,082.12

5,838.95

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