



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From Day Month Year To Day Month Year

Section A

Reference and administration details

Charity name

The Dusty Shed

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1168742

Charity's principal address

460 Cowbridge Rd West

Cardiff

Postcode

CF5 5BZ

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Charles Wallace	Chair of Trustee Committee	Appointed 24/01/2019	AGM
2	Paul Perera	Treasurer	Appointed 24/01/2019	AGM
3	John Hallett		Whole year	AGM
4	Caroline Barr	Secretary	Appointed 24/01/2019	AGM
5	Natasha Hayes		Appointed 24/01/2019	AGM
6	Doug Smith		Whole year	AGM
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Nil	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Nil		

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Charles Wallace (Chair of Trustee Committee)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document	The Dusty Shed Constitution
How the charity is constituted	The Dusty Shed Constitution specifies appointment of trustees, membership requirements, and activities permitted.
Trustee selection methods	Trustees may volunteer or be nominated by the membership; at least one Trustee must be a registered Dusty Shed member. All Trustees are Elected by the membership at the AGM.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Dusty Shed membership hold a monthly meeting. This meeting discusses Shed harmony and decides on what activities will be undertaken in the workshop, including any requirement for tools and materials.

The Trustees also hold a monthly meeting approximately one week after the membership meeting at which membership issues are considered and decisions taken on how workshop activities will be funded.

The Dusty Shed has a close relationship with the Dusty Forge. There is considerable cross-referral of people and many Shed members also use the Forge resources.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The objects of The Dusty Shed, as stated in its Constitution, are:

To promote health and wellbeing by reducing the loneliness and isolation of individuals, particularly but not exclusively men aged 50+, living in Cardiff and the surrounding areas through the provision of "Sheds"; community based projects where individuals can share, learn and socialise with each other in an inclusive environment.

To promote for the benefit of the inhabitants of Cardiff and the surrounding area the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure

time occupation of individuals who have need of such facilities by reason of their youth, age, infirmity or disablement, financial hardship or social and economic circumstances or for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants.

To promote social and community inclusion for the public benefit by encouraging participation by those who are socially excluded in projects that promote interdependence, intergenerational relationships and kinship between people of differing backgrounds, cultures and abilities.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or part of society, as a result of being a member of a socially and economically deprived community.

To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by educating, encouraging and assisting the local population in environmental practice, working in partnership with similar groups and organisations. This will include the promotion of practical measures for the recycling, repairing and up-cycling of items.

The above objectives are reflected in the following Shed Mission Statement, that is used on brochures and correspondence:

The mission of the Dusty Shed is to facilitate the coming together of lonely and socially isolated people, with emphasis on older men, in a physically and emotionally safe environment where they can participate, with their peers, in woodworking, craft and social activities.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

All activities of the Dusty Shed are checked by the Trustees' Committee to ensure they comply with the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit. This is achieved by holding a Trustees' Committee Meeting shortly after every monthly Members' Meeting; as detailed in Section B. This procedure was introduced following the AGM in February 2019 to counter several forceful personalities who were guiding some activities away from the objectives and disrupting the harmony of the membership. Members meetings now also address these issues; and, any controversial member behaviour, or proposed activity not in compliance with the objectives, is brought the Trustees' attention. Several Trustees are also Shed Members and can feed back to the Membership the actions taken by the Trustees.

As per our mission statement (above), the Dusty Shed provides a physically and emotionally safe place where members share their skills and experience to help each other with projects and/or provide emotional support when a member is distressed. We have many testimonials from members that attending the Shed has given them a sense of self-worth and helped them overcome depression and anxiety. Hence, the value of the Shed to the community is directly proportional to the number of members who attend on a regular basis; and, a principal focus of the Trustees has been, and will continue to be, attracting new members. But, our target group, especially those with depression and anxiety disorders, are often somewhat reluctant to move outside their lonely and socially isolated comfort zone.

