



ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED

31ST OCTOBER 2024

Prepared for

The Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator



1. STONEHOUSE MEN'S SHED

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report and set of financial accounts is being compiled by the Trustees of Stonehouse Men's Shed (SC049237) to meet the requirements of the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator for the period 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024.

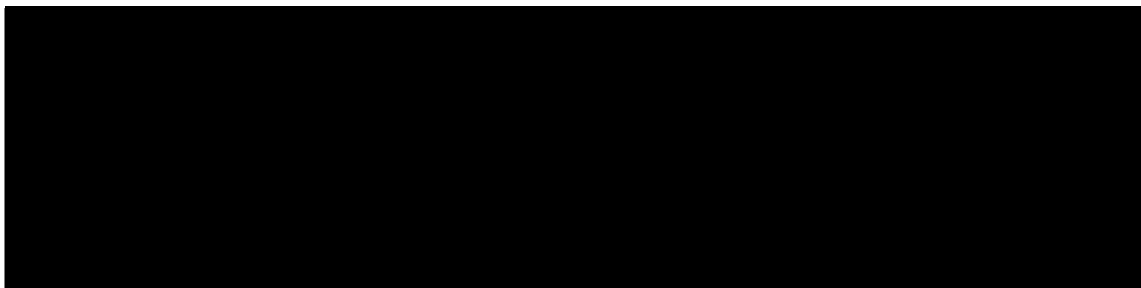
1.2 BACKGROUND

'Sheds' are a response to men's needs for camaraderie and provide opportunities to tackle loneliness and isolation by socialising and working together in a way that contributes meaning to their lives and communities.

Stonehouse Men's Shed was formed as a club in May 2018, meeting in Stonehouse Lifestyles. Despite being restricted in its activities due to the limitations of its location, its membership, meeting weekly, grew to over 30 at the time of its registration as a charity in April 2019, at which time a constitution approved by the Charities Regulator was adopted by unanimous agreement of the membership.

1.3 TRUSTEES and COMMITTEES

A single management committee, comprising the five trustees elected at the AGM on 23rd February 2022, plus two co-opted since, runs the Shed, and is as follows:-



1.4 MAIN ACTIVITIES DURING THE YEAR 2023-2024

Regular meetings continued in the recently-completed clubhouse. Membership increased slightly and attendance is around 20, not helped concerns and after effects of the virus on a predominantly older membership. Activities centre on a Monday afternoon social gathering, although the music group is particularly active and the woodwork shed has been kitted out and is in regular use. An external rewilding project has now been completed on adjacent derelict ground, and is proving very popular.

1.5 MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all adults over 18 in the South Lanarkshire area. There are currently 46 registered members of the Shed, predominantly from Stonehouse and surrounding villages.

2. REPORTS

(As presented to members at the AGM)

2.1 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

At its AGM, the Chairman thanked his committee of trustees for their tireless work in running the Shed – the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Back Yard Manager, the Policies Manager, the Beekeeper, and non-executive duties.

During the year, the Shed held regular Monday chat meetings, celebrated birthdays, made bird boxes, hosted community meetings, maintained bee hives and collected honey, visited three other Men's Sheds, visited Summerlee Museum, repainted the two portacabins, ran Spanish lessons, and opened its doors to the public on two occasions.

'Rob's Back Yard', our garden re-wilding project, reached completion after 18 months hard work, and was opened in May by [REDACTED] before his untimely loss. It has become a real but hidden oasis in the local village, hosting barbeques, educational visits from the local primary school, and becoming a summer sitting area for members.

Sadly during the year, the Shed lost [REDACTED], leader of the rewilding team and community stalwart, and [REDACTED] its oldest member.

'Simply Shed', the members' guitar band playing predominantly '60s music, was in much demand, visiting many local retirement homes, guilds, and pensioner clubs.

The Shed's membership increased slightly while active attendance remained in the twenties each week. An unsuccessful attempt was made to hold regular evening meetings in the summer, but this will be renewed next season.

Next year the Shed looks forward to much more of the same, including visits, the restoration of a Bantam motorbike, a Race Night fundraiser, and hosting local business enterprises during a two-day Arts Trail.

[REDACTED] *Chairman*

3. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

3.1 TREASURER'S REPORT

A signed copy of the Annual Accounts for the period 1st November 2023 to 31st October 2024 was presented at the AGM and also follows on the next page.

