

Trustees Annual Report 2019/20

The 12 months, April 2019 to March 2020, have been rather like a rollercoaster with several ups and downs. Our continuing quest for larger premises to accommodate the needs of our existing members, and of course allow new members to join, has had several false dawns. Collaboration with commercial operators, refused permission to develop within Anstey Park have all dented our spirits. But most recently ATC have outlined that a redundant sports pavilion would be made available for us in 2021. This was just the shot in the arm we needed as we can see an end to our cramped and inadequate shed and move to quarters fit for purpose. Not only will we be able to attract more members but also fulfil our desire to welcome members with disabilities, both physical and mental. In the last year we welcomed a Syrian refugee and a 6th form college student who attended every session we were open. We have always welcomed women to our shed, but the cramped conditions and the project content were not received well. We can correct that in the future.

Our projects portfolio has kept us very busy with a wide variety of work for schools, museums, individuals and our local community hospital. We also repaired a bus shelter for Alton Town Council. Overall we accomplished 18 different projects that generated, a revenue including donations of over £2,500. This will go towards our building fund.

The social side of the Shed has been expanding, and during the year we have had a very successful BBQ at a member's garden, the Christmas lunch including some members from Bordon Shed, and several outings to museums and places of interest throughout the area. A delegation attended the Southern Mens Shed Association "ShedFest" on the Isle of Wight where we met other sheds to compare notes and learn from each other.

Looking ahead is a real challenge. Obviously we have been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and had to close the Shed at the end of March. All external activities have ceased but the Trustees have kept in touch with the membership by telephone. We created a WhatsApp group so members can encourage and help each other or simply exchange messages. Words like WhatsApp and Zoom that have never been on the lips of some members are now in common use. For those that are shielding online shopping is now the norm. A whole generation of over 70's who did not use IT in their working lives have learnt a new skill and embracing the change in their lives.

We will carry on – helping each other – the local community – and will adapt our skill, recourse and efforts for the best outcome for everybody.

The Trustees of Alton Mens Shed

ALTON MENS SHED
(registered charity no. 1174510)

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020

	Unrestricted Funds	2020 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	2019 Total Funds
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
RECEIPTS				
Membership fees	525.00	-	525.00	552.50
Donations	3,201.55	-	3,201.55	1,826.34
Work done	2,779.67	-	2,779.67	757.80
Christmas meal	549.50	-	549.50	757.50
Groundworks (Tesco Bags)	-	-	-	904.00
Interest received	17.64	-	17.64	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	7,073.36	0.00	7,073.36	4,798.14
PAYMENTS				
Cost of work done and consumables	1,885.00	-	1,885.00	1,767.89
Purchase of equipment	-	113.98	113.98	269.96
Property costs	452.01	-	452.01	332.95
Insurance	-	346.39	346.39	330.22
Mens Shed UK annual fee	24.00	-	24.00	24.00
Barbecue	252.15	-	252.15	-
Christmas meal	589.50	-	589.50	757.50
Miscellaneous expenses	115.77	-	115.77	175.25
TOTAL PAYMENTS	3,318.43	460.37	3,778.80	3,657.77
NET INFLOW/(OUTFLOW) OF FUNDS	3,754.93	(460.37)	3,294.56	1,140.37
Cash funds brought forward	2,186.51	1,529.67	3,716.18	2,575.81
Cash funds carried forward	<u>5,941.44</u>	<u>1,069.30</u>	<u>7,010.74</u>	<u>3,716.18</u>

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT THE FINANCIAL YEAR END

Monetary assets - Cash at bank and in hand	<u>5,941.44</u>	<u>1,069.30</u>	<u>7,010.74</u>	<u>3,716.18</u>
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J P Sills
Treasurer

I have compared the receipts and payments account for the year ended 31st March 2020 with the records and explanations provided to me and confirm that this account has been prepared in accordance therewith.

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Date 6.7.20