

EAST PRESTON MEN IN SHEDS

England & Wales · Charity number 1202293

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-03-13

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING ADULTS (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN), IN EAST PRESTON 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 JOINTLY OR INDIVIDUALLY TO UNDERTAKE CREATIVE, PHYSICAL OR RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, LEARN OR PASS ON NEW SKILLS.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; SOCIAL ISOLATION, BEREAVEMENT, YOUTH OR OLD AGE OR ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL).

Activities: This project is intended to combat loneliness and isolation amongst older adults in East Preston and surrounding areas. To mitigate the effects of social isolation and provide worthwhile, stimulating and engaging activities and provide a safe place for older adults to meet others, learn new skills, work in groups and collaborate on projects that benefit the community.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Disability, Economic/community Development/employment, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- West Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£27,874	£37,668	-	-
2024-04-05	£22,048	£3,460	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adrian Miller		2022-01-01
Kevin Mark Hill		2024-05-30
Neil Ellis		2022-01-01

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Chairman's Report – 6th April 2024 to 31st March 2025

This year has been a momentous achievement for all involved in East Preston Men In Sheds. We are proud to report that since the implementation of our new shed build in August 2024, we have steadily but positively introduced ourselves to the residents of our local community.

This was initially made possible by receiving two generous grants from our local Parish Council and The Ernest Kleinwort Foundation, as well as a number of smaller but equally valuable financial donations from various sponsors.

Having fitted out the shed with machinery, tools and materials whilst undertaking a series of induction courses for our members, we set about raising our own operating funds by participating in local festival events and providing 'handyman' services to undertake modest community projects. We were delighted to be awarded 'best dressed float' in our village summer festival procession which further enhanced our profile to attract potential new members to join, which it did, including one female member! We started our year with 12 and our membership numbers had increased to 22 at end of March.

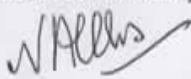
Other ventures throughout the year included a garage sale, open garden/plant sale and Christmas fayre activities which also helped to maintain our positive exposure. We now also have an online website where local residents can read about our endeavours.

To celebrate a very successful year of achievement for EPMIS, our members enjoyed a Christmas meal at a local hostelry.

There have been minor changes to our Trustees during this period. Kevin Hill (a major player in the shed build) has been nominated and Pat Gander has resigned due to personal reasons. The quorum three Trustees at this time are: Neil Ellis (Chairman), Adrian Miller (Secretary) and Kevin Hill. It should be noted that with Pat Gander standing down, the Treasurer's role is now the responsibility of our member of over two years, Jeffrey McGee.

Our Charity has given substantial consideration to major risks to which it might be exposed and our Trustees are satisfied that both our operating systems and procedures have been adequately established and monitored in order to manage those risks.

To conclude, we have made considerable progress over the year and will endeavour to continue to promote the upbeat atmosphere of camaraderie and wellbeing within our membership group, as well as maintaining our credibility within the local community.


Signed Neil Ellis, Chairman



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Charity Name
East Preston Men In Sheds

No (if any)
1202293

Receipts and Payments Accounts

For the
Period

Period Start
Date To Period End
Date
06/04/2024 31/03/2025

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Section A: Receipts and Payments

	Unrestricted Funds to the nearest £	Restricted Funds to the nearest £	Total Funds to the nearest £	Last Year Total to the nearest £
Income (Receipts)				
<i>c/f in bank</i>	18,839			251
Membership Fees	1,385	-	1,385	420
Donations	5,616	250	5,866	21,339
Grants	-	17,000	17,000	-
Fundraising - Local Festival Events 2024	2,927	-	2,927	-
Fundraising - Community Projects	696	-	696	-
Sales	-	-	-	289
Total Receipts	29,463	17,250	27,874	22,299
Payments				
Cabin Build (Including Bicycle Shed)	16,943	-	16,943	-
Cabin Fit Out	9,935	-	9,935	-
Cabin Supplies - Tools	6,021	-	6,021	-
Cabin Supplies - Materials	330	-	330	-
Cabin Storage	702	-	702	-
Village Hall / Plans etc	-	-	-	2,722
Sundries	107	-	107	-
Marketing	208	-	208	-
Website & Email etc	57	-	57	20
Fundraising - Local Festival Events 2024	306	-	306	67
Fundraising - Community Projects	686	-	686	512
Fundraising - Summer Fete 2025	245	-	245	-
Insurance	414	-	414	87
Health & Safety	596	-	596	-
Donations to Other Charities	50	-	50	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	32
Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	19
Opening Event - August 2024	527	-	527	-
Printing & Stationery	78	-	78	-
Cardnet Machine & Bank Charges	199	-	199	-
Cleaning Materials	11	-	11	-
Ground Rent	140	-	140	-
Utilities (Electricity)	115	-	115	-
Sub total	37,668	-	37,668	3,460
A4 Asset and Investment Purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total Payments	37,668	-	37,668	3,460
Net of Receipts/(Payments)	(8,205)	17,250	9,045	18,839
Cash funds this Year End	(8,205)	17,250	9,045	18,839