It will show a substantial amount of fundraising, donations, and grants which has allowed the Shed to substantially complete the rewilding project. This has also enabled the Shed to maintain a good working fund for running expenses, etc, to see us through the next year. The charity has no debts.

[REDACTED] *Treasurer*

STONEHOUSE MEN'S SHED ACCOUNTS

November 2023 - October 2024

INCOME	2024	2023	EXPENDITURE	2024	2023
Subscriptions	£1,751	£1,102	Gen. Expenditure	£316	£2,113
Fundraising & Others (Unrestricted Funds)	£1,825	£1,018	Insurance etc (Note 1)	£498	£462
General Donations (Unrestricted Funds)	£1,910	£2,111	Utilities (Note 2)	£1,901	£1,287
Simply Shed donations (Unrestricted Funds)	£1,175	£455	Subscriptions & donations	£444	£483
General Grants (Restricted Funds)	£948	£1,135	Shed Visits	£316	£479
Rewilding Project Grants (Restricted Funds)	£12,200	£8,224	Rewilding Project Costs (Restricted Funds)	£7,405	£11,840
Sundry Income	£189	£0	Equipment & Repairs	£2,897	£494
			Fundraising Expenses	£502	£469
			Consumables & Expenses	£1,062	£330
Total :	£19,999	£14,045	Total :	£15,342	£17,957

Note 1: Buildings and Public Liability. Accountant's fees.

Note 2: Includes wifi subscriptions

SUMMARY

	2024	2023
Opening Balance at 1/11/23	£5,329	£9,241
Add Income	£19,999	£14,044
Less Expenditure	-£15,342	£17,956
Closing Balance at 31/10/24	£9,986	£5,329
Comprising Unrestricted Funds of	£3,957	£4,694
plus Restricted Funds of	£5,746	£4,290
and including Cash at Hand of	£283	£257

This is a true record of Stonehouse Mens Shed
Accounts for the year ended 31st October 2024

Countersigned by:

Examined by:

Date 3/3/25

Date 3/3/25

Date 17/3/25

Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts.

Charity Name: Stonehouse Men's Shed SC049237

On the accounts for the charity for the period 1st November 2032 to 31st October 2024

Set out on page 4;

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 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

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.

Name:

Date:

17/3/25

Relevant Professional qualification/professional body:

Scottish Law Accountant

Address:

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3.2 NOTES ON THE ACCOUNTS

- 3.2.1 The accounts have been prepared on an Income and Expenditure basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustees Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 as amended.
- 3.2.2 "Subscriptions" took the form of a small weekly donation to cover tea, coffee and biscuits (covered under "Sundries & Expenses")..
- 3.2.3 Expenditure, sundries and expenses were also incurred for stationery, postage, printing, etc, required for the normal running of a club.
- 3.2.4 Grants received under Restricted Funds were heavily expended, but there remains a balance of £5,746 in that account.

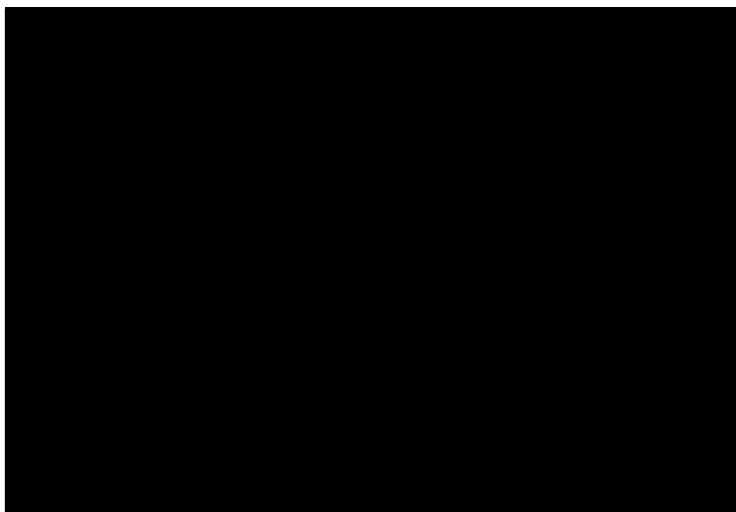
3.3 EXAMINER'S REPORT

An examination of the ledgers and compiled accounts was made in March 2025 by [REDACTED] (Scottish Law Accountant), and her report is given in the preceding page.

4. SIGNATURES

The forgoing report and annual accounts represent a true and fair record of STONEHOUSE MEN'S SHED's activities during the financial year 2023-2024.

Signed:



26/3/25

Date of final signature.