



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Wilsden Shedders**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 8 August 2023 to 5 April 2024**

**Charity registration number 1204260**

#### **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	For the public benefit, the preservation and protection of good health among men aged 18 years and older, living in Wilsden and the surrounding area, including those who are retired, unemployed or have health problems, through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation or other leisure time occupations including practical interests, skills sharing, the learning of new skills, and helping with community based projects.
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.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Wilsden Men's Shed provides a means for individuals to come together to share interests and engage with each other. It caters in particular, but far from exclusively, for those who are retired, unemployed, have health problems or are just needing or looking for more social engagement. They come together to utilise, share and learn skills and knowledge, of handicrafts and other skilled or recreational hobbies and interest - to benefit the local community, as well as promoting and safeguarding their own mental health.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The Trustees confirm that they have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. They believe that the Shed will deliver public benefit directly through its activities.
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The Shed does not currently envisage making any grants to either individuals or organisations.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	The Shed does not envisage engaging in any social investment activity.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Everyone currently involved in setting up the shed - Trustees, prospective Shedders and others who support the Shed's aims and ambitions – are volunteers.

		<p>A good example of the latter is a volunteer who helped make, and teach a Trustee how to build, workbenches for the Shed.</p> <p>Another volunteer is a qualified accountant with extensive experience in small charity finances, reporting, fundraising, legal affairs and management, who has himself previously been a Charity Director/Trustee.</p> <p>As the Shed develops its programme of activities, all the activities will be provided by or will be supervised by volunteers.</p>
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## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
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.	Para 1.20	<p>The Trustees, volunteers and their advisers have spent the period since incorporation as a working group setting up the initial Shed organisation, policies and systems, and most importantly in seeking premises for the Shed activity to take place.</p> <p>It became clear in early 2024 that the initial assumption - to locate the Shed operation in, or adjacent to, the Wilsden Village Hall - would not be acceptable to other hall users and nearby residents. The working group since then has directed most of its efforts to seeking a suitable and affordable location, and to building a local shed community.</p> <p>Numerous potential locations have been investigated, and several possibilities have been offered to the Shed for consideration. So far nothing suitable or affordable has crystalised, but various possibilities and alternatives remain under investigation.</p> <p>In the meantime, the local CofE church agreed the Shed can use its Church Hall for meetings and for "clean" events. The Shed working group is working to develop a group of aspiring shedders, and to develop a programme of activities at the Church Hall or by arranging trips and visits.</p> <p>This is planned to include talks and demonstrations; table-based crafts and activities making limited noise and waste; opportunities for general social engagement; and arranging visits to relevant places or events of interest.</p> <p>So far, several presentations and demonstrations have been booked, with more events being arranged.</p>

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The principal fundraising objectives relate to funding of shed premises, and of fitting out the premises and acquiring the necessary initial equipment and tools, once such premises are secured.</p> <p>The Shed is also seeking funds to assist in providing experienced presenters and demonstrators to facilitate Shed events.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>See attached financial information for the period ended 5 April 2024.</p> <p>Over the period, the Shed generated income of £4,523. £2,000 was a grant from Community First Yorkshire, awarded for the purpose of setting up the Shed and building a local shedders community. A further £2,000 was from the George Martin Trust, again for setting up the Shed, including buying necessary tools and equipment.</p> <p>A Trustee and a volunteer built a workbench, which initially was intended for use by the Shed but – given the longer-than-expected period in securing premises – was then sold for £500. A similar built workbench has been retained, but may also be sold if a satisfactory price is obtained.</p> <p>At 5 April 2024, £1,137 had been expended on tools, equipment and materials, leaving £3,386 in cash balances. At that date, the shed held equipment, tools and other assets which the Trustees have valued at a total of £919. There were no outstanding liabilities at that date.</p> <p>The Trustees are extremely grateful to those generous individuals and organisations who kindly donated equipment, materials, and online software for use by the Shed now and going forward.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>During the establishment period, the Trustees are ensuring that sufficient cash funds are held to cover in full all committed and anticipated unavoidable expenditure. The Shed currently does not have any employees, nor any rental or other contractual commitments. So at present, no significant reserves are required.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	<p>£256 of unrestricted cash funds. £3,130 of cash funds which may be used for setting up the Shed and building a local community of Shedders.</p>

