

Eglinton Men's Shed

Northern Ireland · Charity number 107554

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2020-06-09
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: The Association is established to promote personal development, positive mental health and physical activities for the benefit of individuals from in and around the village of Eglinton and district, to advance the health, wellbeing and education of its members by providing a safe and happy environment where the members can, in the company of others: (i) Pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests, (ii) Learn new skills, practise and pass on old skills, (iii) Promote their own and other men's health and well-being. (iv) Help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

What the charity does: The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Community development

Who the charity helps: General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Volunteers

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,491	£11,028	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alastair Davidson		
David Craig		
Gerry Cunningham		
Richard Manning		
Rosemary O'donnell		
Sam Parkhill		

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Accounts

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Trustees	David Craig Sam Parkhill Alastair Davidson Richard Manning Rosemary O'Donnell Gerry Cunningham
Chairperson	Sam Parkhill
Secretary	Bob Parke
Treasurer	Gerry Cunningham
Office	Unit 7B Benbow Industrial Estate 15 Killylane Road Eglinton BT47 3DW
Bank	Danske Bank Donegal Square West Belfast BT1 6JS
Accountants	PFS & Partners Chartered Certified Accountants 16 Main Street Limavady BT49 0EU

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

TRUSTEES' REPORT

This is our fourth year of formal reporting to the Charity Commission. This is a report for the financial year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 as an integral part of the process to complete and approve the Annual Accounts for this period.

Full reporting consistent with the Charity Commission's annual reporting requirements will be completed to meet the submission deadline of January 31, 2026 set by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Current Trustees:

Alastair Davidson (Chairman), David Craig (Secretary), Sam Parkhill, Richard Manning, Rosemary O'Donnell, Gerry Cunningham (appointed Sept, 2024)

At a meeting of our Trustees on Oct 21, 2024 we included:

- Recapping on the responsibilities of Trustees and confirming each person's intent to remain in position and to accept these responsibilities.
 - All current trustees wished to remain in place and accept the responsibilities of a trustee of a registered charity
- Reviewing the Public Benefit Statement of Eglinton Men's Shed and reflecting on our performance consistent with this statement.
 - The Trustees consider that the activities of our Shed continue to meet the intent of our Public Benefit Statement.
- Taking stock of our financial position and the continued viability of our enterprise.
 - We remain satisfied with the managing & accounting processes and operation of the Shed's Management Committee. During the year our bank account was transferred from First Trust to Danske to reduce costs and to ease administration.
 - A key element is the continued efforts to secure appropriate grant funding to supplement our income. We are grateful to all grant funders including DCSDC, RAPID, The Honourable The Irish Society, Faughanvale Credit Union and WHSCB/PHA for project support including some running costs.
 - We remain confident with regard to our financial viability and our ability to continue consistent with the declared purposes of our organisation.
 - We are most grateful that during the year under review we were granted a new Lease by our Landlord for a period of 10 years at the same peppercorn rent of £1 per annum only.

Achievements & Performance

We continued to strive successfully to satisfy the objects of our organisation set out in our governing document:

To promote personal development, positive mental health and physical activities for the benefit of individuals from in and around the village of Eglinton and district, to advance the health, wellbeing and education of its members by providing a safe and happy environment where the members can, in the company of others:

- Pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests,
- Learn new skills, practise and pass on old skills,
- Promote their own and other men's health and well-being.
- Help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

Our Management Committee met 8 times during the year and we held our AGM in September. We did not convene any Special General Meetings.

Throughout the reporting year Eglinton Men's Shed remained open for all the planned hours, normally 3 days per week, providing a friendly welcoming space for members and visitors. However we opened on lots of other occasions due to various activities in progress and the enthusiasm of members to complete tasks. Our membership roll and volunteering hours were maintained.

As in previous years a wide range of construction, repair and renovation tasks were undertaken, in both the main woodworking workshop and in our metal-working facility, for both members and the wider community.

Picture framing, with the purchase of equipment and consumables, was developed as a fully-fledged activity in our Shed with appropriate training being provided. Our polytunnel continues to be a hive of activity.

During the latter half of the reporting year our Landlord gave consent for us to occupy and renovate an unused shed/outhouse adjacent to our main premises for the purposes of storage. We renovated the roof, added a side wall and fitted a secure door to render the space more usable.

