

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

**From** 1st January 2024 **To** 31 December 2024

**Charity name:** The Shed at Top Barn

**Charity registration number:** 1201135

## Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	<p>To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of people, in particular but not exclusively older people, living in Worcester and the surrounding area, by preventing them 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 premises in which they can meet and jointly or individually undertake and share creative, physical or recreational activities of their choice, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially.</p>
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.	<p>P.Greenwood, who was chairman, stepped down at the last AGM and as there were no nominations for new trustees, the existing 4 trustees continued until the middle of the year when John Francis was co-opted to the board of trustees.</p> <p>In the last year, a great deal of work has been put into rearranging and tidying the workshop after the relocation.</p> <p>Lots of electrics have been added. Dust extraction now installed</p> <p>The floor has been levelled up between the 3 work areas improving accessibility and removing trip hazards. Work has commenced on erecting an outdoor work area.</p> <p>An invited was received from the local Rotary Club to give a talk to promote the Men's Shed movement and our shed in particular.</p> <p>The Makers Fair at Hallow was attended in June and though the footfall was poor due to bad weather, £123 was added to club funds.</p> <p>The community project for 2024 was the 4 large planters delivered to a care home in Worcester on behalf of Tudor Grange school</p> <p>Manufacture of bird boxes, hedgehog houses and bench refurbs for sales orders took place along side members own projects.</p> <p>Membership numbers at the end of 2023 was 17, at the end of 2024 it remained the same with only a couple of changes.</p>

Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Yes it has been noted
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## Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>The Shed has provided the opportunity for social interaction for men who have come from within 10 miles of Top Barn, Worcester.</p> <p>The members have made improvements to the premises, such as installing a dust extraction system and improving accessibility for disabled people.</p> <p>The Shed's participation in the Makers' Fair at Hallow raised awareness of the Shed' presence and activities in the area. A presentation was given to the local Rotary Club to promote the Men's Shed movement raising the importance for men's mental health</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	The year ended with a small increase in our finances
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	There is no policy concerning reserves.
Amount of reserves held	None
Reasons for holding zero reserves	There is money in the account to cover foreseeable needs
Details of fund materially in deficit	N/a
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	N/a

## Additional information (optional)

The Charity's principal sources of funds (Including any fundraising)	<p>Income source is mainly contributions from members via annual subscriptions.</p> <p>Income is also via product sales and a number of small donations.</p>
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution

How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	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	Election by members at AGM, or by cooption. Term of office defined in Constitution.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Shed at Top Barn
Other name the charity uses	N/a
Registered charity number	1201135
Charity's principal address	Good Soil Trust, Top Barn Farm, Worcester Road Holt Heath Worcestershire WR6 6NH

## 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	Eric Whittaker	Secretary, Treasurer		
2	Barry Johnson			
3	Roger Mason			
4	David Spencer			
5	John Francis			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved - NONE

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity - NONE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others - NONE

Exemptions from disclosure - NONE

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

	
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**Full name(s)** Eric James Whittaker

**Position (eg  
Secretary, Chair, etc)** Secretary & Treasurer

**Date** 16/04/2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Membership fees	837.50	0.00	837.50	787
Session Fees	856.00	0.00	856.00	657
Donations	674.00	0.00	674.00	721
Sales	612.00	0.00	612.00	370
Grants	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,979.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,979.50</b>	<b>2,535</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales</b>				
Sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>2,979.50</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,979.50</b>	<b>2,535.22</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Rent, Insurance	1,395.45	0.00	1,395.45	157.00
Repairs & Renewals	41.97	0.00	41.97	57.70
Materials & consumables	535.58	0.00	535.58	48.49
Small tools (<£25)	33.36	0.00	33.36	55.49
Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	74.00
Refreshments & cleaning	49.30	0.00	49.30	57.26
Admin/Stationery	7.74	0.00	7.74	0.00
Subscriptions	30.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Misc.	512.42	0.00	512.42	238.60
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>2,605.82</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,605.82</b>	<b>718.54</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases</b>				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	43.89	0.00	43.89	0.00
Workshop machines	0.00	0.00	0.00	131.95
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>43.89</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>43.89</b>	<b>131.95</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>2,649.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,649.71</b>	<b>850.49</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>329.79</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>329.79</b>	<b>1,684.73</b>
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
<b>Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>1,684.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,684.73</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,014.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,014.52</b>	<b>1,684.73</b>



## Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

### Categories

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current Period	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Current account	2,014.52	0.00	2,014.52	1,663.24
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash	0.00		0.00	21.49
<b>Total cash funds</b>	2,014.52	0.00	2,014.52	1,684.73
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
Stocks/goods for sale			0.00	
Debtors			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
<b>Investment assets</b>				
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
<b>Assets retained for the Shed's own use</b>				
Buildings	0.00		0.00	0.00
Large items of machinery	2,282.00		2,282.00	2,282.00
Power tools	270.00		270.00	255.00
Hand tools	303.00		303.00	303.00
Other assets	275.00		275.00	275.00
			3,130.00	3,115.00
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Trade creditors			0.00	
Accrued expenses			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

*R. Mason*  
*J.B. Johnson*

Print Name

R. MASON  
J.B. JOHNSON

Date of approval

28/4/25  
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