

Alloa Community Shed

Scotland · Charity number SC048701

Details

Known as FVMS

Status Active

Legal form SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)

Registered 2018-09-13

Register [View on the OSCR register](#)

Contact

Address Marshill House
Marshill
Alloa
FK10 1AB

Activities

Activities: 'It carries out activities or services itself'

Purposes: 'the advancement of citizenship or community development', '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: Alloa Community Shed benefits the community of Alloa by providing inclusive recreational activities that improve wellbeing, reduce isolation and strengthen community connections. Through practical activities such as woodwork, building, crafts and other hands-on skills, we create opportunities for people to come together, build friendships and access peer support, helping to reduce loneliness and improve quality of life. We advance community development by enabling participants to share skills, learn from each other and take part in volunteering and local projects. Working in partnership with organisations such as the NHS, local authorities and schools, we support individuals to build confidence, develop practical abilities and gain a sense of purpose, while also delivering positive outcomes for the wider community through creative, social and practical contributions.

Beneficiaries: 'Older People', 'People with disabilities or health problems', 'Other defined groups', 'Other charities or voluntary bodies'

Objectives: 4.The Organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Alloa, as defined by the boundary map for the Alloa Community Council ' by (the Clackmannanshire Council here with (the 'Community'), with the following purposes (the "Purposes"): 4.1 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, with particular focus but not limited to woodwork, building, crafts and other manual-skills activities to alleviate isolation and loneliness, establish peer support

and encourage a sense of community amongst participants. 4.2 the advancement of citizenship or community development through the provision of activities in which participants can meet jointly or work individually to learn or share skills and knowledge, and support each other to undertake, as volunteers, individual, group or local community activities of a practical, creative, or social nature to the benefit of the individuals participating and to the local community

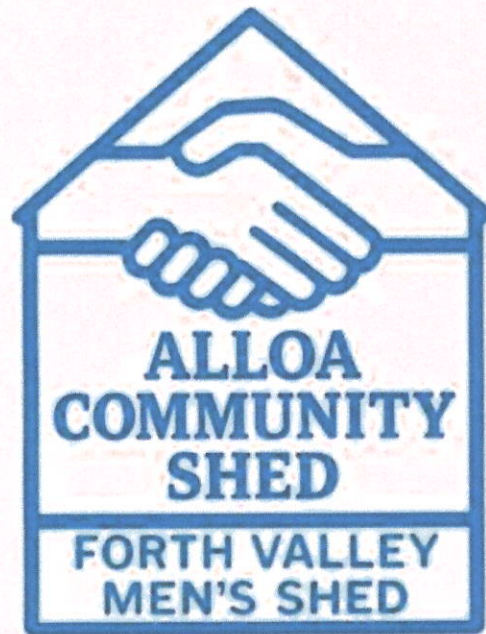
Geography

- **Main operating location:** Clackmannanshire
- **Geographical spread:** More than one local authority area in Scotland

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-09-30	£144,934	£49,860	-	0
2024-09-30	£42,187	£19,992	-	0
2023-09-30	£29,130	£18,734	-	0
2022-09-30	£23,245	£13,986	-	0
2021-09-30	£11,639	£1,970	-	0
2020-09-30	£11,639	£8,648	-	0

Accounts



Alloa Community Shed

**Trustees' Annual Report & Statement of
Accounts**

Year Ending: 30th September 2025

Charity Number: SC048701

The Trustees of Alloa Community Shed have pleasure in presenting their Annual Report and Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30th September 2025.

Charity Details

Charity Name	Alloa Community Shed
Charity Number	SC048701
Registered Address	Unit 5 8 Ward Street Alloa FK10 1ER
Email	fvmenshed@gmail.com
Telephone	07594 440868
Legal form	Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO)

Trustees

- Kenneth Quinn, Chairman
- Eric Brown, Vice Chairman
- John Simm, Secretary
- Andy Roxburgh, Treasurer

Summary of Impact

During the year, our charity underwent a major period of development and change, marking an important step forward in securing a sustainable future for our organisation and the wider community we serve. Formerly known as Forth Valley Men's Shed, we changed our name to Alloa Community Shed to better reflect our wider role within the local community and our inclusive approach.