A review of our policies & procedures was completed during the Spring & Summer of 2024 with amendments and updates as necessary.

A variety of additional activities were on offer throughout the year including:

- Marshalling at the Eglinton Road Runners event at Campsie (July, '24).
- Our Shed hosted a visit from "Plough On", a charity aimed at providing companionship for retired farmers (July, '24)
- Excursion of members by train to Ulster Transport Museum at Cultra (Aug, '24).
- Our Shed took a stand at Eglinton Annual Show (Sept, '24) and conducted a small survey to assess opinions of our local community about the Shed with

very positive feedback being received plus some items of improvement.

- Night out for members, partners and friends in Eglinton Cricket Club (Dec, '24)
- Participation in two on-line seminars on Carbon Literacy Training as part of a grant application to improve our collective carbon footprint for the Shed (Jan, '25)
- Work started on the soil /site preparation for the wildflower field (Spring, '25). Sowing has since been completed in two phases.
- Participation in a gathering of Men's Sheds at Stormont.

The continued flow of members/volunteers through our doors remains clear evidence of the value we continue to offer. One of the most important aspects of our activities continues to be the provision of a warm, safe, friendly space for members and guests to visit and use, whether they wished to be involved in woodwork, metalwork, picture framing, gardening, playing pool, using our free library, or simply sitting down for a coffee and a chat. The comradeship of shared endeavours serves to strengthen bonds and helps eliminate loneliness and social isolation. All these activities contributed in a very significant manner to the achievement of our objectives as listed above.

We continue outreach to all sections of our community and to contribute to cross-community fellowship which is so important to nurture our local society. We continued to network with other Men's Sheds.

In summary the Trustees are confident that the overall management of Eglinton Men's Shed continued to be to a high standard, are confident of the probity of its Officers and Committee and are confident that Eglinton Men's Shed has a sustainable future.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. J. David Craig', written in a cursive style.

David Craig

Date:

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Eglinton Men's Shed
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

PFS & Partners


PFS & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
16 Main Street
Limavady
BT49 0EU

Date: 27 August 2025

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted		Total 2025	Total 2024
		Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations & Collections	2	1,719	-	1,719	1,343
Grants	3	1,150	5,050	6,200	6,689
Fundraising	4	4,773	-	4,773	5,407
Membership Fees		800	-	800	973
		<u>8,441</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>13,491</u>	<u>14,411</u>
Payments					
Tools and materials		4,355	-	4,355	4,970
Polytunnel		756	751	1,507	516
Light & heat		311	1,100	1,411	1,411
Insurance		1	540	541	795
Rent and rates		-	-	-	-
Repairs		36	800	836	3,051
Telecommunications		210	400	610	458
Printing & stationery		122	310	432	762
Travel		71	160	231	172
Consumables & sundry		2	586	589	1,321
Bank charges		177	-	177	163
Governance costs (Accountancy fees)		-	340	340	325
Total Payments		<u>6,040</u>	<u>4,988</u>	<u>11,028</u>	<u>13,945</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>2,401</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>466</u>
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		<u>2,401</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>466</u>
Reconciliation 31 March 2024					
Cash at bank & in hand 1 April 2024		6,786	-	6,786	6,320
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end		2,401	62	2,463	466
Cash at bank & in hand 31 March 2025		<u>9,187</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>6,786</u>

Approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:


Gerry Cunningham
Treasurer


Sam Parkhill
Chairperson


Bob Parke
Secretary

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account	9,148	62	9,210	6,747
Cash on hand	39	-	39	39
	<u>9,187</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>6,786</u>
Grant Debtors Due				
DCSDC	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's objectives.

2 Donations & Collections

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid	709	-	709	-
Donations	858	-	858	930
Sundries	152	-	152	413
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>1,343</u>

3 Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC)	-	4,000	4,000	4,648
Rural Area Partner (RAPID)	1,150	-	1,150	-
The Honourable The Irish Society	-	900	900	2,040
WHSCT	-	150	150	-
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,689</u>

4 Fundraising

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Workshop income	3,166	-	3,166	4,312
Polytunnel income	314	-	314	259
Picture framing sales	1,235	-	1,235	810
Woodturning	58	-	58	26
	<u>4,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,773</u>	<u>5,407</u>

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

No trustee or connected person were paid for services during the year.

