



MEN'S SHED DALRY

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TRUSTEES REPORT 2025

We began our third year as a registered charity remaining in the Pavilion at Dalry Public Park as tenants of Dalry Community Sports Club, although we were notified in May that we would need to vacate the premises by April 30th 2026 to make way for other planned projects in the park.

Based on funding we have received from the National Lottery Community Fund, we have been able to pay rent to the DCSC, and other small grants and donations have allowed us to augment our equipment giving additional capabilities, and indeed enhancing the safety and well-being of those participating in activities in the shed.

We have been conscious of the specifics we asked for when applying for funding and have ensured that the funding has been utilised against those specifics.

In October, the owner of The Coach House at The Cross having heard of our plight to identify new premises, reached out to offer us accommodation in the building at a significantly lower rent rate than we currently pay. The committee were impressed by what was being offered and accepted the offer, and a mutually agreed occupancy agreement was accepted by both parties.

Towards the end of 2025, our expenditure in building materials to facilitate our move to new premises at the Coach House at the Cross, impacted on our funds significantly, but this will prove to be a great investment in our future as we settle in to a more central, and more spacious and thereby safer premises.

Our bicycle re-cycling project has used a great deal of our consumables budget, but the fact we have been able to provide a free, healthy and sustainable mode of transport to those in need within our community, this investment has yielded more than its face value. Our weekly café rides have continued, allowing participants an additional opportunity to engage with each other, and benefit from the exercise this promotes.

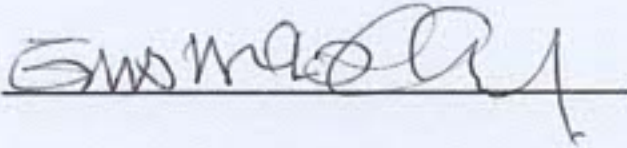
Our woodworking and art activities have almost worked hand-in hand throughout the year, where those participants with an artistic flair have been able to enhance the items produced in the woodshed by engraving and painting those. The members of the community who have benefitted from these bespoke pieces have donated as generously as they have been able.

While the foregoing are success stories, the fundamental principle of the Men's Shed has been most prevalent, in so far as we have been able to promote good fellowship among those who attend the Shed, and given a needed sanctuary for those struggling with isolation and mental health issues, giving them an outlet to let their creative juices flow.

As we closed the books on 31st Dec 2025 we had £6564 in the bank, with 4 months' rent still to pay from the Lottery fund.

Having refreshed the lists at the end of 2025, our membership now stands at 42, although our new Central location is attracting regular membership enquiries, so the expectation is that this number will climb.

Finally, as our Lottery Funding runs out at the end of May 2026, I have successfully applied to the Dalry Parish Boundary Trust for a grant to cover our rent for the next two years.

Signed 

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