

# Ellon and District Men's Shed

Scotland · Charity number SC044586

## Details

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Known as	Ellon Men's Shed
Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2014-01-15
Register	<a href="#">View on the OSCR register</a>

## Contact

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**Address**  
The Shed  
Hospital Road  
Ellon  
Aberdeenshire  
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AB419AW

**Website** [www.ellonmensshed.org](http://www.ellonmensshed.org)

## Activities

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**Activities:** 'It carries out activities or services itself'

**Purposes:** 'the provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational activities, with the object of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities or activities are primarily intended'

**What the charity does:** The purpose of the organisation is to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and wellbeing of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Ellon and surrounding area

**Beneficiaries:** 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'People with a particular ethnic or racial origin', 'Other defined groups'

**Objectives:** 4. The Organisation has been formed to benefit the 'communities of Buchan and Formartine, Aberdeenshire' for men and women with the following purposes, the "Purposes": 4.1. to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and wellbeing of men and women of all ages and backgrounds. 4.2. creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed. 4.3. offering opportunities for men and women to meet and undertake physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice. 4.4. reducing isolation of men and women thus contributing to their physical and mental well being. and 4.5. developing the capacity of men and women to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

## Geography

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- **Main operating location:** Aberdeenshire
- **Geographical spread:** A specific local point, community or neighbourhood

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2026-01-31	£46,208	£42,192	-	0
2025-01-31	£43,618	£29,997	-	0
2024-01-31	£20,373	£23,497	-	0
2023-01-31	£32,058	£31,713	-	0
2022-01-31	£15,861	£18,317	-	0
2021-01-31	£16,839	£3,739	-	0

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# Accounts

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**Appendix 1**



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day	Month	Year			Year
From		1st	February	2025	To	31st	January 2026

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

<b>Charity name</b>	Ellon and District Men's Shed
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>	
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC044586
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Hospital Road
	Ellon
	<b>Postcode</b> AB41 9AW

**Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report**

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Andrew Leonard	Chairman		AGM election
2	Colin Gibb	Vice Chairman		AGM election
3	Gillian Forrest	Secretary		AGM election
4	Andrew Leonard	Treasurer		AGM election
5	Ronnie Gair	Trustee		AGM election
6	Alexander Burnett	Trustee		AGM election
7	Ian Elder	Trustee		AGM election
8	Duncan Macrae	Trustee		AGM election
9	John Hardy	Trustee		AGM election
10	Mike Bruce	Trustee		AGM election
11	Niall Webster	Trustee		AGM election
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**Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>

**Type of governing document**

Constitution

**Trustee recruitment and appointment**

Nominations at AGM and co-options at other times.

**Charitable purposes**

The purpose of the organisation is to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and wellbeing of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Ellon and surrounding area

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

- a) Creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed.
- b) Offering opportunities for men in the Ellon area to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice.
- c) Reducing isolation of men in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing.
- d) Developing the capacity of men in the Ellon area to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period**

The year has been another busy one for the Shed with some significant changes,

We adopted a new constitution – a requirement for the Asset Transfer Request (see below) and to allow women to be members of the overall organisation (also a requirement for some funding bodies).

Early in 2025 we held exploratory meetings about establishing a women's shed. In April we held the first sessions of the Women's Shed – meeting on alternate Wednesdays. This is continuing with about 12 women attending regularly. We need to consider how we progress this in the future on a sustainable basis.

For the Men's Shed we have about 60 men who attend regularly. In terms of visits to the Shed this has shown a progressive increase over the last 4 years – the average visits per week was 16 in 2020; 23 in 2021, 38 in 2022; 47 in 2023 and 2024; 55 in 2025.

Some highlights from the main workshops:

- Following on from last year's modifications to the main woodworking workshop we installed a new, more powerful and effective extraction system. The main workshop has had a busy time refurbishing items, making nest boxes, mink trackers, planters etc.
- The bike / motorbike workshop has been a great success. With Jim Hardy leading the pushbike refurbishing. We've donated bikes to the Academy, repaired and refurbished lots of bikes – and passed some on to Stella's Voice. Stuart Smith has been leading the motorbike work – now on the rebuild of the 6<sup>th</sup> bike (Norton Commando).
- The laser engraving has been very successful – with great stuff produced by Ian, Duncan and Arthur. Arthur worked tremendously hard in the run up to Christmas.
- Picture framing ticks along – generally undertaking bespoke repairs and new frames (including frames for a jigsaw and a tapestry)
- 3D printing has also been going well – Christmas gifts and repairs for equipment.
- CNC has been used for plaques, house signs and other speciality items. A new training course will shortly kick off so that more people can use the machine.
- Metal cold forming still needs to 'get off the ground' – but other metal working to help furniture refurbishing has gone well. Recently, Bill Higgins has been passing on welding skills to other members.

The IT training initiative with Aberdeenshire, Community Learning and Development (CLD) is continuing and proving to be very popular. The drop-in sessions on Mondays are well attended.

