

# Aultbea Men's Shed

Charity number: SC049325

## Trustees' Report for the year ending 31 March 2026

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# **Report**

## **1 General**

The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026.

## **2 Constitution**

The Charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organization (a SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It has a two-tier structure with Trustees and the members of the charity. The Constitution is currently being reviewed and simplified so that it is more in keeping with our small men's shed group and facilities. It is hoped that it will be ratified at the 2026 AGM.

## **3 Structure, governance and management**

The organisation is a registered Scottish Charity. The Constitution establishes the objects and powers of the charity.

The management of the organisation is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Constitution.

The Board of Trustees normally consists of three of the Shed members who meet regularly and are responsible for the strategic direction and policy of the organisation together with sound financial and operational control. Risk analysis is carried out continually and action taken as necessary to reduce risk. This includes machine and tool use, medical and first aid requirements and possible fire hazards. There is knowledge and expertise amongst the Trustees and members in relevant areas of risk gained from pre-retirement professions.

## **4 Policies and Objectives**

The organisation has been formed to benefit the community of Aultbea, Laide and the surrounding district with the following objects:

- To be a workshop and social centre for men and women from the local community.
- To help members maintain their mental health and wellbeing, make new friends and enjoy working on a range of projects for individuals and the surrounding communities.
- To assist the community in practical ways wherever possible.

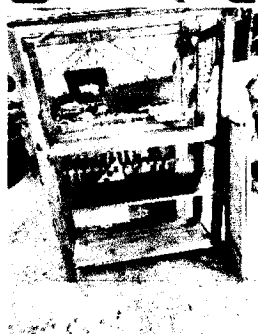
## **5 Activities.**

We have continued working with and for the communities and individuals in the area throughout this year. We have 16 members on our group WhatsApp and 1 further member who is not on WhatsApp. Our Friday afternoon social gatherings have

continued throughout the year with up to 10 members attending and members sometimes met on other days to work on particular projects. Our shed is rather cramped with 10 people in it. If space is needed for working, whether because of noise from machinery or the need for space to move around, it is generally done at times other than at the Friday afternoon social gathering. By the end of this financial year, we had reached and even exceeded our target of £9,000 to build a second shed to act as a machine shed. This is thanks to generous donations this year from MOWI fish farm group, R. J. McLeod who are the main contractors for extensive works in the local area to bring the undersea and underground electricity cable from Lewis to the mainland at Dundonnell and on to near Beaully, and a local benefactor. Thanks to the Aultbea Community Hub who had a 6-ton digger on site for their own works, we managed to get the main digging out of the ground for our new shed which will be 7.5m by 4.0m in size. Preparation of the base is progressing well ready for the shed kit delivery in 2026 – 2027.

Some of the projects carried out during the year which brought together AMS members are:

- Re-purposed some shelves for Aultbea Community Hub
- Made some more post and parcel boxes for members of the community
- Repaired a strimmer
- Repaired a lawnmower
- Made more name plates for houses of members of the community
- Made preparations on the base area for our new shed
- Made bird and bat boxes to raise funds
- Made a bedhead out of an old door



During the year 2025-2026 we held two soup and cake lunches organised by the AMS by the members for the local communities and holiday visitors to the area This provided £527 towards our running costs. As part of planning forwards to the future, the Chairman and other Trustees have edited the constitution to make it more relevant to a small Men's Shed with a small number of members. The revised constitution will be presented for adoption by the members at the 2026 AGM and a copy sent to OSCR.

Phil Wild, Chairman  
June 2026

## **6 Financial Review**

### **Reserve's policy**

Our policy is to build reserves to further the aims of the organisation and in the interests of the local community. No distributions are made from reserves. We continually monitor our reserves to ensure that we can fully fund our necessary annual outgoings on electricity, insurance and consumables.

### **Aultbea Men's Shed Financial Report 2025-2026**

As of 1st April 2025, AMS had funds of £3429.96 and we hoped to raise sufficient funds for a second shed. Two large donations were received from MOWI of £1000 and R J McLeod (SEEN) of £5450. Further funds of £1289.60 were raised from a soup lunch, our own tea fund and donations for post boxes, house signs, bird boxes and a generous donation from a kind benefactor.

Outgoings for the financial year did not include our largest expense, insurance, as annual premiums were paid just prior to the start of the year and after the beginning of the 2026-27year. However, there were expenses for ground lease, electricity, Scottish Men's Shed Association subscription and a few maintenance items, leaving our final tally at 31 March 2026 of £10876.01.

Peter Davison, Treasurer AMS

25 June 2026

**Approved by the AMS Trustees on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2026 and signed on behalf of AMS by**



Dr Philip Wild  
Chairman  
Aultbea Men's Shed