

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed AGM

Monday 31st August 2026 (in the Gardeners Cottage)

Agenda

1. Welcome.
2. Present.
3. Apologies.
4. Chairman's report.
5. Treasurer's report.
6. Appointment of Office Bearers. (all office bearers stand down for re-election)
7. Appointment of Trustees.
8. Reaffirmation of the Mintlaw & District Men's Shed SCIO Constitution.
(Note SCIO: - *Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation*)
9. Close of meeting.

Main Office bearers to be elected

Secretary :
Chairman :
Treasurer :
Vice Chairman :
Committee members :

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed

AGM 31st August 2026

Gardener Cottage, Aden Country Park

Present: 21 attended, 5 apologies (recorded)

1. The Chairman opened the meeting at 9.30am and welcomed everyone.
2. The Chairman and Trustee Reports were previously emailed to all members and were approved by all in attendance.
3. Treasurers report read by the treasurer. It was discussed and approved by all in attendance.
4. Special thanks to Stan and Neil for all the work in Aden Picture Framing. Also, thanks to the treasurer for all his work.
5. Gordon Burr has checked the accounts. Vouchers to be bought for him.
6. Maureen has left The Men's Shed and resigned as a trustee. Irene asked to become a trustee and accepted.
7. Trustees: Gordon, Neil S, Hugh, George, Denis, Sean, Tom A, Davie, Irene.
8. All Office bearers stand down.
9. Office Bearers Voted In Proposed by Seconded by
Secretary: Irene Gordon Neil S
Chairman: Gordon George Tony
Vice Chairman: Denis Alex Tom A
Treasurer: George Tony Gerry
All members are committee members

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55am

Mintlaw & District Men's Shed
Treasurer's Report
Year 1st June 2025 - 31st May 2026

Our financial year began on 1st June 2025 with a modest income of £591 for the first month and a total expenditure of £1459 for the corresponding period. This loss was mostly due to the fact that our new venture, namely the Framing Workshop had just begun and naturally there were a great amount of expenses incurred to get this social enterprise started. In fact the most of the first month's income came from shed fundraising activities.

Since that first month, things have turned around dramatically. Income over the next 11 months rose to a level of between £2000 and £3000 monthly, coming primarily from the picture framing.

Grants from the Stafford Trust, Aberdeenshire Council, Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action and the Co-op Group also boosted our funds by £14,465.

Sales of tools & equipment, mostly obtained by garage clearances, and donations for repairs and renovations of garden furniture and other items are also a steady source of income.

Our Men's Shed / Framing Workshop stand/tent at New Deer Agricultural Show and various local events also continue to bring in some income and also increase our presence in the area.

With some of this income we have been able to carry out various improvements to our yard and sheds, including the installation of a security system, security shutters to the framing workshop window and door, also make a donation towards the restoration of a children's tree house in Aden park which was destroyed by vandals.

This year we have also purchased a large new trailer and a second-hand Land Rover to aid the garage clearances and the hauling and cutting of trees for logs for our wood-burner and for our members use.

We now, finally, have had a decent broadband service installed which is a great advantage, especially for a card payment system for our customers of the Framing Workshop.

Our total income in this financial year is £50,872.00 and our total expenditure is £42,350.86 giving an overall profit of £8,521.14.

Our framing workshop had an income of £30,320.66, an expenditure of £16,212.65 giving a total profit of £14,108.01p.

I believe this is a fantastic achievement in our first year of our social enterprise and I would like to convey my sincere thanks to all our members, in whatever capacity they were involved, to make this possible.

Finally, I believe, two people must get a special mention and those are Stan Wallace for donating his framing business and equipment to us and continuing to help out, and Neil Smith our master framer whose skill and dedication has made this possible.

George Marshall. Treasurer.

Mintlaw & District Men's Shed

Balance Sheet 1st June 2025 - 31st May 2026

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Independent examiner's report on the accounts

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Report to the trustees/members of

Charity name

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed

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

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06

2025

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05

2026

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*]

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.