A key achievement during the year was the successful progress of our asset transfer, which was approved by the local council on 1 May 2025. This represented a significant milestone and the culmination of substantial work by trustees and volunteers to secure a permanent base for our activities. Following this, an application was made to the Scottish Land Fund to support the purchase of new premises, which will provide long-term stability and allow us to expand our services.

Alongside these developments, the charity updated its constitution to reflect its new name and direction. These governance changes have strengthened the organisation and ensured that it is better positioned to meet future needs.

Throughout this period, we continued to deliver meaningful support to members and the wider community by reducing social isolation, improving wellbeing, and creating opportunities for participation and social connection. The progress made this year has laid strong foundations for future growth.



Open Day Event - community engagement and outreach

Structure, Governance and Management

Alloa Community Shed is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The charity is governed by its constitution, which was updated during the year to reflect the change of name and the evolving direction of the organisation.

The charity is managed by a Board of Trustees, who are responsible for governance, strategic direction and financial oversight. Trustees are appointed in line with the constitution and are drawn from the membership and wider community.

The Board meets regularly to oversee the charity's activities, monitor progress, and ensure that it operates in line with its charitable purposes. Day-to-day activities are supported by volunteers, with trustees also taking an active role in the running and development of the organisation.

During the year, trustees led significant work relating to the asset transfer process, engagement with the local authority, and the submission of an application to the Scottish Land Fund. They also oversaw the transition from Forth Valley Men's Shed to Alloa Community Shed.

The charity maintains appropriate financial controls and procedures to ensure that funds are managed responsibly and in line with OSCR requirements.

Trustee Recruitment, Appointment and Induction

During the year, Alloa Community Shed has taken active steps to strengthen its Board by recruiting trustees with a range of relevant skills and experience. Recruitment is carried out through an open and transparent process, including public calls for applications.

Prospective trustees are invited to attend an informal discussion and, where appropriate, a formal interview with existing trustees to assess their suitability and alignment with the charity's values and objectives. The charity also welcomes recommendations from partner organisations and stakeholders to help identify individuals with expertise in key areas such as finance, community engagement, governance and project management.

The appointment of trustees is the responsibility of the Board. No external organisation has the authority to appoint trustees, ensuring that all appointments are made in line with the charity's governing document and charitable purposes.

The Board recognises the importance of diversity in strengthening decision-making and overall effectiveness. Efforts have been made to recruit trustees from a wide range of backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, supporting a more inclusive and representative governance structure.

All newly appointed trustees undergo an induction process designed to ensure they understand their roles and responsibilities, as well as the work and governance of the charity. This includes being provided with key documents such as the governing document, recent financial information, policies and guidance on trustee duties.

The charity is committed to the ongoing development of its trustees. Board members are encouraged to undertake relevant training and to keep up to date with good practice in charity governance.

Objectives and Activities

The charity aims to advance health and wellbeing by providing a safe and supportive space where individuals can engage in meaningful activities, share skills, and reduce social isolation.

This is achieved through:

- Practical, hands-on activities
- Community engagement and partnership work
- Skills development and peer support
- Participation in local events and fundraising activities

Activities, Achievements and Performance

During the year, Alloa Community Shed continued to grow its presence within the local community and expand its activities, while undergoing a significant period of transition.

The Shed has provided a welcoming and inclusive environment for members, many of whom benefit from improved wellbeing and reduced social isolation through regular participation.

The organisation strengthened partnerships with local agencies, including work with schools and community groups, supporting intergenerational learning and engagement. The Shed also contributed to community events and initiatives, helping to raise its profile and promote the benefits of social connection and shared activity.

Key achievements during the year include:

- **Asset Transfer:** Clackmannanshire Council approved the asset transfer application for Marshall House, adjoining gardens and car park, at a purchase price of £120,000. This represents a major step towards securing a permanent base for the charity.
- **Community Engagement:** The charity strengthened relationships with local partners, including Clackmannanshire Council's Community Learning Department, supporting secondary school pupils in developing practical skills and confidence.
- **Partnerships and Contracts:** Additional work was secured with the NHS and Alva Primary School, demonstrating the charity's growing reputation as a trusted community resource.
- **Fundraising and Market Activity:** Members participated in local markets, generating income through craft sales and increasing awareness of the charity's work.
- **Open Day Event:** A successful open day held in November attracted over 100 attendees, increasing community engagement and visibility.
- **Volunteer Contribution:** The charity continues to benefit from a strong volunteer base. This was recognised through two nominations during Volunteers' Week, highlighting the dedication and commitment of those involved.
- **Recognition:** The charity was honoured to be represented at The King's visit to Alloa on 16 January 2025. In addition, the Chair and Vice Chair attended the Royal Garden Party at the Palace of Holyroodhouse, attended by His Majesty The King, Her Majesty The Queen, and Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal.
- **Sustainability and Development:** Progress was made in securing funding and advancing plans for new premises, supporting the long-term stability and growth of the organisation.



