

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed

Scotland · Charity number SC049326

Details

Status	Active
Legal form	SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Registered	2019-05-24
Register	View on the OSCR register

Contact

Address	7 Drostan Drive Mintlaw Peterhead Aberdeenshire AB42 5EG
Website	www.mintlawdistrictmensshed.org

Activities

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: To provide recreational facilities with the object of improving the conditions, social welfare, mental health and life for all adults of all ages in the Mintlaw and surrounding areas. To advance the health of all adults and backgrounds of those living in the same area. Develop the capacity and skills of adults in this area by providing a meeting place namely 'The Mintlaw and District Men's Shed'

Beneficiaries: 'Other defined groups'

Objectives: 4.1 To provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs and well-being, for adult males aged 18 and over living in Mintlaw and surrounding areas, through creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed. 4.2 To support men in need by reason of age, ill health, disability or other disadvantage through reducing social isolation and providing opportunities for men to meet and take part in social, creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice. and to develop their capacity to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community 4.2 To support men in need by reason of age, ill health, disability or other disadvantage through reducing social isolation and providing opportunities for men to meet and take part in social, creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice. and to develop their capacity to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-06-01	£24,777	£25,621	-	0
2024-06-01	£43,197	£23,968	-	0
2023-06-01	£32,677	£16,308	-	0
2022-06-01	£19,754	£7,667	-	0
2021-06-01	£4,620	£2,698	-	0

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Accounts

Trustees Register as of August 2025

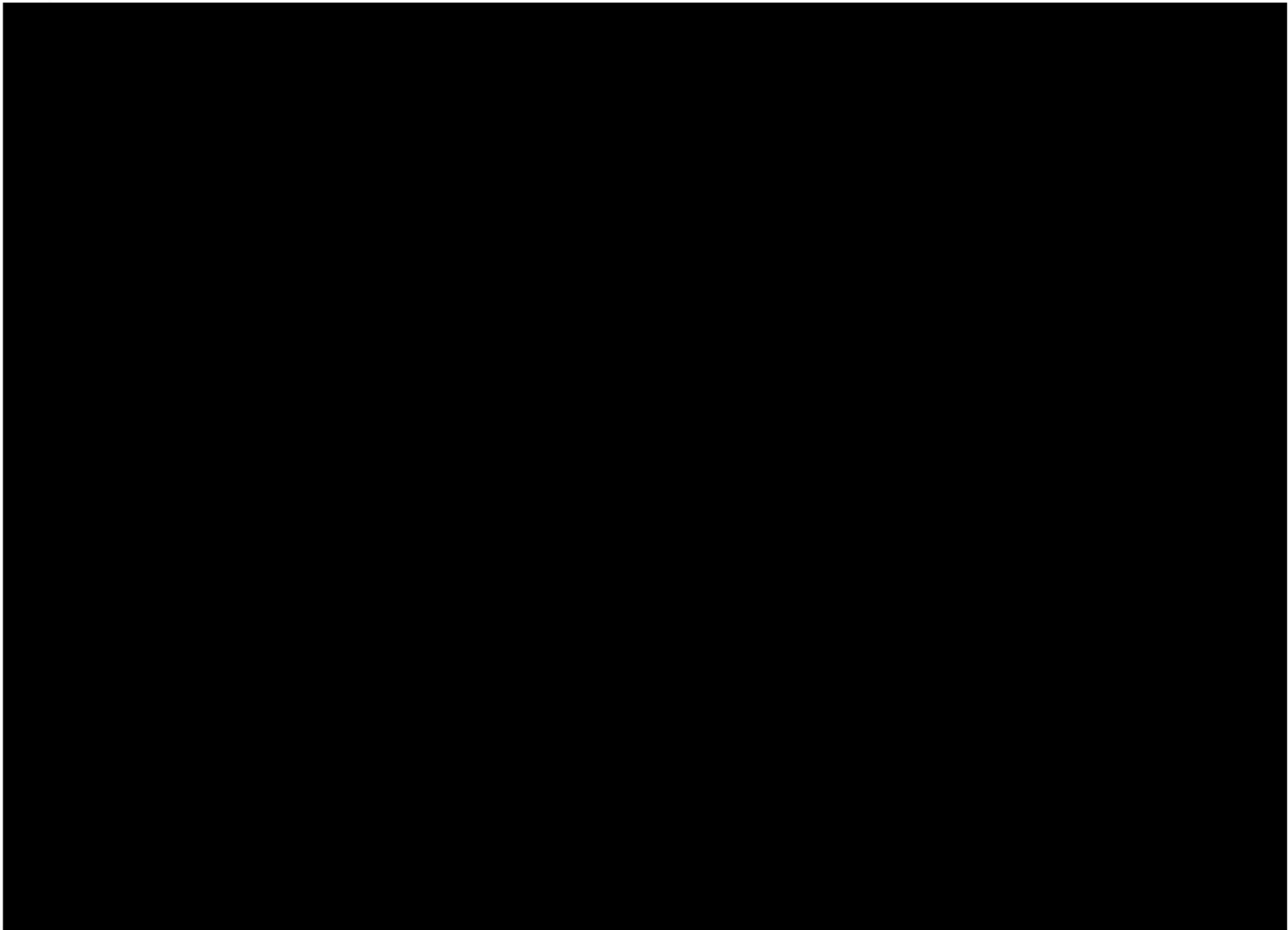
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Treasurer's Report for Period