Signed**:

Name:

Gordon Burr
RETIRED BANKER

Date: 16th Aug 2026

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

Address:

55 SOUTH STREET
MINTLAW
PETERHEAD
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*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.

** OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures

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

Insurance transactions

28th January Bodland Insurance £1489.92

24th Feb ABI Insurance £329.10

23rd April - Zurich Insurance £532.04

all noted under Materials for Yard - note under other and mark 'insurance'

8th December - Christmas meal & treats

£1138 - & £2750 should be noted under other rather than Materials for Yard.

21st Oct - Transaction noted £136.21 which the invoice was for but only £136.19 charged and through statement. Totals adjusted.

24th July - £8.31 to Home Bargains noted on invoice as kitchen supplies but noted under office supplies.

Happy with how accounts are presented and receipts etc in order.

Annual General Meeting 31st August 2026 – Chairman's Report

Following on from my last Chairman's report of 18th August 2025 it is now my responsibility to give the resumé for this past year. This is the fifth full year in my role as Chairman and it is my privilege to offer this report to the members at this year's AGM.

It has once again been a full and busy year for the Mintlaw and District Men's Shed with new members joining and others who have felt a need to move on for whatever reason. For those who have joined us, we extend a very warm welcome to your first AGM and for those who have moved on we wish you every success in whatever you now choose to undertake.

Fund raising, which is always a difficult thing for any charity has been less stressful this past year with the on-going work of the Aden Picture Framing Social Enterprise which has been able to feed some much needed money back into the charity thereby maintaining the Men's Shed sustainability. I will deal with the Social Enterprise later in this report. With the income generated from the Enterprise and a small amount of fund raising we have been able to purchase a second hand Land Rover Freelander vehicle which will reduce the need for members to use their own vehicles on Shed business. With the grant funding money we have purchased a large double axle trailer with extended sides to give us extra space to carry more items on a single journey thereby reducing time on the job, travel to and from workplaces and ultimately reduce our carbon footprint.

After a lengthy period of time Open Reach have eventually managed to supply us with an internet connection landline to the cottage. This in itself will not benefit the Shed as much as it will the Social Enterprise as it now means we have a more secure and reliable internet connection to allow us to use a payment machine for card payments. This in today's trading environment means less reliance on cash, less cash on the premises and a better service to our customers. It also gives us a more accurate record of payments for accounting purposes. The Picture Framing business has also had an upgrade to provide better security in the form of new security cameras and door and window shutters to provide a safer environment for holding customer property whilst we are working on these items. As indicated previously the Picture Framing has reached and passed its first year of operations and both with new and returning customers has established a reputation for excellence in workmanship and customer satisfaction.

Again, as before we have managed to carry out Community projects with the Mintlaw Academy boys whom we continue to have working alongside us. Some of the boys have not been able to stay with us as long as was previously the case due to school subject / timetable changes which means that they cannot fit the Shed visit into and around the core subjects that we insist we should not disrupt. However, we hope that for those who have been with us and the new lads who will be here into the next year we hope that we can help to encourage them for their future.

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 resumé.

The past year has seen us carrying out work for various schools, boys clubs and community work in the form of the repair and refurbishment of garden furniture, tree felling and removal in Deer Abbey, the installation and removal of the village Christmas lights, the clearance of a number of houses, sheds and garages. Following a request from a church in Maud we removed a number of pews to allow the repair of the floor and reinstated them on completion of the repairs. Another church in Peterhead supplies bicycles to Malawi for the use by school teachers there and we have been able to supply them with 5 refurbished

bicycles as part of our help in the community work. (we have a further number of bicycles ready to supply when they are ready for them) Five members of the shed undertook further first aid training this past year and in addition to this a defibrillator unit was purchased and installed in the Cottage to provide support to the first aiders in their work with the Men's Shed and to enhance our own health and safety. Various projects for schools were undertaken like mud kitchens, work benches and noise reducing panels to name a few. The wood turning lathe has now been put to good use with various items being produced and tuition undertaken with the boys on wood turning. Also as part of the preparation for the fund raising events we attend, garden planters, bird boxes / feeders and scroll saw manufactured items are produced on a regular basis. These items can also be purchased by customers visiting the picture framing workshop as they are on display there. Some of the most labour intensive work comes in the form of log cutting and splitting which continues throughout the year to maintain our supply of logs for the wood burning stove which provides our only source of heat during the colder months.

