

Leighton Buzzard & District Men's Shed

First Annual Report
For the Year Ending September 2025

Chair's Introduction

It is my pleasure to present the first Annual Report for the Leighton Buzzard & District Men's Shed. What a remarkable year it has been. In just twelve months, we have laid the foundations of a vibrant and sustainable Shed, built new relationships, welcomed members, and established ourselves as a valued part of the local community.

Establishing the Shed

This year marked the successful establishment of our partnership with the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway, where we now have two active sites operating every week. These spaces have provided our members with the facilities and environment needed to come together, share skills, and support each another.

Membership Growth

Our membership has grown steadily, with over 30 members now actively involved. Interest in the Shed continues to increase, demonstrating the importance of creating a space where individuals can connect, contribute, and find companionship.

Funding and Support

We are grateful for the financial support received during the year. Funding has been secured through grants and from the Leighton-Linslade Town Council, ensuring we have the resources needed to sustain our activities. As a result, we close our first year with a healthy bank balance, positioning us strongly for the year ahead.

Projects and Partnerships

Looking ahead, we are excited to deepen and expand our community impact. Current and planned projects include collaborations with:

- Leighton Buzzard Pantomime
- Leighton Buzzard Light Railway

These partnerships not only extend our reach but also highlight the creativity, energy, and value that our members bring to the wider community.

Thanks and Acknowledgements

On behalf of the Committee, I extend sincere thanks to all our members for their ongoing commitment, enthusiasm, and support. Your contributions—large and small—have been vital to our success.

I would also like to recognise the support of our funders, partners, and the Town Council, without whom this year would not have been possible.

Looking Forward

As we enter our second year, we do so with confidence and optimism. Our Shed is thriving, our membership is growing, and our community presence is strengthening. I look forward to continuing this journey together—supporting both our existing members and those who will join us in the year to come.

Signed

Ian Bickers

Chair, Leighton Buzzard & District Men's Shed

26 August 2025



Leighton Buzzard & Distrct Mens Shed

Receipts and payments accounts

For the
period
from

Period start date

29/11/2024

To

Period end date

27/08/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Last year
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Receipts				
0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Membership fees	2,899.49	0.00	2,899.49	0
Donations	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	0
Grants	250.00	0.00	250.00	0
Sales / event income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Interest	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	5,149.49	0.00	5,149.49	0
Asset and investment sales				
Other	199.00	0.00	199.00	0.00
Sale of investments	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sub total	199.00	0.00	199.00	0.00

Total receipts	5,348.49	0.00	5,348.49	0.00
Payments				
0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00
Shed premises costs		0.00	0.00	0.00
Insurance		0.00	0.00	0.00
Materials & consumables	450.35	0.00	450.35	0.00
Small tools (<£25)		0.00	0.00	0.00
Repairs and renewals		0.00	0.00	0.00
Refreshments & cleaning		0.00	0.00	0.00
Admin/Office costs	884.12	0.00	884.12	0.00
Subscriptions	34.79	0.00	34.79	0.00
Sundry	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00
Sub total	1,369.27	0.00	1,369.27	0.00
Asset and investment purchases				
Bank Charges		0.00	0.00	0.00
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	0.00		0.00	0.00
Sub total	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payments	1,369.27	0.00	1,369.27	0.00
Net of receipts/(payments)	3,979.22	0.00	3,979.22	0.00
Transfers between funds				
Cash funds last year end	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Cash funds this year end	3,979.22	0.00	3,979.22	0.00
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Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

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	Unrestrict ed funds	Restricted funds	Total current Period	Last year
	to nearest £	to nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
Cash funds				
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00
Total cash funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	agreement Error	OK	agreement Error	OK
Other monetary assets				
Stocks/goods for sale			0.00	
Debtors			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Investment assets				
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	

			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Assets retained for the Shed's own use				
0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	0.00		0.00	
0.00	0.00		0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Liabilities				
Trade creditors			0.00	
Accrued expenses			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	
			0.00	0.00
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval
	Ian Bickers	Ian Bickers		27/08/2025