1st June 2024 to 31st May 2025

In my second full financial year as treasurer I have to report a financial loss of £843.93p.

This is due to the large expenditure incurred in the building of our new workshop to house our picture framing enterprise so generously gifted to us by [REDACTED]. I am certain that this deficit can be turned into a gain next year, knowing the amount of income the picture framing can produce.

This year we managed to secure grants totaling £14,168 comprising £10,000 from the National Lottery Fund for the purchase of a quad bike, £479 from Age Scotland, £1000 from Arnold Clark, £1165 from the Buchan Development Partnership and £1524 from Bank of Scotland.

These grants have been spent on new the Quad Bike (tractor) for use in the woods and the yards, First Aid courses and the up-grading of various tools and pieces of equipment.

As most of the grant monies are for specific projects, the spending is ongoing until these projects have been completed.

Also, we continue with some members now making some items to sell to boost our income towards everyday running costs, with garden seats, bird boxes, bird feeders and tables again contributing towards this income.

We continue to receive donations of tools and equipment from local people by the way of garage clearances. Some of this we retain for our members use, others we are able to sell, again to boost our income towards our day to day expenses.

This year we have continued to carry out many work projects in the local area, in Aden Country Park and with local schoolchildren, all designed to show that the Mintlaw & District Men's Shed is a part of, and a valuable asset to the community.

Once again, the challenge for us all for the next financial year is to ensure that we keep up the momentum of projects and fundraising to maintain a firm foundation for the future of our Shed, its present and future members. The Aden Picture Framing social enterprise will generate a regular income for our shed but even with this steady injection of funds we should not lose the aim of the Men's Shed which is to provide a warm and welcoming place for those who wish to join us and to be a caring and helpful group within our local community.

[REDACTED]

	Mintlaw & District Men's Shed		
	BALANCE SHEET MAY 2025		
	Balance in Bank @ 31st May 2024		35687.59
	Add Income 1st June 2024 - 31st May 2025		24777.38
		Total	60464.97
	Deduct expenditure 1st June 2024 - 31st May 2025		25621.31
		Total	£34,843.66
	Balance in Bank @ 31st May 2025		£34,843.66
		Income for Year	24777.38
		Expenditure for Year	25621.31
		Loss for Year	£843.93
	FRAMING WORKSHOP		
	Expenditure 1st September 2024 - 31st May 2025	8117.56	
	Income 1st September 2024 - 31st May 2025	52.00	
	Total loss for period	£8,065.56	



Mintlaw and District Men's Shed
AGM



Monday 25th August 2025
Held at Gardener's Cottage

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed a new member.

13 members in attendance and apologies from 3 members recorded.

Chairman's Report- The Chairman's annual report reflecting on the past year had been circulated by email prior to the meeting. All members in attendance approved the report.

Treasurer's Report – The treasurer read his report and discussed the balance sheet for 1st June 2024 – 31st May 2025. The balance as at 31st May £34,843.66. This year shows a loss of £843.93 but this is due to the large expenditure for the new Picture Framing Workshop. The deficit was expected in the first year, it is hoped that the deficit will be recouped next year and we see a profit. There is no decision as yet if the council will be charging a rent.

Appointment of Office bearers. All existing office bearers stood down and new appointments were made.