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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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Current Trustees:

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At each meeting of our Trustees we include:

- Recapping on the responsibilities of Trustees and confirming each person's intent to remain in position and to accept these responsibilities.
 - All current trustees wish to remain in place and accept the responsibilities of a trustee of a registered charity
- Reviewing the Public Benefit Statement of Eglinton Men's Shed and reflecting on our performance consistent with this statement.
 - We remain confident that we continue to satisfy the intent of our Public Benefit Statement.
- Taking stock of our financial position and the continued viability of our enterprise.
 - We remain fully satisfied with the managing & accounting processes and operation of the Shed's Management Committee (this committee had 6 formal meetings during the year).
 - In particular, the continued diligence of Bob Parke, who led efforts to secure appropriate grant funding to supplement our income, was a very valuable contribution. We remain confident with regard to our financial viability and our ability to continue consistent with the declared purposes of our organisation.

Achievements & Performance

We continued efforts to recover fully from the Covid-19 pandemic and to get activities fully back to normal as the confidence of members, particularly older and more vulnerable members, eventually returned to fully engage in group activities.

We continued to strive successfully to satisfy the objects of our organisation set out in our governing document:

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- (iv) Help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

Our Management Committee met 8 times during the year. We held our Annual General Meeting on Sept 20, 2023. We did not convene any Special General Meetings.

Throughout the reporting year Eglinton Men's Shed remained open for all the planned hours, normally 3 days per week, providing a friendly welcoming space for members and visitors. However we opened on lots of other occasions due to various activities in progress and the enthusiasm of members to complete tasks.

The main hub of internal activity in the Shed continued to be the main workshop with a number of team and individual woodworking projects. Projects were undertaken throughout the year including making such items such as planters and benches for mostly community spaces but also for some private clients.

Our metal-working workshop got fully up and running effectively. In addition we provided a picture-framing service to some in our local community. Both the metal-working and picture framing proved very successful to supplement our core wood-working activities in our main workshop.

Of necessity, work had been ongoing on maintaining the combined bench/planters throughout the village to continue to enhance the appearance of the village and to complement increased activity from other community groups.

Volunteer hours were 5,806 as estimated by members and visitors signing "in" and signing "out" of our main premises. This represented a 37% increase from the previous year (estimated on the same basis). We do not record Polytunnel or off-site hours so the total figure is probably of the order of 5-10% higher.

These figures are very encouraging and clearly demonstrate the continuing commitment of the Officers and Committee to ensure that the Shed was available to serve its members/volunteers, and that the members clearly felt the benefits, otherwise their attendance would not have been maintained at such a high level.

We organised a very successful Open Day on April 18, 2023. This afforded the opportunity to engage with our local community, funders, clients and others, including local elected representatives, other local charities and social enterprises & community groups.

Our membership roll has remained stable around 40 - the sad passing of some members over the period having been balanced by new members joining. As with any organisation such as

ours, attendance varies but we regularly see up to 20 persons setting foot in the Shed on a daily basis – evidence of the continuing value derived by these folks.

Our programme of talks continued and four open talks were held with a good attendance at all by members, their families and others from our local community:

We held a very well-attended pre-Christmas social get-together on Dec 14, 2023 that appeared to be thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

We are well past our “honeymoon period” as a new organisation but the continued flow of members/volunteers through our doors remains clear evidence of the value of what we offer. One of the most important aspects of our activities continues to be the provision of a warm, safe, friendly space for members and guests to visit and use, whether they wished to be involved in woodwork, metalwork, gardening, playing pool, using our free library, or simply sitting down for a coffee and a chat. The comradeship of shared endeavours serves to strengthen bonds and helps eliminate loneliness and social isolation. All these activities contributed in a very significant manner to the achievement of our objectives as listed above.

Along with our partners, Eglinton Annual Show Committee and Eglinton Community House, we have continued to maintain a wide variety of floral displays across the village, including planters attached to the benches which we made a few years ago, as well as a number of free standing planters made in our workshop. This activity continues to expand year on year.

We continue outreach to all sections of our community and to contribute to cross-community fellowship which is so important to nurture our local society. As part of our continual efforts to maintain, and hopefully increase, our public profile in our community we took two tables at the Eglinton Annual Show (Sept 2, 2023). This provided the opportunity to engage with the public and to showcase our activities.

We continued to network with other Men’s Sheds and, more specifically, hosted a visit from Ballycastle Men’s Shed on Oct 4, 2023.

