

Fort William Men's Shed SCIO

Scottish Charity Number SC045365

Annual Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st January 2025

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees on the unaudited accounts of Fort William Men's Shed SCIO.

I report on the accounts of the SCIO for the year ended 31st January 2025 which are set out on pages 3 to 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and independent 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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- * 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

have not been met, or

2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

[REDACTED]
Date: - 4 SEP 2025
Finance Manager
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Fort William Men's Shed SCIO
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For the year ended 31st January 2025
Scottish Charity Number SC045365

		Year to 2025 Unrestricted £	Year to 2025 Restricted £	Year to 2025 Total £	Year to 2024 Total £
Receipts	Note				
Grants and Donations					
Grants	4	-	-	-	5,520
Donations	5	3,849	-	3,849	6,230
Fundraising Activities					
Attendance		1,970	-	1,970	1,703
Other Income		805	-	805	-
Fundraising		-	-	-	1,147
Bank interest received		-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		6,625	-	6,625	14,600
Payments					
Charitable Activities					
Rent		3,676	2,045	5,721	5,721
Insurance		521	-	521	507
Telephone & Broadband		689	-	689	632
Heat & Light		1,922	-	1,922	2,145
Tools & Equipment		447	-	447	288
Postage		3	-	3	-
Repairs		82	-	82	-
Misc		217	-	217	646
Workshop Supplies		614	-	614	666
Canteen		133	-	133	139
Stationery		46	-	46	34
Membership Fees		-	-	-	25
Governance Costs					
Independent Examination	7	125	-	125	125
Total Payments		8,474	2,045	10,519	10,930
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year before transfers		(1,850)	(2,045)	(3,895)	3,670
Transfers between funds	6	-	-	-	-
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	Year to 2025 Unrestricted	Year to 2025 Restricted	Year to 2025 Total	Year to 2024 Total
Statement of Balances as at 31st January 2025				
Opening cash at bank and in hand	7,337	2,045	9,382	5,712
Add Income	6,625	-	6,625	14,600
	13,962	2,045	16,007	20,312
Less Expenditure	8,474	2,045	10,519	10,930
Transfers	6	-	-	-
Closing cash at bank and in hand	5,487	-	5,487	9,382
Bank and Cash Balances				
Community Directplus Account	5,208	-	5,208	9,361
Outstanding lodgements	-	-	-	-
Outstanding cheques	-	-	-	-
Petty cash	280	-	280	21
9 & 10	5,487	-	5,487	9,382

1 Basis of Accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

2 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for the day-to-day running of the SCIO.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes.

3 Related party transactions

No remuneration was paid to the trustees or any connected persons during the year (2024: £NIL).

4 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Age Scotland	-	-	-	1,430
Lochaber Community Partnership	-	-	-	4,090
	-	-	-	5,520

5 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Misc Donations	3,849	-	3,849	6,230
	3,849	-	3,849	6,230

6 Transfers between funds

There were no transfers between funds during the year (2024: £NIL).

7 Governance Costs

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
Independent Examination	125	-	125	125
	125	-	125	125

8 Volunteers

The trustees would like to record their thanks to all the volunteers who dedicate a significant amount of time for no remuneration to the charity.

9 Unrestricted Funds

	At 1st February 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st January 2025
Unrestricted Funds	7,337	6,625	(8,474)	-	5,487
	7,337	6,625	(8,474)	-	5,487

10 Restricted Funds

	At 1st February 2024	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	At 31st January 2025
Lochaber Community Partnership	2,045	-	(2,045)	-	-
	2,045	-	(2,045)	-	-

FWMS Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 31st January 2025

The trustees have pleasure in presenting their annual report together with the financial statement for the year ended 31st January 2025

Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name

Fort William Men's Shed SC10


Address

Unit 9a2 Blar Mhor Industrial Estate, Lochyside, Fort William, PH33 3PT

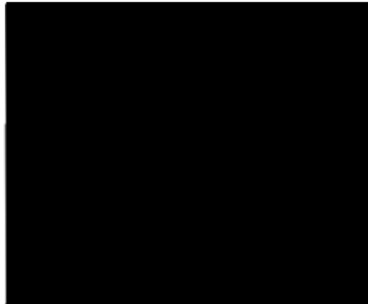
Bankers

The Co-operative Bank, 29 Gordon Street, Glasgow, G1 3PF

Independent Examiner

 Finance Manager, Voluntary Action Lochaber, An Drochaid, Claggan Road, Fort William, PH33 6PH

Current Trustees



Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution

The Charity was registered in its current legal form on the 21st January 2015. It has a two-tier structure and as such the Trustees are the members of the charity.

