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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

Ellon and District Men's Shed
SC044586
Hospital Road
Ellon
Postcode AB41 9AW

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

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Type of governing document

Trustee recruitment and appointment

Constitution
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 6th 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 1st 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 20th 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 17th May and 15th 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

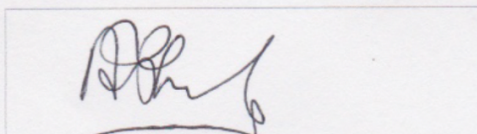
No deficits

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

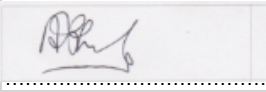
Position (e.g. Chair)

Chairman

Date

13/04/2026

ELLON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED		SC044586							
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES								-	
(INCLUDING RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT)									
FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026									
						Restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
						Funds	Funds	Funds	Funds
								2026	2025
RECEIPTS				<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
Total Incoming Resources					26,040	20,168	46,208		43,618
PAYMENTS									
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
Total Resources Expended					25,294	16,898	42,192		29,997
Net Incoming / (Outgoing) resources for Year					746	3,270	4,017		13,622
Total Funds at 1 February 2025					18,594	13,379	31,973		18,351
Total Funds at 31 January 2026					19,340	16,649	35,989		31,973
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.									

ELLON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED			SC044586				
STATEMENT OF BALANCES							
AS AT 31 JANUARY 2026							
						Total	Total
				Restricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Funds
				Funds	Funds	2025	2024
				£	£	£	£
Cash and Bank Balances at 1 February 2025				18593.77	13379.27	31,973	18,351
Surplus/(deficit) for the year				746	3,271	4,017	13,622
Cash and Bank Balances at 31 January 2025				19,340	16,650	35,990	31,973
Cash & Bank Balances as at 31 January 2026:							
Account -1 (Treasurers Account)	1,550.77						
Instant Access Account (interest bearing)	34,011.79						
Account 2	200.00						
Petty Cash in Hand	226.59						
	£35,989.15						
Fixed Assets							
CNC Machine (Year 4/7)	£7,000.00						
The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 13/4/20206 and were signed on its behalf by:							
							
Trustee							
Andrew Leonard							


<u>ELLON & DISTRICT MEN'S SHED</u>			<u>SC044586</u>		
<u>NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS</u>					
<u>FOR YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2026</u>					
Nature & Purpose of Funds					
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.					
Trustee Remuneration & Expenses					
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.					
Grants					
	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)	
			£27,540		

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

			TOTAL 25/26 £					TOTAL 25/26 £
Receipts					Payments			
	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
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		46,065.83					
	Bank Interest		142.64					
	TOTAL INCOME		46,208.47		TOTAL PAYMENTS			42,191.95
					Surplus/(Deficit) for the year			4,016.52

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts							
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name Ellon and District Men's Shed						
	Registered charity number SC044586						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
	01	February	2025	to	31	January	2026
Set out on pages	Receipts & Payments accounts on pages 8 – 11 attached					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	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.						
Basis of independent examiner's statement	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.						
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and • to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met.</p>						
Signed:					Date:	15 April 2026	
Name:	Ian Gourlay						
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):							
Address:	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.