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	<p>At present, the charity has sufficient funds to enable it to continue its establishment and development activities.</p> <p>Once suitable premises are identified, funding will be required, and sought, for the premises to be acquired and operated. The nature and extent of the funding needed cannot be established until that point.</p>
The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	As this was the Shed's first period of operation, and during the establishment period, funding is and will be primarily through grants from public other grant-awarding charities and trusts.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	During the establishment period, the Shed needs to retain all its funds in readily accessible bank accounts. This is documented in the Shed's Investment Policy, which allows for slightly wider investment of funds once circumstances permit.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The main risk at present is that the Shed will not quickly identify a suitable permanent or semi-permanent location for carrying out shedder activities. Men's Sheds, by their nature, require premises to function as a workshop.</p> <p>Until such premises are secured, it will remain more difficult than it would otherwise be to build, and retain the ongoing interest in, a Shedd's community; and in securing and maintaining the interest of funders and donors.</p> <p>The Trustees recognise the severe financial constraints currently impacting the local authority, and other public and charitable grant-awarding bodies. In particular, as a start-up small charity it is very difficult to secure grant funding, especially for anything beyond physical assets. There is the risk that, especially until it secures premises, the Shed may not be able to generate sufficient income to develop in the way the Trustees would wish.</p>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Shed is governed by a Foundation-Option Constitution.
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	Para 1.25	In accordance with the Constitution, the Trustees are appointed by a resolution passed at a properly-convened meeting of the Trustees.
Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	<p>All Trustees have undergone formal training in being a Charity Trustee. Two have extensive previous experience in charity and voluntary organisation management, including acting as trustees.</p> <p>As part of their induction, And future Trustees will be required to either demonstrate previous experience as a charity Trustee, or to complete a course of formal training in being a charity trustee. They will be taken through all the Shed's documented Policies and Procedures, which will be explained and where necessary demonstrated.</p> <p>A "New Trustee Induction" plan is being documented, ready for if/when further Trustees are appointed.</p>
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	<p>The Shed is currently managed by a working group of Trustees and volunteers, supported by external advisers. It networks with other Men's Sheds, especially in the West and North-Yorkshire region.</p> <p>It is a member of the UK Men's Sheds Association (reg.charity 1162409), which provides support and guidance to groups across the UK in starting and managing now over 1,300 Men's sheds in the UK.</p>
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The Wilsden Village Hall and the Wilsden Church Hall respectively provide the formal registered/mailling, and the operating, addresses. They are otherwise unrelated.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wilsden Sheddors
Other name the charity uses	The Wilsden Men's Shed
Registered charity number	1204260
Charity's principal address	c/o Wilsden Village Hall, Townfield, Wilsden, Bradford BD15 0HT

### 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	Michael James Fleming	Chair	Since incorporation	Trustees collectively
2	Richard Lionel Freeman	Secretary	Since incorporation	Trustees collectively
3	Paul Milton Pearson		Since incorporation	Trustees collectively

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

N/a		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

N/a		
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### Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	n/a
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	n/a
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	n/a

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)



Type of adviser	Name	Address
Set up and ongoing Operational Support and Liaison	Andy Ryland	andy.ryland@communityfirstyorkshire.com
Set up Support and Liaison	Andy Alderson	andy.alderson@bradford.gov.uk

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

The Shed employs no staff
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### Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.  
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Michael James Fleming	Richard Lionel Freeman
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	2 February 2025	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

08-Aug-23


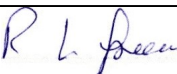
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Grant - Community First Yorkshire	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Grant - The George Martin Trust	-	2,000	-	2,000	-
Sale of items made by Shed Members	500	-	-	500	-
Donations	20	-	-	20	-
Card Payment Cashback	3	-	-	3	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,523</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Tools and Equipment	-	523	-	523	-
Materials	267	266	-	533	-
Power Tool Consumables	-	75	-	75	-
Sundries	-	6	-	6	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,137</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>-</b>

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Virgin Money Bank Current Account	256	3,130	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>				
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	Tool & Equipment bought	Restricted	523	418
	Workbenches made in-house	Restricted	266	266
	Tools & Equipment donated	Unrestricted	-	210
	Sundry materials & consumables	Restricted	50	25
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael Fleming	02-Feb-25	
		Richard Freeman	02-Feb-25	