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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2025	To	31	12	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Bridge of Don & District Men's Shed	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number	**SC047762**	
Charity's principal address	Oldmachar Community Hall	
	Jesmond Drive	
	Bridge of Don	
	Aberdeen	**Postcode AB22 8UR**

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Gary McLeod	Chairman		Members AGM
2	Alexander Freeman	Vice Chairman		Members AGM
3	John Smith	Treasurer		Members AGM
4	Eric Bisset	Secretary		Members AGM
5	Kevin Cormack			Members AGM
6	Gordon Hepburn			Members AGM
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Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	The organisation is governed by a written and published constitution.
Trustee recruitment and appointment	This is carried out prior to the AGM with submissions for roles from the membership with voting taking place during the AGM. This process is written into the constitution.

Objectives and activities

Charitable 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, The relief of those in need by reason of age, ill health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.
Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects	Provision of recreational facilities to advance the social needs, health and well being of men of all ages and backgrounds living in the area. a) Creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed. b) Offering opportunities for men in the Bridge of Don area to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice. c) Reducing isolation of men in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing. d) Developing the capacity of men in the Bridge of Don area to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period	2025 has been another very busy year for the Shed. Our first full year of the growing season in the poly tunnel with great engagement and intergenerational work with the local school children. Our Farmers/Producers market has been successfully expanded since 2024's hard work to regenerate the project and is now established within the community and provides much needed fundraising. Our work with other community groups has expanded helping create a community garden, community notice boards, assisting at Rotary Club Kids Out event and providing mud kitchens and workbenches to schools, nurseries and playgroups. We have continued to invest in our premises with new windows and doors funded by a Lottery Fund grant, LED lighting upgrade and new kitchen equipment providing a reduction in energy costs and our carbon footprint. We used money from a Students Charity Show donation to purchase and provide day blankets and draught excluders to old people distributed through our connection with the local church. We continue to expand the use of our premises, outside our hours of use, to local groups for meetings, craft clubs, card clubs to make best use of the community hall. We have also connected with a couple of care homes to bring their members to the Shed to have coffee with our members and play dominoes once a week which has been a great success and providing much fun and companionship. This is the first year where we have taken our members for a Christmas lunch in appreciation for all their enthusiasm, time and hard work given to achieve the successes above and engender our community ethic.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	Our policy on reserves is to ensure there is adequate funds to cover our risks and provide our members to gain the benefits of friendship and social interaction to reduce social isolation whilst making a positive contribution to our local area. With our new premises being the full responsibility of ourselves as we have no landlord to take on the responsibility of the building and adjacent areas there is greater exposure to potential higher costs for building maintenance, insurance, energy costs and unexpected events. Our policy on reserves remains unchanged for the period ahead. We estimate that for the next 5 year period we should maintain a reserve of £45k.
Details of any deficit	
Donated facilities and services (if any)	

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	GARY McLEOD	JOHN SMITH
Position (e.g. Chair)	CHAIRMAN	TREASURER
Date	28/9/2026	28/9/2026