In summary the Trustees are confident that the overall management of Eglinton Men’s Shed continued to be to a high standard, are confident of the probity of its Officers and Committee and are confident that Eglinton Men’s Shed has a sustainable future.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



David Craig

Date: 20/8/2024

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Chartered Certified Accountants
16 Main Street
Limavady
BT49 0EU

Date: 23 August 2024

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
Year End: 31 March 2024
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations & Collections	2	1,343	-	1,343	1,857
Grants	3	-	6,689	6,689	6,047
Fundraising	4	5,407	-	5,407	2,756
Membership Fees		973	-	973	965
		<u>7,723</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>14,411</u>	<u>11,625</u>
Payments					
Tools and materials		4,970	-	4,970	3,946
Polytunnel		516	-	516	1,446
Light & heat		(629)	2,040	1,411	1,246
Insurance		70	725	795	652
Rent and rates		-	-	-	1
Repairs		1,251	1,800	3,051	605
Telecommunications		108	350	458	459
Printing & stationery		237	525	762	366
Travel		22	150	172	262
Consumables & sundry		446	875	1,321	593
Bank charges		163	-	163	168
Governance costs (Accountancy fees)		-	325	325	240
Payments for assets					
New Equipment		-	-	-	489
		<u>7,155</u>	<u>6,790</u>	<u>13,945</u>	<u>10,472</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>568</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>1,152</u>
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		<u>568</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>1,152</u>
Reconciliation 31 March 2024					
Cash at bank & in hand 1 April 2023		6,218	102	6,320	5,168
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end		568	(102)	466	1,152
Cash at bank & in hand 31 March 2024		<u>6,786</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>6,320</u>

Approved by the trustees on 20/8/24 and signed on their behalf by:


Gerry Cunningham
 Treasurer


Sam Parkhill
 Chairperson


Bob Parke
 Secretary

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
Year End: 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account	6,747	-	6,747	6,220
Cash on hand	39	-	39	100
	<u>6,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>6,320</u>
Grant Debtors Due				
DCSDC	-	-	-	648
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's objectives.

2 Donations & Collections

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gift Aid	-	-	-	155
Donations	930	-	930	1,565
Sundries	413	-	413	137
	<u>1,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,857</u>

3 Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	4,648	4,648	3,200
Community Foundation	-	-	-	750
Rural Area Partner (RAPID)	-	2,040	2,040	1,497
Eglinton Community	-	-	-	600
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,047</u>

4 Fundraising	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Workshop income	4,312	-	4,312	2,416
Polytunnel income	259	-	259	244
Picture framing sales	810	-	810	-
Woodturning	26	-	26	96
	<u>5,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>2,756</u>

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Annual report

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These figures are very encouraging and clearly demonstrate the continuing commitment of the Officers and Committee to ensure that the Shed was available to serve its members/ volunteers, and that the members clearly felt the benefits, otherwise their attendance would not have been maintained at such a high level.

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



David Craig

Date: 20/8/2024

Eglinton Men's Shed

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107554

Annual return

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
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YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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Current Trustees:

Alastair Davidson (Chairman), David Craig (Secretary), Sam Parkhill, Richard Manning and Rosemary O'Donnell (appointed Sept, 2023).

At each meeting of our Trustees we include:

- Recapping on the responsibilities of Trustees and confirming each person's intent to remain in position and to accept these responsibilities.
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- Reviewing the Public Benefit Statement of Eglinton Men's Shed and reflecting on our performance consistent with this statement.
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David Craig

Date: 20/8/2024

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Eglinton Men's Shed
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
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Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

PFS & Partners


PFS & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
16 Main Street
Limavady
BT49 0EU

