



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

Charity name: Bury St Edmunds Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1204699

## 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 men and women aged 18 or over within Bury St Edmunds 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 jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially.
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	During the year we have provided workshops on Saturday mornings between 10.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. for members to meet and learn skills, and to use some of their existing skills (e.g. woodworking) to make items, potentially for sale. We have set up projects to encourage team working, including commissions accepted in support of other charitable organisations. We have attended outside events to share our ethos and sell our products.
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 referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit while reviewing the aims and objectives of the Bury St Edmunds Men's Shed. The Trustees consider that the charity's activities reflect our aims and objectives.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on grant making		N/A
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	We are solely dependent on volunteers for the management and day to day running of the Shed and for any events that the Shed attends.
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	<p>Our Saturday morning sessions have benefited our members directly as, through attending, they have found companionship and developed an improved sense of wellbeing and usefulness. Through projects for other organisations the sessions have encouraged team building and helped develop new skills using various pieces of woodworking equipment. The work of the "Shed" has attracted referrals from other local organisations which have similar aims regarding the eradication of isolation and loneliness. We have encouraged both one to one and group communication between members and helped them to develop more confidence.</p> <p>Our outdoor events have encouraged members to man stalls and speak to visitors about our objectives and display and sell some of our products made by members.</p> <p>In particular our projects in support of other local charitable bodies and their members have included the construction of activity equipment for a local school and cushion storage units for a listed theatre.</p>

### 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	<p>We hold a charitable bank account with HSBC. During the year we have made use of previously secured grants from the local authorities and a charitable foundation to help cover costs of one-off projects, our rental costs as well as the purchase of small items of equipment.</p> <p>We also charge a small fee for attending our weekly sessions and attend some local fairs to sell items that our members have produced.</p> <p>Surplus for the year was £5,276.</p> <p>At the year end we held funds of £10,600, of which £2,952 were held as restricted funds.</p>
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<p>Going forward there is no certainty of repeat funding and we need to build reserves to pay for rent, and cover the cost of buying materials for members to use.</p> <p>There are also insurance and subscription costs to cover plus advertising and equipment costs.</p>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Our reserves total was £10,600.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

### 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	<p>Our income has come from £2,780 from membership fees and weekly attendance charges.</p> <p>£834 from fundraising events.</p> <p>£2,870 from general donations.</p>
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	<p>We need to ensure that we can cover basic costs of rent (currently covered by a grant) and our insurances and other basic costs (which can be covered by membership fees/charges) – and we are quite well placed at the moment.</p>
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	We have a CIO Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	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	The Shed has 5 Trustees, all Shed members, who were elected at our AGM. Thereafter one third of the trustees retire by rotation each year but are eligible to stand for re-election.. There must be a minimum of 3.

### 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 Trustees have delegated the day to day responsibility of managing the Shed to a Management Committee of which 3 of the current Trustees are a part.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Bury St Edmunds Men's Shed
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1204699
Charity's principal address	Bury St Edmunds Men's Shed The Centre UK 30 Eastern Way IP32 7AB

### 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	Brian Fell	Chairman	From 13/9/23	
2	Colin Knight	Treasurer	From 13/9/23	
4	Calvin Joslin		From 13/9/23	
5	Peter Brinkley		From 13/9/23 to 6/1/25	
6	Michael Gaffney		From 22/5/24	
7	Giles Washbourn		From 22/5/24	
8	Mark Sadler		From 22/5/24 to 17/3/25	
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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	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

### 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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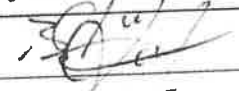
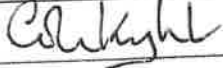
## Other optional information

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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)	Brian Fell	COLIN KNIGHT
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer
Date	9/10/25	





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FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

BURY ST EDMUNDS MEN'S SHED

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## Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period  
from

01-Apr-24

To

31-Mar-25

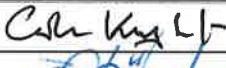

### Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
SUBSCRIPTIONS	550	-	-	550	84
FUND RAISING EVENTS	834	-	-	834	509
DONATIONS	2,870	-	-	2,870	2
GRANTS	-	500	-	500	4,600
ATTENDANCE FEES	2,230	-	-	2,230	466
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>6,484</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,984</b>	<b>5,661</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>6,484</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,984</b>	<b>5,661</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
RENT	900	2,100	-	3,000	500
SUBSCRIPTIONS	-	30	-	30	30
BANK CHARGES	64	-	-	64	40
EQUIPMENT	-	1,721	-	1,721	1,293
INSURANCES	-	383	-	383	-
ADMINISTRATION COSTS	78	-	-	78	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,276</b>	<b>1,863</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>1,042</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,276</b>	<b>1,863</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>5,442</b>	<b>- 3,734</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>3,798</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>2,206</b>	<b>6,686</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,892</b>	<b>5,094</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>8,892</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>	BANK	7,346	2,952	-
	PETTY CASH	302	-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>7,648</b>	<b>2,952</b>	<b>-</b>
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))		Ok	Ok	Ok
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
	RENT	UNRESTRICTED	200	ON INVOICE
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		COLIN KNIGHT	21/05/2024
		BRIAN FELL	21/05/2024

23/05/2025