



Trustee Annual Report for 2024

Charity Name. Men's Shed Worcester (CIO Charity registered Dec 2023)

Charity number. 1206332

This report relates to financial year: January to December 2024

The principal address of the charity is The Crypt, St Clement's Church, Henwick Road, St John's, Worcester WR2 5NP

The following individuals were the charity trustees on the date the report was approved

Mr Colin Bunce. Chairman

Mr Ian Robinson. Treasurer

Mr Neil Young

Mr John McKelvey

Mr Andrew Bacon (appointed at AGM June 2024)

Mr Andrew Stevens (appointed at AGM June 2024)

The Charity was formed in August 2023 as an Unincorporated Association. It was converted to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO Association Model) in December 2023.

The Charity is governed by a Constitution

The Charitable purposes of charity are

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly, but not exclusively, men aged 18 or over/older men, within Worcester 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. 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, youth or old age, ill health (physical or mental)

To further these purposes for the public benefit, we carried out the following activities:

- 1) The Crypt at St Clement's Church has been developed into a workshop and social space to allow members to meet up and socialise in a space where manual activities allow for social interaction and team working.
- 2) The Shed now has a fully functioning woodworking area where donated woodworking machinery has been set up. Members are able to use lathes, saws. Planers, drills etc. to work on their own projects, shed projects and projects for the local community such furniture upcycling and repair.
- 3) We have received small grants to purchase further equipment that have enabled us to develop cold metalworking alongside the woodworking and purchase a CNC router and 3D printer
- 4) We have been working with the local churches to do some projects for them such as refurbishing a kitchen area, providing and fitting storage units and redecorating the vestry. We work with other local community groups and charities on local projects and community improvements. Joint project working with Laughern Brook Nature Reserve, Worcester Swan Sanctuary, Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
- 5) Since March 2024 we have opened up the shed facilities to outside providers such as the local NHS rehabilitation team who are now using the space for woodwork activity sessions as part of Mental Health Services
- 6) We now have a van for the shed which is all electric. This obviously fits in the shed's principles of trying to reduce our impact on the environment.

The main achievements of the **Men's Shed Worcester** in the year were:

- 1) The shed space has continued to be developed for the benefit of members
- 2) Grants from Worcester City Council (£1500) and Worcester County Council (£4500) have enabled us to refurbish the older boiler room in the crypt into a kitchen and social area. This included plumbing and drainage, water heater and hand dryer, electrical work with a new circuit board, sockets and lighting. New flooring was also installed and the area redecorated. An adjacent crypt area was converted into a disabled access toilet
- 3) We purchased an electric van in January 2024 (lottery grant funded) which is used for local deliveries and pickups for the Shed
- 4) Close working with the church to refurbish a kitchen area, provide and fit storage units and repaint the vestry. Raised beds with spring bulb planting have been installed at the front of the church following the refurbishment, by the church, of the railings and gates.
- 5) Working with the NHS rehabilitation team to provide facilities in Men's Shed for woodworking sessions for their clients. They have been using our facilities 2 or 3 times a week providing the Shed with a small but steady income. Unfortunately this service will cease as of the end of February 2025 due to NHS cuts to services.
- 6) Slowly growing members base, currently around 35 active members. Most Shed days have around 20 members present.

- 7) The shed space is continually evolving to provide more bench space for projects and crafts.
- 8) We have purchased a 3D printer for Shed use
- 9) We are starting to offer workshops related to simple wood and craft activities to use as a source of income once the NHS leave. A recent bird box workshop was well received. There are plans to do further workshops around garden items, willow obelisks, pen turning, tile mosaics and leaded glass
- 10) We are now running a repair and manufacturing workshop for the local community, mainly around refurbishing items such as community notice boards, seats and planters and will be seeking more commissions as our reputation grows
- 11) We have developed relationships with local businesses who have been very generous in their support and donations (Wickes, Howdens, Bradford's)

Plans for 2025 and beyond for Men's Shed Worcester

- 1) Develop further sources of income following the loss of the NHS Mental Health Rehabilitation sessions
- 2) Open the Shed on Wednesday mornings as a Community Shed for anyone over the age of 18yrs. Wednesdays will be aimed at developing Arts and Crafts skills such as mosaic tiling, leaded glass, willow weaving, etc. The opening date will be 5th March 2025.
- 3) A gardening group has been formed to adopt the many neglected flower beds within the grounds of St Clement's Church so that the Church yard can be a welcoming place for the local community
- 4) Further develop the areas within the crypt to provide more bench space and craft areas.

The trustees have read the Commission's Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance, and have had regard to this when running the charity.

A review of the charity's financial position at the end of the year:

In the financial year January to December 2024 The Charity had an income of £16706.44 and an expenditure of £22930.49.

The amount of capital remaining at the end of December 2024 is £3852 in unreserved funds (day to day capital), £1800 equipment reserves, £5391 van replacement reserves.

There are no funds held by the charity that are materially in deficit.

Signature

Mr Colin Bunce (Chairman and Trustee of Men's Shed Worcester)

Date




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Registered Charity No 1206332



	Men's Shed		Charity Reg	
	Worcester		1206332	
	Receipts and payments accounts			
	Period from		Period end date	
	01/01/2024		31/12/2024	

Income and Expenditure - For internal use only

	[Restricted]		Total funds	Last year
	£		£	£
Income				
Annual Membership			£ 587.00	£ 408.00
Attendance			£ 1,373.00	£ 1,118.61
Donations			£ 505.00	£ 870.00
Grants			£ 8,000.00	£ 14,250.00
Sales			£ 2,889.34	£ 1,500.30
Clothing			£ 10.00	£ 358.04
Interest			£ 191.90	£ -
NHS hire			£ 3,150.00	
Total Receipts			£ 16,706.24	£ 18,504.95
Payments				
Rent			£ 750.00	£ -
Utilities			£ 65.29	£ -
Buildings Insurance			£ 505.00	£ 431.40
Premises (Building etc)			£ 8,682.33	£ 1,203.80
Van			£ 8,215.18	£ 223.52
Materials and Consumables			£ 1,157.14	£ 1,450.73
Equipment<£100			£ 994.40	£ 870.27
Equipment>£100			£ 2,016.99	£ 4,002.33
Training				£ 234.00
Clothing and Welfare			£ 64.11	£ 439.33
Promotional materials			£ 480.05	£ 419.29
Total Payments			£ 22,930.49	£ 9,274.67
	details			
Transfers between funds				

Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Monetary assets	Current Account		£ 3,852.33	£ 12,269.23
	Equipment Reserve		£ 1,800.00	£ 5,000.00
	Van Fund Res		£ 5,391.90	£ -
	Cash		£ 0.95	
	Total funds		£ 11,045.18	£ 17,269.23