

LEWES MEN'S SHED

England & Wales · Charity number 1204284

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2023-08-09

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

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY PREVENTING PEOPLE (PARTICULARLY BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY OLDER MEN), WITHIN LEWES 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 OF MORE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS: UNEMPLOYMENT; FINANCIAL HARDSHIP; BEREAVEMENT OR OLD AGE; ILL HEALTH (PHYSICAL OR MENTAL).

Activities: Provide space, facilities and tools to allow local people to develop their hobbies and pursuits in a sociable and friendly environment. People may work on personal projects and are also encouraged to work on projects for the wider community. We are also provide a friendly place for a cup of tea and a chat.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Recreation
- **Who:** Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- East Sussex

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-30	£2,260	£681	-	-
2024-04-30	£14,499	£4,544	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Robin Dale Rudwick	Chair	2023-06-21
Henry John Foster		2024-11-27
Ian Courtney Campbell		2024-11-27
Marcus Starr Taylor		2023-06-21
Timothy John Scotney		2023-06-21

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We provide a meeting place, typically but not exclusively, for retired men to meet and work on either personal or community-based projects. During this year we have had to relocate to new premises on Ham Lane, Lewes. The meeting place has a fully equipped workshop with various donated tools and materials. The work benches and racking in the workshop were all designed and built by members.

Much of our efforts this year have been involved in reorganising our new workshop area, downsizing and rehoming redundant machinery.

Our premises are generously provided by Nevill Juvenile Bonfire Society. We contribute via site maintenance and also help with their Bonfire activities. To this end we produced several hundred torch sticks for their processions, built several firework stands and provided onsite security staff to reduce their costs for their Bonfire Procession in Lewes.

Much the same as last year, our members have repaired, renovated and built benches for various groups in Lewes. We have also been constructing compost bins and raised beds for Landport Community Garden. Our group was asked to repaint all the planters at Lewes Railway Station. We also were involved in planting 100+ trees at Northease Manor School. One particularly interesting project came from a request from Lewes Castle. We were asked to provide some stocks to replace their dilapidated ones. As there was no budget, one of our members produced a reasonable facsimile. Wherever possible we use recovered or donated materials for community-based projects. This reduces the costs involved and makes effective use of resources. Our labour is provided free of charge. Community projects are useful in that they provide 'projects for idle hands' and give something back to the community. We have repaired or rebuilt benches for Royal British Legion, a community bench in the Nevill estate, planters and birdboxes for Lewes House Garden, planters for Pippa's Nursery. We have also built birdboxes for many people using found materials and are looking at hedgehog boxes and bat boxes for the future. We designed and built a set of bookshelves for Lewes Railway Station. Because of 'difficulties' getting funding for this we subsidised the project by purchasing the materials.

For personal projects, our members have constructed coffee tables, bookshelves, chopping boards, coat stands, Xmas decorations, garden benches and simple things like garden plant labels. We have also repaired Windsor chairs, reupholstered chairs, stripped and waxed tables and other furniture.

On the social inclusion side of things, one of our long-term members no longer needs social worker support to attend sessions. One of our newer members with short term memory loss appreciates the social environment and has regained his confidence in making stuff like bookshelves. He knows and that we will give him time and support, when needed. One of our founder members has a set of health problems, which means he can no longer drive. We provide transport to bring him to the Shed when he is fit enough to attend. Several of our members have helped to reduce his at-home clutter and make his home environment safer.

We still maintain links with Lewes' GP practice (Foundry Healthcare) and have regular contact with their Social Prescribers who may refer people to us. We also have a 'signposting' role in referring people on to the Social Practitioner. Tea, coffee and refreshments are provided free of charge whenever the Shed is open.

We provide a light lunch on Wednesdays (busier session). This is much appreciated by all the membership.



LEWES MEN'S SHED
REGISTERED CHARITY 1204284
Statement of Accounts for the year ending
30th April 2025

ASSETS

On 1st April 2024 our opening balance was	10981.57
On 30th April 2025 our closing balance was	9876.15
Cash reserves	36.00

INCOME

Membership Subscriptions	1929.62
Income from projects	330.00
Total:	2259.62

EXPENDITURE

Consumables & Materials	290.26
Smarty charges	240
Insurance	151.2
Total:	681.46

Charity Commission declared income	2259.62
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Charity Commission declared spending	681.00
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Charity Commission declared income Legacies & Donations	1929.62
Charity Commission declared income Charitable Activities	230.00
Charity Commission declared income Other trading activities	100.00
Charity Commission declared income Investments	0.00
Charity Commission declared income Other	0.00

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CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 09/08/2023

