

Trustees report for WSWT AGM Sunday 5th October 2025

This is the end of the first full year of WSWT being a CIO (Charitable Incorporated organisation) and as far as the trustees are concerned it has mainly been business as usual. We still hold our associated membership of the AWGB and the necessary public liability and associated insurances.

We still hold a strong membership with a pleasing number of ladies but sadly no youngsters. An area of membership that perhaps should be worked upon. Also do remember the workshop facility we have at Amberley Museum which is for all members and offers the chance for practice if you don't have a lathe at home. For those that are unfamiliar with this any of the trustees can explain the requirements for attending.

Keeping with Amberley we have been busy during the school holidays with our now famous and well received 'kids days' during the school holidays and some other special events like Halloween. The club organisers are always looking for new volunteers at these events so don't be put off by your turning experience as there are many other roles that help the day along.

Back in May we held our annual prize giving and social evening with our guest of honour being Katrina Burton and her husband. Katrina being the museum director at Amberley. Another successful and enjoyable evening was had by all who attended.

Over the year we have had a number of professional turners join us. Naming Jason Breach, Les Thorne, Colwin Way and others. Sadly, for the June meeting and Gary Rance the hall let us down. We are still working with their insurers for some recompense over the costs we incurred.

Our events programme is active and ongoing and if anyone has a subject they would like covered please let the trustees know.

As it is AGM time that also means it's the year end and subs are due for 2025/26. In these hard economic times, we are all aware of the general cost of living, inflation etc. but as can be seen the club is in a fairly stable position. So, as for 2024/25 and many years before it has been decided to keep the sub level at £30.00 with juniors and any in full education at £5.00. Payment can be made by cash, cheque, debit/credit card or bank transfer. If using the latter method please let us know so your payment can be tracked.

As you know we have talked about trustee succession on various occasions and the time has come for Steve and I to stand down after some 12 (or thereabouts) and 10 years respectively in the roles of secretary and chairman. Over the last few months we have been having discussions with members who are willing to take on these roles. I can now advise that Pete Kelly and Tom Bradbury have agreed to stand for Chairman and secretary respectively. Their election is in your hands and I commend them both to you in these roles and wish them every success. On a personal note, on behalf of Steve and myself I would like to thank all members for their support over our periods of office and we leave the club in good hands. That is not to say we are leaving the club it's just that we can go back to 'in political terms' the back benches.

In addition, a long standing committee member and trustee Ray Burton is also standing down after the same period as myself and Terry Hill is resigning as a trustee. We thank them both for the help and commitment to the club and like me they will still be club members.

Repeating myself from previous reports the club would not be such a success it is without the support of all members and especially those that stand up for the various support roles needed for this at both Sullington and Amberley and I thank you all for your input.

Ian Rudge

Chairman of trustees.

September 2025

West Sussex Wood Turners

Income and Expenditure Statement for the Year to August 31st. 2025

	2024-2025	2023-4
	£	£
Income		
Subscriptions	3375	3530
Kids Days	2497	1946
Donations	844	356
Raffle Receipts	648	943
Shop Income	51	252
Equip Sales	50	0
Tops	28	18
Training		225
Scouts Day		6
	7493	7276
Less		
Social Events	1556	1240
Demonstrations	1384	1165
Depreciation	781	868
Small Equip and Repairs	731	1460
Amberley Commission	677	
Hall Hire	555	645
Insurance	385	250
Charity Donations	308	
Prizes	206	173
Consumables	187	1227
Expenses	182	
Tooling	158	
Web Site	93	68
Audit Fees	92	82
Admin Cosumables	89	73
Refreshments	87	84
Sum Up Costs	70	57
Gratuities	50	110
Prof Fees	48	48
Teaching Day		70
	7639	7620
Surplus/(Deficit)	(146)	(344)

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Balance Sheet as at August 31st. 2025

	£	£	£
Fixed Assets			
	Cost	Deprec	NPV
3 Equipment	9655	2622	7033
Current Assets			
Stock	1400		
Bank	11387		
Cash	63		
Prepayment			
		12850	
Current Liability			
Advance Receipts	60		
4 Accrual	50		
Key Deposits	50	160	
Net Current Assets			12690
Total Assets			19723
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5 Reserve Bought Forward		19869	
Plus Surplus for the year		(146)	
			19723

- Notes
- 1 The donations include those made by members that are pass as commission for their sales. This portion was £386
- 2 The social event costs include hall hire for the evening and g (See General Note below)
- 3 Depreciation has been charged at 10% of the opening residu assets
- 4 This is for an anticipated commission payment to Amberley
- 5 The reserve bought forward for the last financial year has be eliminate an artificial cash balance generated by historic dup