



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **2nd August 2024** To **1st August 2025**

Charity name: Men in Sheds Cheltenham and Gloucester

Charity registration number: 1209416

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our aim is to reduce social isolation amongst, but not limited to, retired men. We achieve this by coming together on a regular basis with common purpose. We operate three "Sheds" in which we undertake both personal and community projects, many of which benefit other charities in the area.
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	The members have full access to well equipped wood & metal workshops. Training is provided in the use of the machines and hand tools. Attendees are free to either work on personal projects or assist on larger projects which generally involve working on site at schools or scout huts.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	All trustees are aware of the guidance

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	No grants are made
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	No specific policy but simply by operating our workshop with an open door policy we believe we are socially investing.
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Our members are our volunteers effectively as they create the products and provide the ability for us to provide our services in the community.

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	The occupation of and fitting out of new premises has been a great success as regards working in groups and planning the machines locations. Members have worked well in teams to achieve this. Projects in the field, for other charities and local community groups, building shelters and storage sheds for schools and associations improving their members / childrens facilities and environment have continued during this period.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	We tend not to set specific goals as we find sufficient opportunities present themselves through word of mouth.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	No specific objectives set but we have been successful when applying for grants
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Not currently applicable
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	We have closed the year in a strong financial position
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	After the focus in the last financial period on moving premises and increasing funds, setting the reserves policy has been carried over into the current year.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	We estimate we will be separately holding c£30k which currently is not shown separately in the accounts.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	We currently enjoy rent free status from the council in our main premises until 2027, but with the merger of councils planned for the future, we are unsure if this status will be maintained.

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	Our principal income is from grant sources and donations. Fundraising viz; local fairs, shows etc; currently provides only a small part of our income.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	The only major risk facing the charity is the possible discontinuation of our rent free premises status.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Charity Constitution
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	The charity is a 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	Trustees have been selected based on character and their skillset by the chairman. Final appointment will be subject to a majority vote from the existing trustees.

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	Our three operational locations, Cheltenham Enterprise Centre, a small shared workshop near Staverton and a third workshop in Gloucester comprise the charity.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	The charity is a member of the UK Men's Sheds Association
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Men in Sheds Cheltenham and Gloucester
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1209416
Charity's principal address	Unit 2 Cheltenham Enterprise Centre Central Drive Cheltenham GL51 8JW

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	Stuart Mackay	Chairman		
2	Chris Holmes	Treasurer		
3	Jon Waddy			
4	Melvyn Hammel		17/04/2025	
5	John Bridgen		24/06/2025	
6	Steff Taylor	Secretary	24/09/2025	
7	Graham Turner		17/05/2025	
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	
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

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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)

Mackay

Holmes

Full name(s)

Stuart Mackay

Chris Holmes

**Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)**

Chairman

Treasurer

Date

14th January 2026