



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 **To** 31 December 2025

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>Membership decreased slightly at the start of the year due to some members moving out of the area and some due to ill health. During the course of the year 5 new members joined including our first lady member, increasing the membership to 18 by the end of 2025. The membership was finally beginning to grow</p> <p>Trustees were invited to give a talk about the activities of the mens shed to the local Rotary club.</p> <p>During our AGM in March, 2 trustees retired and stood for re-election, no nominations were received for new trustees.</p> <p>The main project during 2025 building an outside covered decking area to provide better access to the social meeting room for members with mobility issues and wheelchair use. This was partially fund by way of a grant of £1000 from Worcester County Council Wellbeing project.</p> <p>There were many other personal projects produced by members, bird boxes, bird tables and repairs to furniture etc. Additional dust extraction was added to the workshop.</p> <p>In November 2025, a devastating fire completely destroyed the workshop, tools and equipment. Insurance covered our loss of contents and our landlords insurance covered the building loss.</p> <p>December saw our first Christmas lunch meeting held in a local pub and was attended by the whole membership. During this month one of our trustees resigned and left the membership</p> <p>2026 will be a year of starting again and hopefully building a new workshop.</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 sheds trustees have engaged with the local council Rural Communities Officer to raise awareness of the Shed' presence and activities in the area.</p> <p>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 large increase in our finances due to receiving payment from our insurers for losses from the fire.
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 30/05/2026



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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	1/1/25		12/31/25

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 £
Receipts				
Membership fees	796.66	0.00	796.66	838
Session Fees	804.00	0.00	804.00	856
Donations	135.00	0.00	135.00	674
Sales	687.50	0.00	687.50	612
Grants	150.00	1,000.00	1,150.00	0
Misc.	7,750.01	0.00	7,750.01	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	10,323.17	1,000.00	11,323.17	2,980
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total receipts	10,323.17	1,000.00	11,323.17	2,979.50
Payments				
Rent, Insurance	1,395.45	0.00	1,395.45	1,395.45
Repairs & Renewals	153.11	0.00	153.11	41.97
Materials & consumables	70.19	0.00	70.19	535.58
Workshop Maintenance etc.	1,155.07	697.92	1,852.99	33.36
Electricity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning	88.91	0.00	88.91	49.30
Admin/Stationery	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.74
Subscriptions	30.00	0.00	30.00	30.00
Misc	0.00	0.00	0.00	512.42
Health & Safety etc.	57.85	0.00	57.85	0.00
Sub total	2,950.58	697.92	3,648.50	2,605.82
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	5.99	0.00	5.99	43.89
Workshop machines	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	5.99	0.00	5.99	43.89
Total payments	2,956.57	697.92	3,654.49	2,649.71
Net of receipts/(payments)	7,366.60	302.08	7,668.68	329.79
Transfers between funds	0.00	0.00		
Cash funds last year end	2,014.52	0.00	2,014.52	1,684.73
Cash funds this year end	9,381.12	302.08	9,683.20	2,014.52

Categories

Current account	
	0.00
Cash	

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

Other monetary assets

Stocks/goods for sale
Debtors

Investment assets

Blank handwriting practice lines.

Assets retained for the Shed's own use

Buildings
Large items of machinery
Bandsaw
Power tools
Hand tools

Liabilities

Trade creditors
Accrued expenses

Unrestricted funds

to nearest £

9,363.60

0.00

17.52

9,381.12

OK

Restricted funds

to nearest £

302.08

0.00

302.08

OK

**Total current
Period**

to the nearest £

9,665.68

0.00

17.52

9,683.20

OK

Last year

to the nearest £

2,014.52

0.00

0.00

2,014.52

OK

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

Signature

John

Print Name

JOHN	FRANCIS
JAMES BARRY	JOHN LSON

Date of approval

28/01/26
4/2/20