Date: 23 August 2024

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
Year End: 31 March 2024
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Receipts					
Donations & Collections	2	1,343	-	1,343	1,857
Grants	3	-	6,689	6,689	6,047
Fundraising	4	5,407	-	5,407	2,756
Membership Fees		973	-	973	965
		<u>7,723</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>14,411</u>	<u>11,625</u>
Payments					
Tools and materials		4,970	-	4,970	3,946
Polytunnel		516	-	516	1,446
Light & heat		(629)	2,040	1,411	1,246
Insurance		70	725	795	652
Rent and rates		-	-	-	1
Repairs		1,251	1,800	3,051	605
Telecommunications		108	350	458	459
Printing & stationery		237	525	762	366
Travel		22	150	172	262
Consumables & sundry		446	875	1,321	593
Bank charges		163	-	163	168
Governance costs (Accountancy fees)		-	325	325	240
Payments for assets					
New Equipment		-	-	-	489
		<u>7,155</u>	<u>6,790</u>	<u>13,945</u>	<u>10,472</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>568</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>1,152</u>
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		<u>568</u>	<u>(102)</u>	<u>466</u>	<u>1,152</u>
Reconciliation 31 March 2024					
Cash at bank & in hand 1 April 2023		6,218	102	6,320	5,168
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end		568	(102)	466	1,152
Cash at bank & in hand 31 March 2024		<u>6,786</u>	<u>(-)</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>6,320</u>

Approved by the trustees on 20/8/24 and signed on their behalf by:


Gerry Cunningham
 Treasurer


Sam Parkhill
 Chairperson


Bob Parke
 Secretary

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
Year End: 31 March 2024

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account	6,747	-	6,747	6,220
Cash on hand	39	-	39	100
	<u>6,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,786</u>	<u>6,320</u>
Grant Debtors Due				
DCSDC	-	-	-	648
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>648</u>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's objectives.

2 Donations & Collections

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Gift Aid	-	-	-	155
Donations	930	-	930	1,565
Sundries	413	-	413	137
	<u>1,343</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,343</u>	<u>1,857</u>

3 Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Derry City & Strabane District Council	-	4,648	4,648	3,200
Community Foundation	-	-	-	750
Rural Area Partner (RAPID)	-	2,040	2,040	1,497
Eglinton Community	-	-	-	600
	<u>-</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,689</u>	<u>6,047</u>

4 Fundraising	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2024	Total 2023
	Funds	Funds		
	£	£	£	£
Workshop income	4,312	-	4,312	2,416
Polytunnel income	259	-	259	244
Picture framing sales	810	-	810	-
Woodturning	26	-	26	96
	<u>5,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>2,756</u>

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

No trustee or connected person were paid for services during the year.

Eglinton Men's Shed

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107554

Accounts

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Current Trustees:

Alastair Davidson (Chairman), David Craig (Secretary), Sam Parkhill, Richard Manning (appointed Sept, 2022).

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Trustee, Gerard O'Donnell on November 25, 2022. Gerard was a founder member and the driving force behind the establishment of our Men's Shed. His considerable contributions will be greatly missed.

It is intended to appoint a new trustee at our upcoming AGM.

The Trustees met twice during the reporting period.

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Achievements & Performance

Over the reporting period, as we started to emerge from the darkest period of the COVID crisis, the pressure from our members to re-open and re-energise all our core activities had

made it clear to us that what we offer is an invaluable resource, way beyond our original expectations. The fact that over the period we have not lost any members, (other than one member passing away, and one moving to Cavan), but rather gained a couple, is tribute to what we do and a great encouragement to continue.

Consequently this period has been one of recovering from and consolidation of activities after the Covid-19 pandemic We continued to strive successfully to satisfy the objects of our organisation set out in our governing document:

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With the gradual easing of restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic, life in our Shed gradually returned to some sort of normality although there has been some hesitancy by a few of our older and more vulnerable members due to lingering misgivings about health risks that we had to overcome to get them fully engaged.

Our doors were opened on 254 days in the review period, although this does not include figures for the polytunnel when the main building was closed, that is, weekends for watering etc. Our "official" opening days (3 per week) accounts for 156 days, so it is clear that the desire, commitment and need to use the facilities had resulted in many additional days of opening.

The accumulated "Volunteer Hours" were well in excess of 4,000 hrs, as estimated via our signing-in book (although this does not include figures for the polytunnel).

The figures above clearly demonstrate the continuing commitment of the Officers and Committee to ensure that the Shed was available to serve its members/volunteers, and that the members clearly felt the benefits, otherwise their attendance would not have been maintained at such a high level.

The main hub of internal activity in the Shed continued to be the main workshop with a number of team and individual woodworking projects.

A key expansion of our activities has been bringing to fruition the provision of metal working activities and provision of essential instruction on metal working. Some small projects started in May, 2022 with the facility being fully commissioned by September, 2022. Equipment available for use includes a metal band saw, a drill press, a metal cut-off saw, a pedestal grinder, an electric welder plus a variety of hand tools. Projects included making shelving and racks for community groups in the village.

