

Axminster Community Shed

Trustees' Annual Report

For period 28/05/2024 - 31/07/2025

Reference and administration details

Charity Name	Axminster Community Shed
Charity Number	1208419
Principal Address	Unit 3, Cross Keys Chard Road Axminster EX13 5EB

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for the whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
John McFadzean	Chairman		
Janet Prior	Treasurer		
Colin Hayward	Vice Chairman		
Paul Filmer		From 1 st August until February 25th	
Peter Kleyn			
Jane Wilcock			

Names of other trustees of the charity if any (for example any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for the whole year
None	

Names and addresses of advisors (Optional information)

Type of Advisor	Name	Address
Accountant/Auditor	V C Trott, FCCA	TCAS Limited, 2 Victoria Hall, Coombe Lane, Axminster, Devon. EX13 5AX

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

None

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	Constitution adopted May 2024
How the charity is constituted	Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO)
Trustees' selection method	Trustees are formally appointed annually at the annual general meeting held in February each year.

Additional governance issues (optional)

Membership of the community shed is open to anyone 18 and over residing in East Devon and West Dorset – the Axminster area.

A membership committee consisting of members and trustees appoints session supervisors and manages the day to day running of the shed. The trustees and supervisors meet monthly to ensure the shed runs smoothly, and meet regularly with the members to ensure the members are consulted on a regular basis. We offer two classes of membership.

Full and Associate. Full members pay an annual fee and have voting rights at AGM and on any other appropriate issues. Associate members do not pay a fee but do not have voting rights. The associate membership category ensures that the shed is available to all who cannot afford to be members or who are referred to us by social prescribers.

Trustee meetings are held monthly. The trustees are responsible for the management of the community shed, fundraising and making sure we meet our objectives.

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document	In summary, the aims of the Axminster Community Shed are: • To promote social inclusion for the people of the Axminster area • Relieve the needs of the socially excluded by providing facilities where they can meet and undertake activities, learn new skills, and or share skills with others.
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	• Provide a facility where social prescribers can refer clients. • Take part in local community projects providing a social and environmental benefits. • Ensure work undertaken is conducted to the correct health and safety standards
Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects	During the year we undertook many activities highlighting public benefit in relation to our objectives. A major objective of the community shed is to combat loneliness and support good mental health. During the year we have taken on 20 new members including the recently retired, carers and their clients, and two ex-soldiers. We work with carers and their charges including with one man with downs syndrome who takes great pleasure in using our facilities with together with his carer. We moved into a new premises purpose built for us that has a very well-equipped workshop and a quiet room that members can relax in. We also undertook a survey of how our members feel about using the facilities and how it benefits their mental health. Members worked on many community projects together including fixing benches for the town green, building a pergola for a local school, mud kitchens for a local school and a crib for the local church nativity play. We have collaborated with other local charities on many projects and are active members of the East Devon VCSE, where we exchange ideas and information with local government and other charities. We undertook training courses in basic DIY and woodworking for our members and constantly review safety and training requirements. We have developed risk assessments for each of the machines we use and training policies including a safeguarding policy and code of conduct to keep our members and visitors safe. This includes an orientation training for new members

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Our members are all volunteers, and many of them give their time to supervise the shed and share their woodworking and other expertise for which we are very grateful. Visitors and members of the shed are encouraged to support each other and to collaborate on joint projects, but they can participate as they like.

Achievements and performance

Spring to Summer 2024

During this period, we became a charity and gradually moved from our existing premises in an old shop into our new premises, which is purpose built for the community shed. Our members and the landlords of our new premises helped us to move and to set up the shed and we were fully operational by the end of July. During this time, we carried on with our work in the local community including building 2 mud kitchens for a local primary school and making benches for our local library garden.

Autumn and Winter 2024.

The new community shed was officially opened by the mayor of Axminster on Saturday 21st September. During this period, we developed a new set of policies and a training program regarding health and safety and safeguarding. We had a recruitment drive and increased our membership to around 45.

We built a set of giant outdoor games in this period that we lend to schools and local fetes/events. We also supported the local British Legion within a wooden poppy project, built planters and raised beds for two local schools and supported the set-up of a local model railway project based in the town. Finally, we built a crib that became a centre piece for the Axminster church nativity play.

Spring and summer 2025.

We built a set of reading pyramids and a boot (welly) rack for local primary schools. We also re-furbished and re-installed a set of benches for public use on the green space next to our local church. The Shed took part and actively supported local VE day celebrations and the Axe vale show, a big annual local event.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Unrestricted cash funds at 31/7/2025 stood at £2,334.64. The main financial risk to the charity would be the loss of the grant we receive from the National Lottery of £34500 for a three-year period starting in October 2024. We would also need to cover the risk of reduced donations going forward. The cash funds would cover around 3 months costs if this income is lost or withdrawn.
Detail of any funds materially in deficit	None

Further financial review details: (Optional information)

Our main source of funds this year has been grants, donations, membership fees and subscriptions.

