

Annual Report

**For the AGM, to be held at RAY Ceredigion.
Pengloyn, Tabernacle St., Aberaeron, SA46 0BN
2.00pm 08-11-2025**

Trustees

Dave Ansley	Chairman
Mike Skelton	Secretary
Chris Ansley	Treasurer
Herbie Davies	Resigned during the year due to relocation.

History

The Men's Shed in Aberaeron was set up in 2023 and opened to members in 2024, with a lot of amazing support from Gill Byrne who obtained a number of grants to get us going.

We are a registered charity (No.1203805) and affiliated to the UKMSA

We have trustees who open and run the shed each time, and also tend to the "back room" chores such as accounts, purchasing, and the paperwork associated with running a shed.

We currently have 13 + members and are based at:

Men's Shed Aberaeron
Unit 1
Craft Centre
Panteg Road
Aberaeron
SA46 0DX

Achievements over the year

A very warm welcome to Gwen, our new official "Men's Shed Coordinator." Many thanks again to Gill, who obtained a grant from the Lottery Commission to fund the position.

Gwen will be promoting the Men's Shed to a wider audience and searching for more funding to keep us going.

Many thanks as well, to Dave our chairman, who finally managed to sort out the problems with our electricity provider EDF.

Dave also applied for a grant from Barcud for our new CNC / LASER Engraver. Well done Dave!

Over the year we have had a very generous donation of £250 from Sarn Helen Chapter No.926 and also donations of wood from BAM, Afon Mel, and recently Jewsons.

We have also been given various items from members of the public to repair and sell on.

Income generation

The members have been using recycled wood to make various items for sale. Our small children's picnic tables have been very popular. We have also repaired and sold some items donated to the shed.

With our recently purchased CNC / LASER engraver, we will now be able to make a number of items to sell, such as house signs, ornaments, toys.

Last year the trustees performed the Portable Appliance Tests for RAY, as we were trained and Certificated via the Repair Cafe.

The wider community.

Throughout the year the Men's Shed have been providing some maintenance support to RAY and helping out at RAY Ceredigion Play Day – Celebrating UK National Play Day.

Aberaeron Primary School have approached us on a few occasions to repair some classroom furniture.

RAY Ceredigion celebrated Age without Limits Day on Wednesday 11th June 2025. Dave popped down to RAY and made boats with their after school Actif Juniors group.

Members of the Shed also participated in the “We Care Wales” video that can be found at <https://wecare.wales/stories/volunteering-with-ray-ceredigion>

Looking Forward.

Now that we have Gwen working for us, we will be promoting the Men's Shed to a wider audience and will be searching for more funding. The trustees have little experience or success in this field, and so are very pleased to welcome Gwen into the group.

With more members and more funding, as well as opening the shed on more days we could also offer the facility to more of the community in general, e.g. hosting other groups such as the PRU (Pupil Referral Unit), or offer small craft experience sessions.

We have started on a new offer from Jewsons in Aberaeron to supply us with wood offcuts and damaged stock. There may also be the opportunity to help with a children support project on their site.

Any ideas for the expansion of the shed are very welcome. If there is anything you would like to do, or even in the unlikely event you have any complaints, please let the trustees know. We are a Men's Shed, run by members, for members.

Trustees

A big thanks to Herbie, who resigned as a Trustee during the year. We wish you and your family the very best in your new home.

All the trustees are unpaid volunteers who have put in many hours, and often their own money for the shed.

In accordance with Charity rules at least one trustee will step down from their post at the AGM.

Nominations and votes for trustee positions will be held at the AGM.

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A big thanks to all the members who have helped us along the way.

2024/2025 Accounts Breakdown

Income

	Name	Amount
Donations	Cymdeithas Cavo	1250
	Moondance Grant	5000
	Ray Ceredigion	60
	Marcus Kelly	65
Membership	Pete Rotheroe	5
	M Skelton	5
	D Ansley	5
	Ceri Crasoe	5
	Herbie Davies	5
	Steve Hunt	5
	Gareth Pilcher	5
	Ian Edge	5
	Alan Bickford	5
Sales	Totalled from Receipts	1550.69
	Work Deposits	1
Services	Cleaning of smithy	240
	PAT Testing	570.9
	Chair Repair	8
	Gardening	40
Misc	Attendance	285
	Transfer from 35 day account	6100.9

Total Income

Outgoing

	Type	Vendor
Running Costs	Rent	Aberaeron Craft
	Energy	EDF
	Telephone/Broadband	GiffGaff
	Insurance	Wessex Insurance
Purchases	Tools	Screwfix, Toolstation, Jews
	Consumables	Screwfix, Toolstation, Jews
Misc	RAY Play Day	RAY
	BACS Adjustment	

(30th June to 30th June)

Total	Notes
6375	
45	
1551.69	
858.9	
6385.9	Funds were received in previous financial period. Transferred from closed account in this financial period including interest
15216.49	

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Amount	Total	Notes
6850.8	8160.27	
821.97		
72		
415.5		
856.01	966.36	
110.35		
20	20.59	CNC Machine
0.59		
Total Outgoings	9147.22	