Position	Name	Proposed by	Seconded
Secretary			
Chairperson			
V/Chairperson			
Treasurer			

Committee – all members are committee members.

Trustees – Sadly we have lost a trustee due to the sad and sudden death of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] has agreed to become a trustee. All other current trustees are prepared to continue for another year.

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed Constitution – current constitution agreed and signed off.

The Chairman thanked everyone and gave special thanks to [REDACTED] for their work in the Picture Framing Workshop.

The meeting was closed.



Annual General Meeting 18th August 2025 – Chairman's Report

Following on from my last Chairman's report of 19th August 2024 it is now my responsibility to give the résumé for this past year. This is my fourth full year in my role as Chairman and it is my privilege to offer this report to the members at this year's AGM.

A full uninterrupted year of work and projects has again been undertaken along with some exciting new things that have taken place which I hope to cover in this report. This has enabled us to work on projects for the Community, enhance and build / extend the shed and to meet the mentoring of the Mintlaw Academy boys whom we continue to have working alongside us. This year sees the departure of three of our boys and the start of three new lads. The moving on of the three boys is simply due to a change in the school timetables which means that they cannot fit the Shed visit into and around the core subjects that we insist we should not disrupt.

Since our last AGM we have gained some new members who are now working very happily with us and also some have decided to move on. Age is of course a great concern for the members and with the aging process comes the usual health problems. It is therefore with great sadness that I have to report the passing of [REDACTED] a member and Trustee of the Shed on 21st July this year. Although [REDACTED] was not so able, he was a committed member of the Shed and attended as often as his and his wife's health problems permitted. You will be sadly missed [REDACTED]

Sitting down to write this report, and following on from last year's one I again must cast my mind back to all the work and projects which we have undertaken since August of last year. We have again been able to carry out quite a lot of things and so a great deal of different tasks and achievements have been reached. As I indicated in my last report, I could simply write a list of what I have noted down and leave it at that, but for the purposes of the report it requires me to say a few things about each item. Again, they may not be exactly in chronological order but simply as they have come to mind.

So here are a few lines as an update on some of the projects that we have been involved with since my last report. They are by no means everything we have achieved this past year but simply a brief résumé.

The past year has seen us working with the Mintlaw Academy boys involving some very worthwhile projects including the construction and erection of a new building within the site to house a picture framing workshop. (I will write about this further on in my report.) Community work consisted of a shelter play house for Longside school, removal of felled trees from various wooded areas including the Fairy Woods within the park, a bird table for a sheltered housing complex in Crimond, conversion of a church pew as a kitchen installation, attendance at the New Deer agricultural show, fitting new vinyl to a church toilets in Maud, large planters to Longside school, building of a car port, presentations to various Church Guilds and Rurals as well as being part of the visit of Her Royal Highness the Princess Anne to Aden County Park to name but a few. With the aforementioned visit we were invited to paint and refurbish many doors and windows in the park courtyard so as to spruce up the place prior to Princess Anne's arrival. Assistance with the usual Christmas lights putting up and taking down in the village as well as attending a Christmas Fayre in a sheltered housing complex over the Christmas period to promote our members scroll saw crafts and other skills. Finally, to maintain the Shed safety, First Aid training was carried out for the Shed members as well as Friends of Aden, BDP and Buchan Pat Testing with funding obtained from the Buchan Development Partnership fund.

Our two main achievements this past year has been the purchase of a quad bike through funding by the National Lottery Community Fund. The building of the Aden Picture Framing workshop and the erection of a garage to house the Quad bike were completely funded entirely by the Men's Shed. The quad bike has enabled us to remove felled trees which we are able to cut into manageable sizes trunks, saw them into logs and split them for a winter supply of fuel for our wood burning stove. This has managed to reduce the energy supply costs to the cottage and maintain a source of heat during the colder months.

The second main achievement has been the construction from scratch of a workshop within the yard to allow us to begin the Aden Picture Framing workshop as part of the Mintlaw and District Men's Shed. This building has been placed within a walled area, again constructed by a member of the Shed. The owner of the business known as The Framers Workshop had decided to look towards retirement and offered us his well-established picture framing business. The members saw this as a means of generating an income for the Charity which in the long-term would reduce the need to constantly look for grant funding, so decided that this would be a good fit for the charity.