Period start date To 30/04/2024

Period end date

Charity name: Lewes Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1204284

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people (particularly but not exclusively older men), within Lewes 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 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	We provide a meeting place for, typically but not exclusively, retired men to meet and work on either personal or community based projects. The meeting place has a fully equipped workshop with various donated tools and materials. The work benches and racking in the workshop were all designed and built by members. Wherever possible we use recovered or donated materials for community based projects. This reduces the costs involved and makes effective use of resources. Our labour is provided free of charge.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have considered the guidance issued by the Charity Commission and consider that our activities and beneficiaries comply with that guidance.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We are not a grant awarding charity.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	We have no investments and do not anticipate ever having any surplus funds to invest.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We have no paid staff and all services are provided by volunteers.
Other		

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	Through our contacts with other voluntary groups, we are able to provide or construct things (at low cost) that help those group fulfil their aims. We encourage our members to get involved with other voluntary work that makes use of their skills. Community projects are useful in that they provide 'projects for idle hands' and offer something back to the community. We have repaired or rebuilt benches for the Royal British Legion, a community bench in the Nevill estate, planters and birdboxes for Lewes House Garden, planters for Pippa's Nursery. We have also built birdboxes for many people using found materials and are looking at hedgehog boxes and bat boxes for the future. We designed and built a set of bookshelves for Lewes Railway Station. Because of 'difficulties' getting funding for this we subsidised the project by purchasing the materials. We offer facilities for our members to work on personal projects, typically of a woodworking nature. For personal projects, our members have constructed coffee tables, bookshelves,

		chopping boards, coat stands, Xmas decorations, garden benches and simple things like garden plant labels. We have also repaired Windsor chairs, re-upholstered chairs, stripped and waxed tables and other furniture. As we have links with a local GP practice (Foundry Healthcare), their Social Practitioner may refer people to us. We also have a 'signposting' role in referring people on to the Social Practitioner. Tea, coffee and refreshments are provided free of charge whenever the Shed is open. We also provide a light lunch on Wednesdays (busiest session). We provide a safe meeting place for our members, both to socialise and work.
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Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	Lloyds Bank: 9726.15 Sumup Acc: 133.12 Petty Cash: 95.63 Total: £9954.90
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	As a start up we currently have limited funds but do not anticipate holding significant reserves other than to provide working capital for the next financial year, We anticipate that we will set a reserve level at the end of year three. Our tenure in the current building will not be long term. We need a reserve to cover renting/leasing a new property. We may need to convert and equip any new property
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£9954.90
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	Not applicable
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	There are no funds materially in deficit
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	There are no material uncertainties relating to going concern given the current number of volunteers and available projects.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Our major sources of funding are donations, membership, and session fees. We also sell items made by members to help fund the Shed.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted.	Para 1.46	We have no investments
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Lack of volunteers or available projects
Other		None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Our governing document is our constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is constituted as a 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	Trustees are elected at the AGM.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity has a good working relationship with the Social Prescribers of a local GP Practice. They may refer people to us if they think we can help. We can also refer people (with their permission) to the Social Prescribers for access to other social services.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	We are members of the UK Men's Shed Association
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lewes Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1204284
Charity's principal address	Previous address: Lewes Men's Shed Unit F10, Waterside Centre North Street Lewes BN7 2PE Current address: Lewes Men's Shed Ham Lane Lewes BN7 3PS

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	Robin Rudwick	Chair		
2	Sarah Caulfield	Treasurer		
3	Marcus Taylor	Secretary		
4	Tim Scotney			
5	John Russell			
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	Not applicable
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	Not applicable
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional)

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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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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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)	Robin Dale Rudwick	Marcus Starr Taylor
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Secretary
Date	25/03/2025	

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UKMSA Member Men's Shed

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date
09/08/2023

To

Period end date
30/04/2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
Receipts				
Membership fees	1,157.00		1,157.00	
Donations	12,475.96		12,475.96	
Grants				
Sales / event income	866.00		866.00	
Interest				
Other				
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	14,498.96		14,498.96	
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets				
Sale of investments				
Sub total				
Total receipts	14,498.96		14,498.96	
Payments				
Shed premises costs	2,183.16		2,183.16	
Insurance	151.20		151.20	
Materials & consumables	884.12		884.12	
Small tools (<£25)	44.94		44.94	
Repairs and renewals				
Refreshments & cleaning	470.61		470.61	
Admin/Office costs	300.43		300.43	
Subscriptions				
Sundry	249.65		249.65	
Sub total	4,284.11		4,284.11	
Asset and investment purchases				
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	259.95		259.95	
Workshop machines				
Sub total	259.95		259.95	
Total payments	4,544.06		4,544.06	
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,954.90		9,954.90	
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end				
Cash funds this year end	9,954.90		9,954.90	

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

Categories	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current Period	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Lloyds Current 30-98-97 44692982	9,726.15		9,726.15	
Sumup	133.12		133.12	
Cash	95.63		95.63	
Total cash funds	9,954.90		9,954.90	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale				
Debtors				
Investment assets				
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings				
Large items of machinery	450.00		450.00	
Power tools	350.00		350.00	
Hand tools	180.00		180.00	
Other assets	180.00		180.00	
			1,160.00	
Liabilities				
Trade creditors				
Accrued expenses				
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		Robin Dale Rudwick	26/04/2025	