

Portadown Men's Shed

Northern Ireland · Charity number 108759

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2022-07-25
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 30 or over, from becoming socially excluded by any charitable means but in particular by assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, health programmes, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially.

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

How the charity works: Community development, Environment/sustainable development/conservation, General charitable purposes, Welfare/benevolent

Who the charity helps: General public, Men, Mental health, Older people, Voluntary and community sector

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£31,723	£16,837	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr David William Thornton		
Mr Eugene O'hare		
Mr William Robert Reaney		

Portadown Men's Shed

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Accounts

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Portadown's Mens Shed

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 04/04/2025, which are set out on page 1.

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 procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) 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.

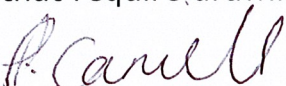
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I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to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

Signed:  2/5/25

NAME: TERRI CARVILL

ORGANISATION: TADA Rural Support Network

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Accounts

Portadown Men's Shed : NIC 108759
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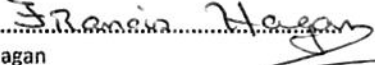
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Approved by the Trustees on 22-07-24 and signed on their behalf by..

Signed: 
Francis Hagan

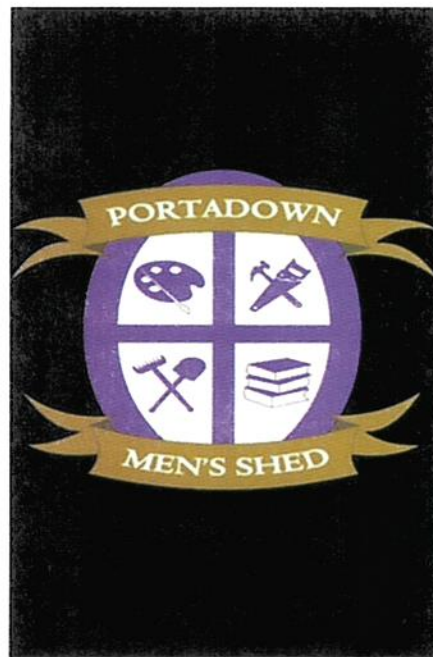
Date: 22-07-2024,

Portadown Men's Shed

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Annual report

Portadown Men's Shed Trustee Report – August 2024



Registered Charity NIC 108759

PORTADOWN MEN'S SHED

c/o Log Cabin, the Secret Garden, Eden Villas, Bachelors Walk, Portadown, BT63 5EQ.

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1.0 Charity's Purpose

Our purpose is to promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 30 or over, from becoming socially excluded by any charitable means but in particular by assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, health programmes, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially.

Currently there are approximately 20 full-time members of the Shed which includes a small number of disabled individuals. There is a cross-section of ability and age across the membership which is cross-community and cross cultural including foreign nationals.

2.0 Legal Obligations

The charity trustees have complied with the duty to have regard to the guidance issued by the Commission under Section 4(b) of the Charities Act.

The trustees have reviewed the financial status of the Men's Shed and are satisfied that the organisation is solvent with no outstanding debt.

The trustees can attest that the Men's Shed is well managed and all activities are risk assessed to ensure no harm is caused to members or equipment. Experienced committee members conduct training for new members on the use of tooling and powered cutting equipment.

3.0 Public Benefit

3.1 What has been done and achieved

The direct benefits which flow from the purpose of improving community development have been increased participation in community development in the local area. We have supported all members of the community to become involved in the development of the local community which gives a sense of ownership and belonging. Our members have been given opportunities to be fully involved in self-help programmes which improve mental health outcomes. These activities have ensured that the health and wellbeing needs of all our members have been supported. There has also been an increase in the benefits of our work in the wider community some of which is listed below.

Due to the effects of the pandemic the Men's Shed did suffer from a lack of growth leading to a small reduction in membership and overall performance.

As the charity involves a membership generally of older individuals that was unsurprising. Nevertheless as society opened up again new members have been attracted and activities have ramped up again.