On the gardening front the polytunnel was well used last summer – with lots of tomatoes and other veg. David Stark used one of the greenhouses last summer.

In March 2026 we had a new 12.5m Polycrub installed to replace the old polytunnel. This was funded by a grant from the MacAskill Family Trust. This will be a great addition to the garden – giving more opportunities for propagation and growing fruit and veg.

The pétanque club (affiliated with the Scottish Pétanque Association) continues to meet on a Thursday afternoon. The playing surface needs to be re-laid as it is too soft and variable for competitions.

We have started a cribbage group with Ian McDonald taking the lead – it meets on a Tuesday morning c 10.30am. Come along if you want to join in.

Harry Emslie has continued with his terrific gardening work at Ythanvale and has been largely responsible for maintaining their gardens.

We'd like to attract more men who are in full or part time employment. We have significant capability at the Shed (3D printing, laser engraving, CNC router, picture framing, bike maintenance...) that more men could use. We need ideas on how to attract them.

We have been very successful with our fund raising in the last year.

In May we received a grant of £700 from the Rotary. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 we received £7066 from the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund to fund our running costs for the year (and we will receive a second payment of £7343 in 2027 to cover next year's running costs.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> January we received £12274 for the Polycrub from the MacAskill Family Trust. This paid for both purchase of the kit and installation. The installation was very efficiently done by North to South services, St Fergus.

In terms of 'external' events. We held open-days on 17<sup>th</sup> May and 15<sup>th</sup> November giving visitors a chance to have a look round, see what we are doing buy items made in the Shed and spare tools, and of course, have tea, cake and burgers. A big thank you to Shed members who made items to sell at both these events and for members of the men's and women's sheds who helped out on the day.

New member Andy Cruickshank helped Hybrid Gaming with guidance on soldering techniques.

In August, in collaboration with Aberdeenshire Council's Community & Learning team, we held a Family Learning Workshop at the Shed. Several families with young children came along and had a good time undertaking some craft and model building activities and watched a demonstration of the Shed's 3D printer.

We get a kick out of supporting young people's activities: e.g. donating bikes to the academy, supporting Arnage Primary School in their pre-Christmas project, family activity days, visits from the Brownies, nest-box building with a carer and 'her' children.

In October we held a fund-raising quiz at McDonald Golf Club.

We again opened the Shed as a 'Winter Café' for adults to come for warmth, company, board-games refreshment and food. We opened every Wednesday through November until end February. The sessions were run by members of both the men's and women's shed – thank you to those who helped out.

In January we had our Annual Meal Out, this year at McDonald Club, where 38 of our members and partners enjoyed a lovely lunch by Cuthberts catering.

To conclude, I look forward to the rest of 2026.

In March 2025 we submitted an Expression of Interest to Aberdeenshire Council for a Community Asset Transfer of the Shed. This is because our lease runs out in 2030 and we have run out of internal and external space at the Shed. We wish to:

- Secure long-term control of the Shed and it's site by purchase or, long term lease
- Expand the site area
- Ensure long term adequate electrical supply

We will continue to try and increase membership, expand into new activities, and provide a safe and enjoyable space for members to socialise and progress their hobbies. We will also look at other ways we can support the members – e.g. more health talks. If you have other ideas, please let us know.

We will continue to progress the women's shed and have some important decisions to make on how we do this. We will need to consult widely with the membership to make sure we do this well.

As the treasurer will tell you, we remain in a healthy financial position which gives us a solid basis to work from.

There are some areas we need more help with – two are particularly important: wood workshop supervision and webmaster to manage our social media presence. Please let us know if you could help.

It's been a very active and progressive year. This doesn't happen without hard work. I'm not going to highlight everyone's contribution – just to say a big thanks to all of them for support they've given the Shed. It takes time and hard work.

But there has been an extra effort this year to get the women's shed off the ground. Several trustees helped with this but Allan Forrest, Colin Gibb and Duncan Macrae put in significant extra time and effort to supporting this.

Please remember this is your Shed and we welcome your ideas and feedback on better ways to support you and the community. We also would welcome members to step up and become trustees to help run the Shed – the effort needs to be shared about.

So, I'll hang around a bit longer yet. But, September will mark 5 years as Chairman and 8 years as Treasurer.

**Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves**

We aim to maintain reserves amounting to c 3 months' running costs.