Appointment of Trustees

At each Annual General Meeting (AGM) the members may elect any member to serve as a Trustee for a term of three years. The Board may at any time appoint any member to be a Trustee until the next AGM of the charity. The maximum number of Trustees is 9 and the minimum number is 3.

Objectives and Activities

Charitable Purpose

The purpose of the charity is:-

- 1) The provision of recreational facilities, or the organisation of recreational facilities, with the primary objective of improving the conditions of life for the persons for whom the facilities and activities are primarily intended and who live in the Fort William and surrounding areas.
- 2) The advancement of education through development of individuals skills, capabilities and understanding through informal education and learning opportunities.
- 3) The advancement of citizenship, volunteering, the encouragement of voluntary activities and increasing the involvement of individuals in the community activities and the promotion of civic responsibility.

Activities

Our sessions run from 10 am to 2 pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We regularly have 11 members attending each day. A number of members also often attend the local lunch club at the Caol Community Centre and our annual Christmas lunch was held there.

Achievements and Performance

We continue to produce planters and other useful wooden items. Two of our members regularly attend the local Repair Café to support local charity LAD.

In March two of the members attended a SMSA meeting in Inverness and we donated some power tools to the new Kinlochleven MS. In April, a group of the members visited the local British Aluminium factory, which was very informative and educational. In May one of our members passed the PAC tester qualifications and a grant of £500 allowed us to purchase our own PAC Tester so all our electronic equipment is now fully tested and any items that are handed in for repair can be certified as PAC tested. June, July and August were as usual quieter months, but September saw 3 new members and things back to normal in the workshop. In November we started a kid's group on Saturday mornings organised by one of our lady members. For our Christmas lunch we joined the Caol Community lunch club with members and partners and enjoyed a very happy day. In January 2025 we celebrated our 10th Anniversary with a lunch, once again at the Caol Community lunch club and all our members enjoyed a very happy celebration.

We have been very busy with the usual strimmer, lawnmower and general electric motor repairs and making planters and benches. The donations from these endeavours are our main stream of income.

We are indebted to Age Scotland and in particular to [REDACTED] for their continued support of our activities and for their donation towards our activities. [REDACTED] has been the person who has held our group together with her enthusiasm, guidance and support.

The Harley Davidson Club and the Veteran Motor Cycle Club continue to use the premises for their meetings.

Financial Review

Our total income for the year was £6,624.52. Our total expenditure was £10,519.28 resulting in a deficit of £3,894.76.

Reserve Policy

The Trustees' policy is to retain 3 months' worth of normal running costs in order to meet our commitments and to cover any unexpected expenditure. Three months expenditure currently stands at £2,629.82 which is cover by reserves held.

Plans for future period

Our members continue to enjoy many joint and individual projects, from refurbishing a commemorative bench at a local cemetery to building more community planters and benches.

We are actively working to reduce our rent and other costs. We are looking to develop our links with local businesses and other charities in the area to find ways in which we can work together for the benefit of the whole community we are part of. We are also working to identify premises that will allow us to expand our activities and member numbers.

We are looking to develop ties with other Men Sheds in our area and support the new sheds that are trying to start up.

We are hoping to complete our CAT appeal with the Highland Council who is our landlord.

We are also hoping to complete an Awards for All appeal during the coming year, which would greatly help with our ongoing costs.

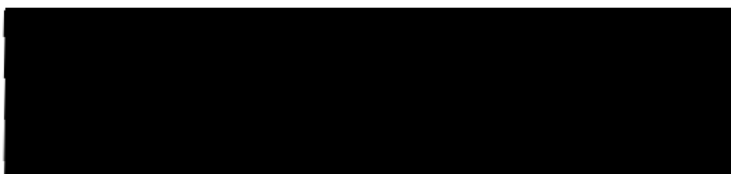
Exemptions from Disclosure.

There are no exemptions from disclosure.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

There are no funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

This report was approved by the Trustees on



Date 26/8/25.