Marshall House - proposed permanent premises

Financial Review

The charity continues to operate on a sound financial basis, with income generated through grants, fundraising activities and community engagement.

Funds have been used to support the delivery of activities, operational costs including rent and utilities, and the ongoing development of the organisation.

The Trustees continue to monitor income and expenditure closely to ensure the financial stability of the charity, particularly in light of plans to secure permanent premises.

The Statement of Accounts should be inserted following this report of full submission.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees recognise the importance of maintaining appropriate reserves to ensure the financial stability and sustainability of the charity.

The charity aims to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves sufficient to cover approximately 3 to 6 months of core operating costs, including rent, utilities and essential running costs.

This level of reserves will allow the charity to manage unexpected reductions in income, meet ongoing financial commitments, and ensure continuity of services.

The level of reserves is reviewed regularly by the Trustees to ensure it remains appropriate to the size, activities and future plans of the organisation.

Plans for the Future

- Finalise the asset transfer and secure permanent premises
- Expand services to support a broader community
- Strengthen partnerships with local authorities, NHS and community organisations
- Develop sustainable income through fundraising and enterprise activities

Declaration

The Trustees declare that they have approved this report and confirm that it complies with the requirements of OSCR.

Signed: K. Quinn

Kenneth Quinn
Chairman

Date: 1st MAY 2026

Accounts



Forth Valley Men's Shed

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- Charity Number: SC048701**
- Registered Address:**

Unit 5

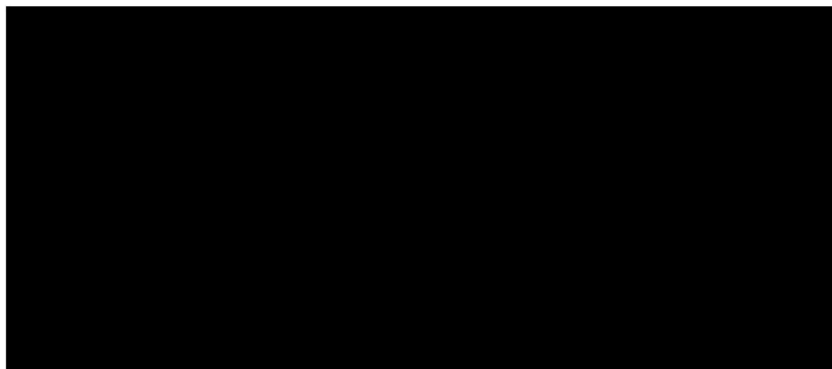
8, Ward Street

Alloa

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Trustees



Summary of Impact

Over the past year, Forth Valley Men's Shed has made a significant impact in our community by:

- Supporting **50 + members** in reducing social isolation and improving mental well-being.
- Delivering **12+ hours** of hands-on activities, skills training, and social engagement.
- Strengthening partnerships with **NHS, local schools, and Clacks Council**, expanding our reach.
- Raising **funds** through fundraising, ensuring sustainability for our programs.
- Applying for an **asset transfer** that will provide a permanent space for future activities.

These achievements demonstrate our commitment to fostering community spirit, improving health and well-being, and empowering individuals through meaningful projects.

Structure, Governance, and Management:

Forth Valley Men's Shed is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation, governed by a board of trustees responsible for strategic direction and financial oversight. Trustees are elected annually, and regular meetings ensure compliance with OSCR guidelines and charity best practices.

Trustee Recruitment and Appointment:

During the year, Forth Valley Men's Shed has actively sought to enhance its board by recruiting new trustees with relevant skills and experience. The recruitment process includes an open call for applications, followed by interviews conducted by existing trustees to assess suitability. We also encourage referrals from partner organisations to identify individuals with expertise in areas such as finance, community engagement, and project management.

External organisations do not have the authority to appoint charity trustees, ensuring that all appointments align with our governance structure and charitable aims.