As part of the completion of the Aden Park Heritage Lottery Fund work in Aden Park, the Princess Royal was invited to view the work to the park. As part of the partners in the park the Mintlaw and District Men's Shed were invited to provide a display table. So on the 8th April in what turned out to be a glorious day, some Shed members along with three of our Academy boys were presented to Her Royal Highness when she attended our display.

Although it was stated in last year's report, I think that it is always worth remembering our aims as stated in the constitution:

4.1 *"To provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs and well-being for adult males, 18 years and over, living in Mintlaw and surrounding areas, through creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed"*

4.2 *"To support adults in need by reason of age, ill health, disability or other disadvantage through reducing social isolation and providing opportunities for adults to meet and take part in social, creative, physical, purposeful and recreational facilities of their choice, and to develop their capacity to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community".*

So, with these thoughts in mind let me conclude this report by thanking the members of the shed, the committee, and the Trustees for all their work and support they have given me in another year as chairman.

All in all, as we move forward, we hope that our plans and fulfillment of these plans will become reality in the closing stages of 2025 and on into 2026.

Thank you very much.



Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO Trustee Report for 2025

We have continued to function as a Men's Shed since the last report which was produced for the AGM of 2024.

Again the past year has seen the Shed involved in Community projects including such things as the construction of a play / shelter shed for Longside school as well as a couple of sand pit play areas, a bespoke birds table for the Crimond old folks home, the refurbishment of a church pew for a kitchen extension and the painting of many doors and windows for the impending visit of Her Royal Highness The Princess Anne to Aden Park.

The supply of wood in the shape of trees have been sourced and transported to our polytunnel to be cut and stored to supply fuel for our wood burning stove for the winter. This has been sourced from friendly land owners who require the area cleared and also from the Fairy woods within the park where we have removed many fallen trees.

A great deal of work has been carried out in the yard to erect a further shed from scratch to house and commence our newly established picture framing workshop now known as Aden Picture Framing. This was a business we acquired from a local gentleman who is looking to reduce his working hours but still wants to maintain his established business. By taking over The Framers Workshop and rebranding it under the Mintlaw and District Men's Shed, we see this as a means of having some financial input to the Shed thereby reducing the need for fund raising in order to maintain the charity. The Aden Picture Framing workshop has been in place for a little over two months and is proving to be a great success. OSCR was contacted and agreement reached that this business does not affect the charity status as our constitution allows us to operate a business which can feed back money to the charity.

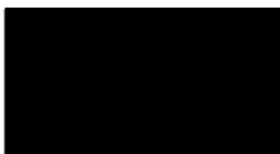
During this past year we were fortunate to have been awarded a Lottery Foundation grant which allowed us to purchase a quad bike. This bike also allows us to haul and transport the felled trees from the various sources and transport them back to our Shed. This is by far a safer and better method than using our own vehicles and ensures that by proper insurance cover everyone involved in the operation remains safe.

The ethos of the Men's Shed is to further all members health in general and to combat social isolation, mental health problems and make all adults in general aware of how to overcome loneliness. By continuing to meet and provide these mentoring facilities it allows the members to feel wanted and a part of the community again when age and insecurity might otherwise creep in to those of a certain age. The projects which have been undertaken also provide a better understanding in the community as we try to build up connections with how we meet the needs of various groups, schools and partners within the surrounding area of the park in which we are based. However, age is always against us and we have to announce the passing of one of our members and Trustees on 21st July. You will be sadly missed Ivan.

One of the major events in which we were involved was the visit of the Princess Royal to the park and some members and three of the boys were presented to Her Royal; Highness at our display table on the 8th April on what turned out to be a glorious day weatherwise.

Signed :-

Chairman



Trustee



Trustees Register as of August 2025

Name

Address

Date of
Appointment

Date of Birth

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date of</u> <u>Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>

APPENDIX 3



Independent examiner's report on the accounts v2

Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

Mintlaw & District Men's Shed SCIO

Registered charity number

SC 049326

On the accounts of the charity for the period

Period start date				Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	to	Day	Month	Year
1 ST	JUNE	2024		MAY 31 ST	MAY	2025

Set out on pages

(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 (as amended). 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 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 that disclosed on the attached page*]

- 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

- to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper

Signed:

Name:

Date: 24th Sept 2025

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

*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.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose

Barland Insurance transaction on
6th Feb should be under ^{the} other column
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