



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	06	June	2023		31	Dec	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

THE BRUNEL SHED

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1203449

Charity's principal address

Pockeridge and Potley Community Centre

Corsham

Wilts

Postcode

SN13 9SA

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	Rodney Veazey	Chair		
2	Barry Reed	Treasurer		
3	Anthony Wilde	Deputy Chair		
4	Laurence Lewis	Minutes Secretary		
5	Colin Davies			
6	David Moore			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	CIO Association Constitution
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by members at Annual General Meeting

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Brunel Shed operates 38 weekly dementia-related activities per year in co-operation with Alzheimers Support Wiltshire to provide a safe environment where meaningful activity takes place with the support of volunteers on a one-to-one basis. This arrangement allows relatives/ carers to take time out from their caring duties.

Our organisational structure is based on the requirements of a CIO with policies and guidelines generally following recommendations from the UK Mens Sheds Association.

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The aims ("the Objects") of The Brunel Shed are:
To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people (particularly but not exclusively older men), within Corsham 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).

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

In 2023 The Brunel Shed provided a workshop environment within which groups of men and women worked side by side on individual, civic or community projects.

It provided an environment for conversation and social interaction between those who were retired, isolated or widowed, acting as a forum for the exchange of information and issues particularly affecting older people

Five weekly sessions were supervised by competent individuals, providing the opportunity of developing new skills to match the wide variety of projects undertaken.

By offering regular weekly sessions, the Brunel Shed reduced loneliness and isolation, particularly amongst elderly and widowed men.
It also provided benefit to the local community in the form of projects completed for local primary schools, councils, charities and churches.

The trustees of the Brunel Shed have followed the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The charity provided regular weekly sessions for members to attend and experience friendship and shared undertakings.

Three of the weekly sessions were for general workshop and concentrated mainly on woodworking

One weekly session was for craft specialising in leaded glass work.

The fifth weekly session was for a workshop activity specifically for clients with dementia, operated jointly with our local Wiltshire charity Alzheimers Support.

An active membership of 28-30 members was maintained, with the only memberships lost due to illness/death. All sessions were well supported.

Members who had lost partners, had significant medical problems and were in need of relief from loneliness, benefitted from the friendship and mutual respect amongst members

A number of projects were undertaken for the local community, including village signs, notice boards, playground equipment for primary schools and restoration of stone mining equipment for a local museum

Financial viability was maintained by undertaking projects with material costs and donation provided by the clients.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

Our Policy is to retain a minimum of 6 months fixed operating cost in reserve, plus a further contingency for project materials of £2000. (In the full year Jan-Dec 2023 this would be £6,300 reserve; our cash reserve at that year end was £9980)

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The principal sources of income were membership session fees, agreed material costs from clients, and donations principally from local organisations charities and individuals. Note: a significant proportion of the membership fees were collected before the 6th June start date for the accounts.

The expenditure recorded in the accounts allowed the Brunel Shed to provide materials and machinery to provide meaningful, challenging projects for members to work on safely, usually side by side with colleagues. This provided an environment where social interaction and friendship flourished.

Section F Other optional information

The information in the report and accounts refer to the first seven months of operation as a CIO in 2023.. The Brunel Shed has been in operation since January 2016.

Section G Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Rodney Veazey

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

10/12/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
THE BRUNEL SHED

No (if any)
1203449

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	1s 07/06/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Membership & session fees	2,779	-	-	2,779	3,042
Work done & material costs reimbursed	1,616	-	-	1,616	2,883
Grants & donations	1,127	-	-	1,127	5,285
Memory Shed session fees	480	-	-	480	494
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	6,002	-	-	6,002	11,704
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	6,002	-	-	6,002	11,704
A3 Payments					
Liability, insurance & safety	312	-	-	312	396
Utility costs ie. gas, electric & water	1,147	-	-	1,147	1,372
Gas boiler maintenance	-	-	-	-	108
Fire extinguisher maintenance	-	-	-	-	60
Fire/intruder alarm & security	1,067	-	-	1,067	57
UKMSA affiliation fee	-	-	-	-	30
Website fees	121	-	-	121	128
Purchase tools/materials	1,902	-	-	1,902	3,270
Consumables (timber, metal, paint etc)	1,436	-	-	1,436	3,431
Building maintenance/enhancements	720	-	-	720	-
Sub total	6,705	-	-	6,705	8,852
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	6,705	-	-	6,705	8,852
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 703	-	-	- 703	2,852
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	10,683	-	-	10,683	-
Cash funds this year end	9,980	-	-	9,980	2,852

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds		10,185	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	10,185	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Shipping storage container	Unrestricted	-	3,000
	Machinery	Unrestricted	-	2,500
	Hand tools	Unrestricted	-	1,000
	Stock, timber, paint etc.	Unrestricted	-	500
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

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

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Barry J Reed	13/12/2024

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Notes to accounts for period 07 June to 31 December 2023

1. The Brunel Shed is a 'not for profit' organisation.
2. The bulk of The Brunel Shed income is derived from the payment of both an annual and individual session subscription paid by its members. The fees concerned are decided upon at each AGM. The trustees have discretion to waive such fees in agreed circumstances.
3. The Brunel Shed's other income is derived mainly from grants or donations from other bodies in appreciation of work done for such bodies without charge. The Brunel Shed normally seeks reimbursement of expenditure on projects requested by customer bodies, but invoices are not generally produced that include any element for labour or services.
4. The Brunel Shed's principal asset is a shipping container that was purchased as having been pre-owned. The container is used principally as an overflow store for materials that cannot be accommodated with the main premises. Other assets comprise woodworking machinery and a wide range of hand tools.
5. As an associated activity The Brunel Shed operates in association with Alzheimer's Support Wiltshire what is known as the Memory Shed. This activity involves engaging with a limited number of those suffering from Alzheimer's in simple woodworking projects and related social activity.