Our programme of talks was resumed and we held three talks that were open to members, their families and non-members. These were well attended.

Our walking group, which meets on Tuesdays, continued activities although they were often frustrated by inclement weather.

The flow of members/volunteers through our doors remains clear evidence of the value of what we offer. One of the most important aspects of our activities continues to be the provision of a warm, safe, convivial space for members and guests to visit and use, whether they wished to be involved in woodwork, metalwork, gardening, playing pool, using our free library, or simply sitting down for a coffee and a chat. The comradeship of shared endeavours serves to strengthen bonds and helps eliminate loneliness and social isolation. All these activities contributed in a very significant manner to the achievement of our objectives as listed above.

Our endeavours to share and pass on skills in our various workshops ensure active and positive participation in learning processes, and also serve to enhance the skills of the trainers. As a “one-off” project we have recently completed the making of 70 nesting boxes for kestrels and 50 normal bird nesting boxes for a joint commercial/community project in the Strathfoyle area. This has meant adapting our usual “single piece” working to a more “production-line” method, with several people being tasked with specific jobs, to achieve the scale of preparation required. This has been a most interesting learning process, and will stand us in good stead should any similar enquiries come our way in the future.

Along with our partners, Eglinton Annual Show Committee and Eglinton Community House, we have continued to maintain a wide variety of floral displays across the village, including planters attached to the benches which we made a few years ago, as well as a number of freestanding planters made in our workshop. This work is ongoing and we envisage it being further developed as we move forward.

When the local ethical food retailer became a co-operative venture having commenced some years ago as a private enterprise, we assisted in reconfiguring the premises to make them more customer friendly, and the steady growth of that business has contributed to the environment with its emphasis on plastic-free packaging and, where possible, low “food-miles” stocking. This in turn is a benefit to local agricultural producers of fruit, vegetables, dairy products, oils etc. We are proud to be a contributor to this success story.

Part of this outreach has resulted in our workshops doing jobs for all three local Churches, from creating life-sized Christmas Crib figures for St. Canice’s, C. of I., to repairing seats for Faughanvale Presbyterian Church, and repairing, refurbishing and polishing the Sanctus Bell for Star of the Sea Church (R.C.) in Faughanvale. Such activities contribute to cross-community fellowship which is so important to nurture our local society.

Overall our Management Committee has continued to be forward looking to enhance our offering to existing members and to attract more participation from our local community:

- During this reporting period detailed planning was carried out for an Open Day in April, 2023
- Overseeing of all of the work to complete and commission a metalworking facility and to provide essential training to enable safe operation.
- Supporting gradual improvement of the facilities in our Polytunnel with the installation of an irrigation system in the tunnel and new cold frames outside the tunnel. All this has all led to increased use of the facilities and attracted members to

further engage in healthy, open air physical activity which has proved extremely beneficial to all those involved.

- Further modifications/improvements have been made to our grounds including resurfacing of the access road to the Polytunnel.
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Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

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David Craig

Date: 12/9/23

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CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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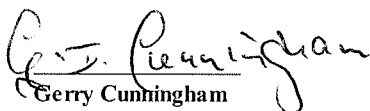
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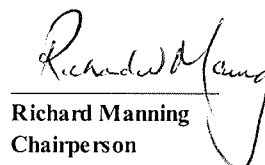
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EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Receipts					
Donations & Collections	2	1,857	-	1,857	255
Grants	3	600	5,447	6,047	15,020
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Eglinton Men's Shed

Northern Ireland - Charity number 107554

Annual report

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Annual return

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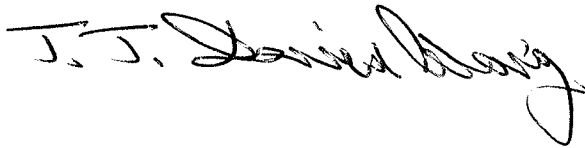
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David Craig

Date: 12/9/23

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Eglinton Men's Shed

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As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

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Basis of independent examiner's report

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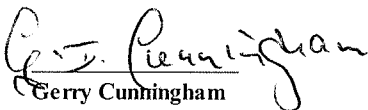
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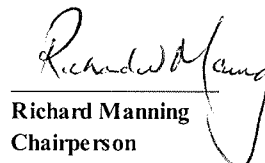
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