During the reporting period we have tried several methods of making contact with prospective new members; such as, general advertising in other community organisations, holding open days where we provide light refreshments and members are available to talk about Shed activities, and conducting 'Taster' sessions where prospective members can, receive basic instruction in a new skill (e.g. woodcarving) in small non-threatening groups. All have had some success and our membership has grown slightly.

The major limitations to our membership numbers is the space available in our workshop and the number of days we can provide volunteer supervisors to run the Shed activities. Addressing these issues will be a major focus of the Trustees in the coming year.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Most activities of the Dusty Shed are run by the volunteer members. We employ a Development Officer for 7.5 hours per week to interface with other organisations and perform routine tasks associated with safety and compliance. Responsibility for administration, financial management, and conflict resolution is delegated to various Trustees. Planning and supervision of work in the workshop is delegated to various Members. Coordination is achieved through some Trustees also being registered Shed Members and the Development Officer who attends meetings of both groups.

Projects undertaken in the workshop fall into three categories: items made for personal use by the members; items made for use in the shed for the benefit of all members; and, items made for the Shed to sell or give away to needy families. Proceeds from any items sold are returned to the Shed account to pay for maintenance or replacement of worn or broken tools.

Shed members have built items for garden projects and carried out repairs and maintenance for local people and charities.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

It is difficult to identify any single issue as an achievement. The Dusty Shed is an ongoing support provider for people in need and it does this by providing a safe place for people to undertake activities, mainly associated with woodworking and craft, that give them a sense of achievement and self-worth. It also provides an opportunity for lonely people, especially older men who have recently retired or lost their partner, to open up to their peers and discuss private issues with which they are struggling; the therapeutic value of such interaction should not be underestimated.

There are over 40 registered members of the Shed, many of whom only drop in for the cuppa and chat when they are feeling low or in need of some support. There is also a core element of members who actively work to support the Shed and thereby achieve a feeling of their own self-worth through what they give to others.

Hence, our major achievement is to have been there when we were needed.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Dusty Shed has no formal reserves policy. The only fixed costs the Shed has to meet are electricity, insurance, and wages for the Development Officer (7.5 hours per week). For the reporting period this has been achieved through grants from The People's Health Trust and The National Lottery Community Fund.

Applications for grants are in progress to cover anticipated activities for the coming year and planned improvements to the Shed facilities.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Nil

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


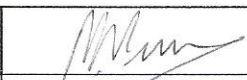
Other optional information

Section G

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)	Charles Anthony Wallace	Paul Christopher Perera
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair of trustee Committee	TREASURER
Date	08/03/2020	08/03/2020



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
The Dusty Shed

No (if any)
1158742

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period
from

01/07/2018

To

30/06/2019

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Grants	10,000	9,048	-	19,048	-
Donations	317	-	-	317	232
Fund raising	709	-	-	709	2,320
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	11,027	9,048	-	20,075	2,552
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	11,027	9,048	-	20,075	2,552
A3 Payments					
Repairs & Maintenance		1,080	-	1,080	2,999
Light & Heating	259	482	-	741	341
Insurance	578	-	-	578	576
Cost Charitable Activities	25	-	-	25	6,883
Staff costs		9,841	-	9,841	-
Facilitated training		848	-	848	-
Miscellaneous	463	-	-	463	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	1,325	12,251	-	13,576	10,799
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
Tools & Machinery	360	852	-	1,212	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	360	852	-	1,212	-
Total payments	1,685	13,103	-	14,788	10,799
Net of receipts/(payments)	9,342	4,055	-	5,287	8,247
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	2,202	4,055	-	6,257	14,504
Cash funds this year end	11,544	0	-	11,544	6,257

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Current Bank Account	11,428		-
	Cash in Hand	116	-	-
			-	-
	Total cash funds	11,544	-	-

(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Tools and Equipment	360	852	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use			-	-
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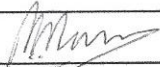

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

P.C. VERGARA
C.A. WALLACE

08/03/2020
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