A brief description of tasks undertaken is listed below:

- Construction of outdoor shelters for other charities – Changing Lives NI and the Lawrencetown, Lenaderg and Tullylish Community Association
- Woodwork classes for the youth of Lurgan YMCA and the ladies of The Carer Unite Carers Support team
- Assistance to the gardening project undertaken by teachers at St John the Baptist senior school, Moy Road, Portadown. The school children were shown how to prepare and plant vegetables and flowers. These were subsequently harvested and enjoyed by the children
- Repair of wooden huts and structures including assembly of metal bike sheds for Bleary Primary School
- Assistance to the elderly in Craigavon – garden clearance, including tree and hedge removal, dismantling old sheds, replacing with a new shed and ramp for disability scooter. Rearrangement of gate and entrance to facilitate the access for the scooter storage.
- Assistance to the TCV (The Conservation Volunteers) at Eden Villas – supporting 'the Green Gym'
- Evening classes in art and pyrography for the members
- Visits to neighbouring sheds in Armagh, Newtownhamilton and Annaghmore
- Visit to the Transport Museum followed by a meal at a local restaurant
- Taking part in the TAK£500+ schemes to raise funds for woodworking equipment
- Providing garden benches and planters for local charities e.g. Knitted Knockers and for individuals and friends of the Shed
- Providing support to the local Rotary Club in refurbishing the model train and providing colourful planters to fit the train which is now proudly displayed by translink outside Portadown railway station

All of the above activities have raised funds for the Shed with each one helping raise essential funds for the running of the Shed. However the prices charged as agreed by the Committee are largely established at a modest rate appropriate to the organisation's ability to pay.

3.2 What difference has the charity made

The charity has more than fulfilled its ambition to help the community as witnessed by the welcome received by all who benefited.

Six ladies from the the Carers Unite Carers Support Group visited the Shed for one day per week over 4 weeks to learn basic carpentry skills making birdboxes and triple layer planters. This proved extremely popular with the ladies who booked a repeat session this year.

The response from the children and teachers at St John The Baptist school has been very rewarding – children are losing touch with how food is grown and how to produce food. This exercise has proven to be very successful. Representatives were invited back to a school Christmas concert to say thank you to all school supporters throughout the year.

The Lurgan YMCA recognises the importance of giving young people in the area something constructive to do and to thereby keep them off the street. Shed members were invited to come to Lurgan to teach the youth how to make planters. This entailed taking timber, a chop saw, drills and other associated kit to site to enable the work to be carried out. This exercise proved hugely successful resulting in two beautiful planters proudly displayed on the balcony of their premises. An invite to return has been given to continue more teaching classes.

The Shed was invited to participate in selling items produced at the shed at a Christmas market stall at the Lakes Centre in Craigavon. Wooden Christmas trees, miniature Santas and crofters cottages, turned items, walking sticks were snapped up to help raise funds for the Shed running costs. This event proved very successful and helped raise the profile of the Shed in the locality.

Apart from the benefit to the community there is a bonus of the great sense of camaraderie and satisfaction gained by the men themselves for being part of such an effort.

4.0 Trustee sign- off

We the undersigned trustees, appointed by the Men's Shed General Committee, and who act according to the Men's Shed Constitution, declare that this report is an accurate account of the events surrounding and current status of Portadown Men's Shed.

Signed by:

Eugene O'Hare..... *Eugene O'Hare*.....

William Reaney..... *W. Reaney*.....

David Thornton..... *D. Thornton*.....

Date: *19th August '24*.....

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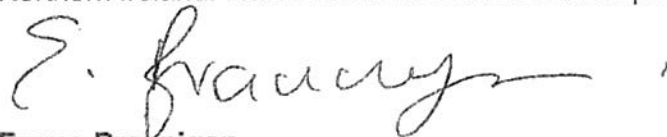
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Network Manager
ABC Community Network
22 July 2024