



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

**Charity name: Snape Men's Shed CIO**

**Charity registration number: 1206955**

## **Objectives and Activities**

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	For the public benefit, the preservation and protection of good health among people aged 18 years and older, living in Snape and the surrounding area, in particular but not exclusively older men, 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 whilst reducing their social isolation, boosting mental health 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.	<p>During the period of this report there have been activities within a number of different areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Holding public meetings with the village to raise awareness of the Men's Shed movement.</li><li>2. Having been offered the use of a shed by one of our members, some time was spent in cleaning and reorganising the space to make best use and ensure safety for all.</li><li>3. Develop a range of policies and procedures to ensure members needs were catered for, to include appropriate health and safety measures and documentation.</li><li>4. Organise regular sessions for members to attend.</li><li>5. Looking for premises which could be used as a long term shed base, enabling the charity to promote itself to more potential members.</li><li>6. Building new relationships with local suppliers and experts. Important to obtain supply of materials and training for all projects.</li></ol>

	<p>7. Raising awareness by means of presentations to other groups within the surrounding area.</p> <p>8. Making items for sale to create a steady income stream to finance the day to day running costs.</p> <p>9. Helping with local community renovation projects.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit and are satisfied that the charity's activities have been in the public benefit.
Contribution made by volunteers	The trustees have all undertaken tasks as volunteers to establish the Charity. In addition there have been some standout contributions from members. One of particular note is that of Eric Imeson, who has donated the use of his shed to be a temporary base to run sessions from, until a permanent home come be found.

## Achievements and Performance

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.	<p>During the first year of the charity it has been able to attract 16 members. It has provided a meeting place with a relaxed and no pressure environment, with regular twice weekly sessions attended by between 6-9 local men. Men new to the village and surrounding areas, who have become members, have quickly been able to make new friends and social connections. For example one recently retired, single, living alone person has found a real place within the community due to his involvement with the charity.</p> <p>The charity has been able to support other village groups with the provision of handmade wooden items (at no cost) to be raffled as fundraisers.</p> <p>By offering furniture repair services to villagers who are unable to do so themselves the good values of the charity have been enhanced.</p> <p>A range of "hand made by the members" wooden products have been sold through the village at very competitive prices.</p>
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## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	At the end of the first financial year the charity held a cash at bank surplus of £1617. The 16 new members all paid a "founders fee" of £20 to kickstart funds. A decision was taken by the trustees to not charge a formal monthly membership during the first year as this could have been prohibitive when attracting new members to a new situation. Instead we asked session attendees to "put a pound in the jar" to help with running costs. Revenue was generated from the sale of wood based products, the leading selling item being chopped kindling which generated £575
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	The charity aims to always hold a surplus equating to 3 months operational costs.
Amount of reserves held	£1617
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	The charity has established a reasonable membership comprised on residents within Snape. The current location has been well set up to enable sessions to continue, although attendance numbers have to be limited. The revenue being generated through product sales is more than sufficient to cover operational costs whilst creating a surplus. When a larger location is available there is a good opportunity for further recruitment from the 17 small villages that are within a 5 mile radius of Snape. There is therefore no uncertainty about the Charity continuing as a going concern.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	During the financial year the initial funding came from members founders fee. Going forward the sale of wooden goods made by the members became the core source of funding.
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## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:	
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Charitable Incorporated Organisation

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	The charity is required to have a minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 trustees. The initial 4 trustees were appointed at the projects' initiation. Any new trustees would be appointed existing trustees and in line with reference to the trustee policy.
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### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	New trustees will be required to read the Charity Commission guideline document "The Essential Trustee" and will be given a copy of the Charity's most recent annual report and accounts for review. All trustees will be given training on the expectations and responsibilities of the role.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	The Charity is run by a Board of Trustees (currently 3) and a number of volunteers (also currently 3, being the Trustees)

### **Reference and Administrative details**

Charity name	Snape Men's Shed Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Other name the charity uses	Snape Men's Shed
Registered charity number	1206955
Charity's principal address	Tilia House Meadow Lane Snape DL8 2TJ

### 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	Colin Blanchard	Chair		
2	Steve Lovatt	Treasurer	9-2-24 until 17-11-24	
3	Russel Simms	Treasurer	17-11-24 to 31-12-24	
4	Russel Simms	Secretary		
5	John Chesher			

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

Director name		
None		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
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	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### 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

None

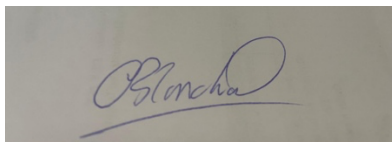
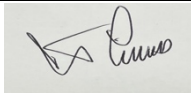
### Other optional information

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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)	Colin Blanchard	Russel Simms
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer/Secretary

Date 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025



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## Receipts and payments accounts

For the period  
from

09/02/2024

To

31/12/2024

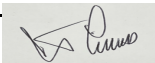
### Section A Receipts and payments

	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>					
Sales of goods	2,040	-	-	2,040	-
Membership joining fee	320	-	-	320	-
Donations	278	-	-	278	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,638</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>2,638</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,638</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
General operating costs	891	-	-	891	-
Insurance	131	-	-	131	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,022</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>1,022</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,022</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>1,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,616</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>1,616</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,616</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>	Co Op Bank current account No.67340910	1,617	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	1,617	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	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>				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>				
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Russel Simms	11th August 2025