



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Wilsden Sheddens**

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period 6 April 2024 to 5 April 2025**

**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 is delivering and will continue to deliver public benefit directly through its activities.
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	The shed does not intend to make 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 Sheddens and others who support the Shed's aims and ambitions – is a volunteer.

		<p>Current volunteers have expertise across a wide range of relevant areas. These include: charity &amp; volunteer management; health &amp; safety; first aid &amp; medical assistance; fundraising; woodworking; workshop management; machinery operations; accounting; charity finances &amp; reporting; charity trusteeship.</p> <p>All activities will continue to 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 inception as a working group, setting up the initial shed organisation; policies and systems; building a community of local interested persons; and, especially, seeking premises to house the shed activities. The working group now numbers approximately ten members.</p> <p>Numerous potential locations were viewed, and several were offered to us. However nothing suitable and affordable crystallised.</p> <p>Since the financial year end, though, an exciting and significant local authority-owned building prospect has arisen. Progress and negotiations are complicated by major factors beyond our control. We have secured a substantial grant, ready for hopefully when we are in a position to proceed with the initial stage of our plans</p> <p>In advance of securing premises, shed members have make planters and nesting boxes in their garages. These are sold to raise shed funds, or are donated for local community benefit. A currently project is nesting boxes for a local wildlife scheme.</p> <p>Meanwhile, we continue to host meetings and "clean" events in the local church hall. We successfully hosted interactive events with guest presenters for wood spoon carving and for police equipment history.</p> <p>Since the year end, we hosted further events included the history of the English longbow, and a session to test senior people for atrial fibrillation in conjunction with the local medical group.</p>

		<p>Shed members have undertaken projects of benefit to the wider community, some generating donations in recognition.</p> <p>We have also had increasing engagement with other local men's sheds, including use of facilities for woodworking projects.</p>
Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>Whilst securing suitable and affordable premises is proving more frustrating than expected, we know this is often the typical experience of sheds being established.</p> <p>However, we are building a local shed and supporter community, and our activities are gradually attracting wider local interest.</p> <p>We believe we should be well placed to move forward quickly, to more fully achieve our objectives, once we secure premises.</p>
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	<p>The principal fundraising objectives relate to funding for shed premises; fitting out the premises; and acquiring the necessary initial equipment and tools. We need premises agreed, at least in principle, to then be able to approach potential funders.</p>

## 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 year ended 5 April 2025</p> <p>Over the period, which very much reflected activities limited by the ongoing search for premises, the shed generated modest income of £185. Expenses were £599, resulting in a net cash outflow of £414. This was covered easily from funds brought forward, and a cash balance of £2,972 remained at the financial year end.</p> <p>The Trustees remain extremely grateful to those generous individuals and organisations who kindly donated equipment, materials, time and services.</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>£372 of unrestricted cash funds, plus £2,600 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 the financial year end, the charity had sufficient funds to enable it to continue its establishment and development activities. Net funds have increased further since the financial year end.</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	<p>Funding for initial establishment, including for premises, is primarily grants from public and other grant-awarding charities.</p> <p>Funding ongoing activities and events is a combination of donations, session and other charges, and sale of products made.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	<p>The shed needs to retain its funds in readily accessible bank accounts. The shed's Investment Policy allows for investment of funds not immediately required for use, in interest-bearing bank deposits, once circumstances permit.</p>
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>The main risk is that the Shed will not quickly identify a suitable permanent or semi-permanent location for carrying out shed activities. Men's Sheds do require premises to function as a workshop.</p> <p>Until such premises are secured, it remains more difficult than it would otherwise be to build, and retain ongoing interest in, a local shedders community; and to secure and maintain funders' and donors' interest.</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, until it secures premises, the shed may struggle to generate sufficient income to develop, and as quickly, as the Trustees would wish.</p>

## Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	Para 1.25	The Shed is governed by a Foundation-Option Constitution.
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Foundation Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions	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, 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.</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 West and North-Yorkshire.</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	No related parties.

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Wilsden Shedders
Other name the charity uses	The Wilsden Men's Shed
Registered charity number	1204260
Charity's principal address	c/o St. Matthews Church, Main Street, Wilsden Bradford, West Yorkshire BD15 0DZ

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

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

N/a

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

None

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
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

## Names and addresses of advisers

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Set up and ongoing operational support and liaison	Andy Ryland	andy.ryland@communityfirstyorkshire.com
Set up and ongoing operational support and liaison	Andy Alderson	andy.alderon@bradford.gov.uk



## Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members

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

Signatures		
Full name	Michael James Fleming	Richard Lionel Freeman
Position	Chair	Secretary
Date	12 January 2026	



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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
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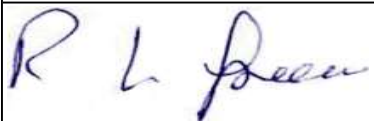
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### Section A Receipts and payments

	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
Grant - The George Martin Trust	-	-	-	-	2,000
Sale of items made by Shed Members	-	-	-	-	500
Donations	184	-	-	184	20
Card Payment Cashback	1	-	-	1	3
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4,523</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>185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>4,523</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Tools and Equipment	-	43	-	43	523
Materials	36	-	-	36	533
Consumable Supplies	5	-	-	5	75
Meeting Costs	-	168	-	168	-
Travel Expenses	16	101	-	117	-
Event Costs	-	97	-	97	-
Promotional Materials	-	87	-	87	-
UK Mens Shed Association	-	30	-	30	-
Other Expenses	12	4	-	16	6
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,137</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>69</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>599</b>	<b>1,137</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>- 530</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>- 414</b>	<b>3,386</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>256</b>	<b>3,130</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,972</b>	<b>3,386</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	372	2,600	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>2,600</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>		Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Tool & Equipment bought	Restricted	566	348
	Workbenches made in-house	Restricted	266	266
	Tools & Equipment donated	Unrestricted	-	157
	Sundry materials & consumables	Unrestricted	30	30
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>		Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Michael James Fleming	12 Jan 2026	
		Richard Lionel Freeman	12 Jan 2026	