Key grant providers are:

- The National Lottery Communities fund
- Devon Community Foundation
- Terence Gibbons Trust
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Donations and fundraising include donations received for work carried out and fundraising, for example we raised £420 on an open day at the shed.

We also raise funds with asset sales as we are often donated unwanted tools and materials, and we sell objects made by our members at craft fairs.

Members pay an annual fee of £20 and subscriptions of £2 per session to cover basic costs (tea, coffee etc).

Our income is put back into running the shed, buying materials and investing in the necessary equipment to support our activities.

Other optional information

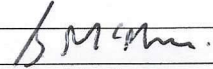
Future Plans

We plan to continue to expand our services, attracting new members, training members and taking part in more community projects. 2024/25 was an expensive year for the Community Shed and in the following year we will attempt to increase our reserves to £5000 to cover anticipated increases in the costs of energy and materials.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees.

Signature	
Full Name	John McFadzean
Position	Chairman of Trustees
Date	03/04/2026

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AXMINSTER COMMUNITY SHED
REGISTRATION NUMBER 1204117

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO AXMINSTER COMMUNITY SHED

This report on the Accounts of Axminster Community Shed for the period ended 31 July 2025 is in connection with the examination carried out under S.145 of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act).

AXMINSTER COMMUNITY SHED

ACCOUNTS FOR THE PERIOD ENDED

31 JULY 2025

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's trustees the Management Committee are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts you consider that the audit requirement S.145 (2) of the Charities Act 2011 (The Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under S.145 (5)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

My examinations were carried out in accordance with the general direction given by the Charity Commissioners. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and the seeking of explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any respect, the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with S.130 of the Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act have not been met
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- 2) To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

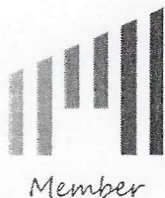


V C Troff, FCCA
Chartered Certified Accountant

15.10.2025

Dated

TCAS Limited
2 Victoria Hall
Coombe Lane
Axminster
Devon EX13 5AX



Axminster Community Shed

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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

Period start date

28/05/2024

To

Period end date

31/07/2025

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 & Subs	3,433.99		3,433.99	
Donation and Fundraising	7,879.89	1,500.00	9,379.89	
Grants		16,900.00	16,900.00	
Sales Trading	1,957.50		1,957.50	
Interest				
Other	163.05		163.05	
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	13,434.43	18,400.00	31,834.43	
Asset and investment sales				
Sale of assets	737.28		737.28	
Sale of investments				
Sub total	737.28		737.28	
Total receipts	14,171.71	18,400.00	32,571.71	
Payments				
Shed premises costs	2,795.97	10,687.98	13,483.95	
Materials & consumables non trading	954.47		954.47	
Materials & consumables trading	1,256.95		1,256.95	
Small tools/workshop equip(<£50)	241.61		241.61	
Repairs and renewals	336.54		336.54	
Refreshments & cleaning	1,706.41	30.00	1,736.41	
Admin/Office costs	857.18		857.18	
Training/profession/subs	268.80	180.00	448.80	
Insurance	667.12		667.12	
Mkting/other	475.49	390.29	865.78	
Sub total	9,560.54	11,288.27	20,848.81	
Asset and investment purchases				
Fixtures /Fittings	153.98	925.91	1,079.89	
Workshop machines/tools >£50	2,122.55	1,799.97	3,922.52	
Sub total	2,276.53	2,725.88	5,002.41	
Total payments	11,837.07	14,014.15	25,851.22	
Net of receipts/(payments)	2,334.64	4,385.85	6,720.49	
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end				
Cash funds this year end	2,334.64	4,385.85	6,720.49	

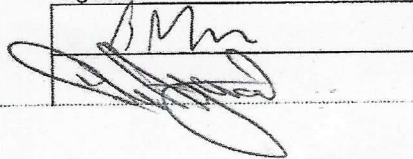
Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total current Period	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Cash funds				
Current account	2,244.34	4,385.85	6,630.19	
Cash account	90.30		90.30	
Total cash funds	2,334.64	4,385.85	6,720.49	
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale				
Debtors	380.00		380.00	
			380.00	
Investment assets				
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
Buildings				
Large items of machinery	5,649.94	2,799.98	8,449.92	
Power tools	2,026.92		2,026.92	
Hand tools	750.00		750.00	
Other assets	1,020.00		1,020.00	
			12,246.84	
Liabilities				
Trade creditors	688.80		688.80	
Accrued expenses	100.00		100.00	
			788.80	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature



Print Name

JOHN MCFADDEN
COLIN B. HAYWARD

Date of approval

28.10.25
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