We recognize that a diverse board strengthens our ability to meet our objectives. Efforts have been made to recruit trustees from different backgrounds, fostering inclusivity and bringing fresh perspectives to the charity's strategic direction.

Objectives and Activities:

The charity aims to advance health and wellbeing by providing a safe and supportive space where men can engage in meaningful activities, share skills, and combat social isolation.

Key Activities and Achievements:

1. **Asset Transfer Progress:** Significant strides have been made in securing an asset transfer, which will allow us to expand our operations and involve the wider community more effectively.
2. **Community Engagement:** We have strengthened our relationship with local organizations, including Clacks Council's Community Learning Department, hosting secondary school pupils to enhance their skills and confidence.
3. **Partnerships and Contracts:** We have secured further contracts with the NHS and Alva Primary School, reinforcing our role as a valuable community resource.
4. **Fundraising and Market Presence:** We have attended local markets, selling crafts made by members, and successfully increased awareness and financial sustainability.
5. **Successful Open Day:** Our open day in November attracted over 100 attendees, showcasing our work and attracting new members and volunteers.
6. **Facility Improvements:** We have been actively fundraising to cover operational costs such as rent (£900/month), utilities, a trailer and tow hitch, portable heating, and an upgraded kitchen

Key Recognition:

We are proud to share that our chairman was awarded the **Local Hero Award**, presented at the **Scottish Parliament** by **His Majesty the King and Her Majesty the Queen**. This prestigious recognition highlights the incredible dedication and impact of Forth Valley Men's Shed within the community.

Achievements and Performance:

During the financial period, Forth Valley Men's Shed has made significant progress in delivering its objectives and expanding its impact within the community. Key achievements include:

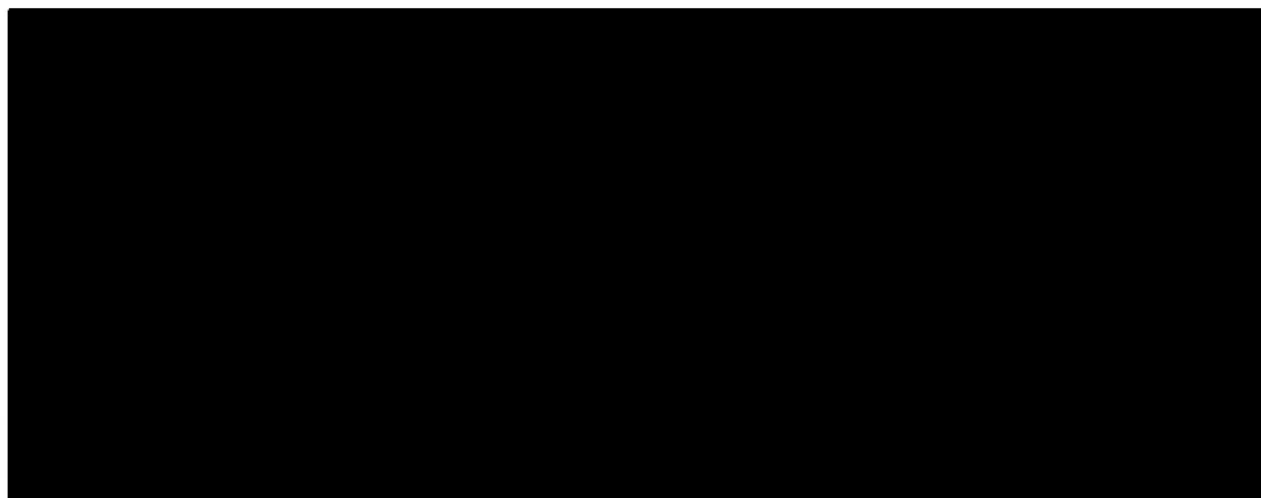
1. **Asset Transfer Progress:** We have advanced negotiations for securing a permanent base through an asset transfer, ensuring a sustainable future for the charity.
2. **Expansion of Community Engagement:** Strengthened relationships with local partners, including Clacks Council's Community Learning Department, enabling us to support secondary school pupils in developing practical skills and confidence.
3. **New Partnerships and Contracts:** Secured additional contracts with the NHS and Alva Primary School, demonstrating our growing reputation as a trusted community resource.
4. **Fundraising and Sustainability:** Successfully participated in local markets, increasing awareness of our work and generating additional funds through craft sales.
5. **Successful Open Day:** Hosted an open day in November, attracting over 100 attendees and increasing community involvement.
6. **Facility Improvements:** Raised funds for essential operational costs, including rent (£900/month), utilities, a trailer and tow hitch for material transport, portable heating, and kitchen upgrades.
7. **Volunteer Growth:** Increased our volunteer base, bringing in skilled individuals to support and enhance the charity's activities.
8. **Health and Wellbeing Impact:** Provided a safe, welcoming space for members to combat social isolation, develop new skills, and improve mental well-being through hands-on activities and social interaction.