As with last year the shed and picture framing organisations attended the New Deer agricultural show for a two day exhibition to again enhance our presence in the community. This along with another local fundraising event helps us to reach out to the community and to seek new members as well as promote the work we do and enhance our reputation locally.

Although it is stated and reviewed every year, I think that it is always worth remembering our aims as stated in the constitution so as to show our commitment to any prospective new members:

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 future plans and fulfillment of these plans will become reality in the closing stages of 2026 and on into 2027.

Thank you very much.



Gordon Reid,
Chairman.

Mintlaw and District Men's Shed SCIO Trustee Report for 2026

We have continued to function as a Men's Shed since the last report which was produced for the AGM of 2025.

Again the past year has seen the Shed involved in Community projects including such things as working in conjunction with local schools, boys clubs, partners in the park as well as generally helping in the community with shed and garage clearances.

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 Deer Abbey where we have removed some fallen trees which had caused damage to the Abbey grounds wall.

The Trustees are happy to report that the first year of operation of the Aden Picture Framing Social Enterprise has proved to have been a great success. This has mostly been down to the extensive work put in by one of our members for which the Trustees are extremely grateful. With the present fund raising having to have been reduced due to illness of our fundraising member the social enterprise has now become a much needed source of income to support the charity. So it is with grateful thanks the Trustees pass on their appreciation to those who continue to maintain the Aden Picture Framing operation.

During this past year we were fortunate to have been awarded some grant funding which has allowed the charity to purchase a double axle trailer complete with high sides to allow us to transport larger loads of items at one time thereby reducing the trips we undertake on varying projects. Along with this trailer and in order to have a suitable vehicle to tow it with, we have added a Land Rover Freelander vehicle. This will reduce the need for members to use their own vehicles whilst carrying out community work.

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. As a continuation of this ethos 5 members of the Shed undertook further first aid refresher training along with the purchase of a defibrillator unit to provide more cover for our own health and safety within the Shed.

The projects which have been undertaken this past year also provide a better understanding of what we do 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.

New members are always sought and welcomed and part of the outreach work we do is to try to find ways to attract new people to the Shed. In order to do this we have again participated in taking stands at a couple of local events to showcase our work, presence and commitment to the community in which we live and work. The Trustees are always keen to meet and talk with any new or prospective member of the Mintlaw and District Men's Shed.

Signed :-

Chairman



Trustee



Trustees Register as of August 2026

	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Date of Appointment</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
1.	Tom Armet	25 Deer Avenue Mintlaw Peterhead AB42 4AB Mob 07736 790291 atomenter@btinternet.com	03 Oct 2022	02/02/1946
2.	Denis Scroggie	14 South Street Mintlaw Peterhead AB42 5EL Mob 07985 432491 dscroggie@hotmail.com	24 May 2019	02/08/1955
3.	Gordon Reid	7 Drostan Drive Mintlaw Peterhead AB42 5EG 01771 623423 Mob 07580 188515 g.reid101.302@btinternet.com	24 May 2019	31/05/1947
4.	Hugh Mitchell	51 South Street Mintlaw Peterhead AB42 5EL Mob 07774 289624 sparkiehugh@gmail.com	24 May 2019	08/04/1944
5.	George Marshall	Chapelford Laburnum Lane Longside Peterhead AB42 4XP Mob 07717282474 george@marshall09.plus.com	20 Oct 2021	28/06/1946

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