**Details of any deficit**

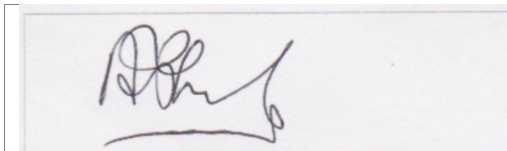
No deficits

**Donated facilities and services (if any)**

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

**Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees**

**Signature(s)**



**Full name(s)** Andrew Leonard

**Position (e.g. Chair)** Chairman

**Date** 13/04/2026

<b>ELLON &amp; DISTRICT MEN'S SHED</b>		<b>SC044586</b>						
<b>STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES</b>							-	
<b>(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)</b>								
<b>FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026</b>								
					<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds 2026</b>	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>
					<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		<i>Notes</i>						
Grants		1			26,040	1,500	27,540	29,403
Donations					-	1,225	1,225	2,903
Receipts from Fundraising Activities					-	4,552.88	4,553	3,657
Receipts from Charitable Activities					-	12,748	12,748	7,548
Investment Income					-	143	143	108
<b>Total Incoming Resources</b>					<b>26,040</b>	<b>20,168</b>	<b>46,208</b>	<b>43,618</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>								
Resources Expended for Fundraising					-	676	676	393
Resources Expended for Charitable Activities					25,294	15,982	41,276	29,424
Governance Costs - Independent Examination					-	240	240	180
<b>Total Resources Expended</b>					<b>25,294</b>	<b>16,898</b>	<b>42,192</b>	<b>29,997</b>
<b>Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year</b>					<b>746</b>	<b>3,270</b>	<b>4,017</b>	<b>13,622</b>
<b>Total Funds at 1 February 2025</b>					<b>18,594</b>	<b>13,379</b>	<b>31,973</b>	<b>18,351</b>
<b>Total Funds at 31 January 2026</b>					<b>19,340</b>	<b>16,649</b>	<b>35,989</b>	<b>31,973</b>
<p>The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.  The above receipts and payments are split between restricted and unrestricted funds.</p>								




<b><u>ELLON &amp; DISTRICT MEN'S SHED</u></b>		<b><u>SC044586</u></b>		
<b><u>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</u></b>				
<b><u>FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026</u></b>				
<b>Nature &amp; Purpose of Funds</b>				
The organisation successfully applied for funding for various projects and equipment with funding held as restricted and spent under the terms of the relevant funding agreements. Unrestricted funds consist of donations, fundraising and sales of new and refurbished items.				
<b>Trustee Remuneration &amp; Expenses</b>				
No remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee in this period.				
Direct reimbursement of purchases on behalf of the organisation were paid to 9 trustees on submission of receipts. These payments amounted to £1016 for routine Shed activities. In addition specific expenditure due to tool purchase funded by the Poverty Allevation Fund. £530 was paid to Jim Hardy and £899 to Duncan Macrae.				
<b>Grants</b>				
	Poverty Alleviation Fund	£6,000	(restricted)	
	Rotary	£700	(restricted)	
	CMHWF	£7,066	(restricted)	
	MacAskill Family Trust	£12,274	(restricted)	
	George Crombie Trust	£1,500	(unrestricted)	
		<b>£27,540</b>		

**EDMS RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026**

			TOTAL 25/26 £				TOTAL 25/26 £
<b>Receipts</b>				<b>Payments</b>			
	3D printer		149.00		3D printer		1,224.02
	Cards		21.00		Cards		0.00
	CNC		660.19		CNC		634.92
	Donations - miscellaneous		1,225.15		Event catering		624.79
	Event catering		711.64		Garden		343.02
	Garden		25.00		Kitchen & social		1,463.65
	Grants		27,540.00		Laser engraver		1,056.34
	Kitchen & social		2,051.73		Major Eqpt		1,845.06
	Laser engraver		862.84		Metal work		27.07
	Major Eqpt		0.00		Miscellaneous		1,271.08
	Metal work		0.00		Motorbikes		801.62
	Miscellaneous		948.31		Picture Framing		523.81
	Motorbikes		2,160.00		Push bikes		777.51
	Picture Framing		125.00		Quiz		50.91
	Push bikes		882.94		Refurbishing misc		3.98
	Quiz		763.20		Room hire		0.00
	Refurbishing misc		780.00		Running costs		8,809.52
	Room hire		0.00		Site Maintenance		0.00
	Site Maintenance		0.00		Site work - capex		17,229.52
	Site work - capex		54.91		Tools - woodworking		1,286.96
	Tools - woodworking		49.80		Trailer		0.00
	Trailer		78.00		Training		0.00
	Wooden workshop		6,977.12		Wooden workshop		4218.17
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>46,065.83</b>				
	Bank Interest		142.64				
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>46,208.47</b>		<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>42,191.95</b>
					<b>Surplus/(Deficit) for the year</b>		<b>4,016.52</b>

**APPENDIX 3**



		<b>Independent examiner's report on the accounts</b>						
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	Charity name	Ellon and District Men's Shed						
	<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC044586						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	February	2025	<b>to</b>	31	January	2026	
<b>Set out on pages</b>	Receipts & Payments accounts on pages 8 – 11 attached					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)		
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.							
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An 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 seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 accounts.							
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>have not been met.</p>							
<b>Signed:</b>					<b>Date:</b>	15 April 2026		
<b>Name:</b>	Ian Gourlay							
<b>Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):</b>								
<b>Address:</b>	43 Gordon Place							
	Bridge of Don							
	Aberdeen							
	AB23 8RB							

\*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.