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Finance

FORTH VALLEY MEN'S SHED – INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

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) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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.

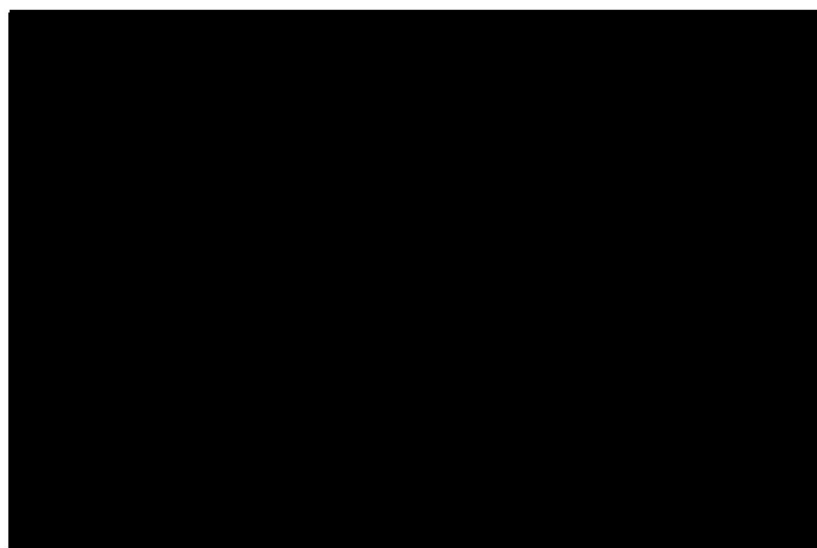
Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention
[other than disclosed below*]

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
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 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.



FORTH VALLEY MEN'S SHED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT – 01 OCT 2023 TO 30 SEPT 24

	£	£	£
BALANCE B/F (at 01 Oct 23)			19,414.71
<u>INCOME</u>			
GRANTS	13,293.53		
SALES	5,613.78		
TRANSFER FM C/A	2,520.00		
DONATIONS	1,000.00		
RE-CREDITS	318.46		
VM CASHBACK	22.33		
MISC	5.00		

TOTAL	22,773.10		22,773.10

42,187.81

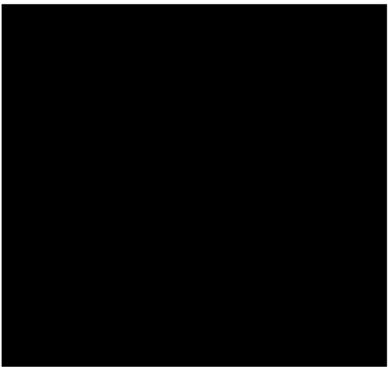
EXPENDITURE

RENT	7,141.56
UTILITIES	1,817.47
SURVEY	1,140.00
INSURANCE	339.11
RENKIT	388.85
LOCAL STORES	961.30
SHOWS/J GRAY	804.50
SCREWFIX	560.65
AMAZON	1,177.47
PAYPAL	1,101.51
TOOLSTATION	241.26
CONTAINER RENT	150.00
TRANSFER TO PETTY CASH	100.00

	£	£	£
PHONE		60.00	
MISC		4,009.03	

TOTAL		(19,992.71)	(19,992.71)

BALANCE AT END FY 23/24			22,195.10



Plans for the Future:

- Finalising the asset transfer to secure a permanent base for our activities.
- Expanding services to cater to a broader demographic within the community.
- Strengthening partnerships with local councils and community groups.
- Enhancing fundraising efforts to ensure long-term sustainability.

Declaration:

The trustees declare that they have approved this report and confirm that it complies with the requirements of OSCR.