Signed by one or two Trustees on behalf of all Trustees		Date of Approval	
Signature	Print Name		

The Accounts for Year 2025 have been completed by the East Preston Men In Sheds Treasurer, Jeffrey McGee and overviewed and verified by the Trustees.

Treasurer's Contact Details

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East Preston Men in Sheds - Chairman's Report

13th March 2023 to 5th April 2024

Our Charity application was officially granted and registered on 13th March 2023.

To support our ongoing work, we built and launched a website (epmis.org), and embarked upon a wider campaign to create awareness, attract membership, and to raise the required funding to build our Mens Shed. Fundraising became a priority task, and thankfully we were successful in raising monies from our own activities, and the receipt of charitable grants. That income met a large proportion of our financial needs, and we continued to seek further finances throughout the year.

Throughout most of 2023 we volunteered as a group to work at our local Comprehensive School and help them to 'tame' a large overgrown garden area, make a number of potting tables, and paint preservative on their log cabin. June 2023 turned out to be a very busy month as we were also in the process of building a 'float' to exhibit in the East Preston Festival Parade. The hard work paid off with the raising of our profile in the Village, and also in raising additional monies.

At that time we were busy searching for a site for the build of our Shed, and consequently became involved in discussions with the East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Trustees and East Preston Parish Council. In anticipation of further grants we moved ahead with plans to build the Shed at the Village Hall premises. That was in turn followed by one of our members drawing up detailed plans for the build, and securing planning permission from Arun District Council on the 8th June 2023. We received two significant grants from The National Lottery, and The Sussex Community Foundation, as well as a number of smaller but valuable financial contributions.

However, the total estimated building costs at that time were greater than we had hoped, and our financial reserves were not large enough to proceed. In addition, other hoped for grants did not materialise.

We made changes to our Trustees following the resignation of three Trustees (Kelvan Gale, Tony Page and Ken Glover) for various personal reasons. Pat Gander became a Trustee to maintain the required quorum of three Trustees (Neil Ellis (Chairman), Adrian Miller (Secretary) and Pat Gander (Treasurer)).

We raised more funds through our stall at the Christmas Street Fayre, and we celebrated the year with a Christmas meal at a local hostelry.

We were fortunate when both The Lottery Community Fund, and The Sussex Community Foundation, allowed us a change of usage of their Grant monies to put towards the capital build of our Shed. We now had advanced discussions and negotiations with the East Preston & Kingston Village Hall Trustees and East Preston Parish Council and secured a detailed agreement to go ahead with the purchase and installation of The Shed in the grounds of the Village Hall.

The Charity has given consideration to major risks to which the charity is exposed, and satisfied themselves that systems or procedures are established in order to manage those risks.

So, a busy year, with a great deal progress made in terms of awareness, memberships, structure, fundraising, planning permission, and agreements to allow the commencement of the build.

Signed..........Neil Ellis, Chairman.



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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period	Period start date	Period end date
	13/03/2023	05/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Income				
c/f in bank	251.47		251.47	
Membership fees	£420.00	-	420.00	-
Donations	£21,338.52	-	21,338.52	-
Sales	£289.45	-	289.45	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	22,299.44	-	22,299.44	N/A

Payments				
Meeting Expenses	19.05		19.05	-
Website etc.	20.39		20.39	-
Stationery	-		-	-
Village Hall/plans etc	2,721.80		2,721.80	-
Fund raising expenses	67.28	-	67.28	-
Insurance	87.00	-	87.00	-
Community Projects	512.44			
Miscellaneous	32.05	-	32.05	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	3,460.01	-	3,460.01	-

A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-
Total payments	3,460.01	-	3,460.01	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	18,839.43	-	18,839.43	N/A
Cash funds this year end	18,839.43	-	18,839.43	N/A

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

Signature	Date of approval
	22/10/24
	22/10/24