

Nursling Men's Shed

Annual Report 2020

Whoever would have thought that our first AGM would take place after such a traumatic period of social disruption. Thankfully we are here, and we shall move forward. To those poor souls who have passed away during this pandemic and their families our hearts go out to you.

We even missed our birthday party. On 2nd April 2020 our Shed was one year old, when talking of the Shed I am of course referring to the community of the Shed, those fortunate people who have found where we are, have come to our front door and have joined us. Being where we are after this one year is, in the Shed world, quite a remarkable occurrence. Many Sheds have a two year or more wait before they are fully up and running, we must count our blessings.

Many of you will remember our first actions in moving into St Boniface Church Hall, clearing out the detritus and memories of perhaps 50 years of operatic stage sets and memorabilia and setting it on the grass in front of the hall. We intended to have three piles, one for keeping, one for maybe useful and one for disposal. We did manage to keep a fair amount of material, but the woodworm kept more.

Over our first year we have repaired the floor and windows, redecorated the hall, built a new kitchen, installed an assisted w/c and built the new workshop area.

We always had a plan of where we wanted to arrive at, and we are still working along that path. With the support and goodwill of so many people we have achieved so much, it is worth recording: -

1. We have security of premises in a remarkably beautiful and suitable location.
2. We now have a firm financial base.
3. We have excellent community connections and they will grow.
4. We have a strong and enthusiastic Shed membership, and that too will grow.

We have had remarkable generosity from the Parochial Church Council, who helped us when the Covid -19 experience arrived by offering us a zero-rent period from April until it was over. In the course of events we did not pay any rent for two months, and that would have gone on longer as we could not have afforded to pay rent without income from our normal activities. So, the Government Grant of £10k has, for our Shed, been incredibly fortuitous and we were pleased to be able to help the Parochial Church Council in return by paying one year's rent in advance, from June 2020.

These funds have allowed us to progress the electrical installation, and the assisted w/c fit out. You may remember that the sanitary ware for this w/c had already been funded by a grant from County Councillor Perry.

We have also received grants from Waitrose, Test Valley Borough Council, Shell and Taylor Wimpey. In addition, income has been raised by subscriptions from our members and a donation for work carried out for the local Co-op in Nursling.

We have also raised funds by our members efforts - we have made bird boxes, silhouettes of Soldiers for Remembrance Day, squirrels, planters and a giant Christingle. We have repaired benches and have made Croquet Boxes for Grove Place.

The Covid experience has been devastating for many charities, and it could well have been so for us. But ours is a different story. During the Lockdown and subsequent period of restrictions, and with funds newly available, we have been able to make some major inroads into our refurbishment project. Notably the Electrical and Lighting Installation - the lighting certainly brightens the place up and the new distribution board gives us an excellent and easy facility for the future power circuit installation. We also took the opportunity to connect the w/c to the plumbing system.

Our thanks to all those who contributed.

I must thank my fellow Trustees and our working Committee for helping us get where we are. Their insight and energy (and tea drinking) has proved a great and beneficial goodness.

During the year we have appointed two new Trustees - Mike Bunce who is an excellent liaison between the Church and the Shed community and Fred Lyon who is our treasurer. We now have six Trustees, which is our intended number. Trustees are appointed for a three-year term.

Looking forward we have plenty to do, we have friends to meet, but most importantly we have to enjoy ourselves.

Graham Gowman
Chairman

Nursling Men's Shed**Registered Charity No. 1183606****Receipts and Payments Account****For the period from 1st April 2019 to 30th June 2020****Income**

<i>Grants</i>	Southampton Operatic Society	1,500.00	
	Shell	350.00	
	Test Valley Borough Council	660.00	
	Hampshire County Council	489.00	
	Covid-19 Community Grant	10,000.00	
			12,999.00
<i>Subscriptions</i>			566.00
<i>Projects</i>	Tom mies	120.00	
	Xmas Planters	154.00	
	Bird Tables	75.00	
	Squirrels	20.00	
	Christingle	34.50	
	Croquet boxes	250.67	
	Large planters	170.00	
			824.17
<i>Sales</i>	Projector	96.90	
	Oil tanks	115.02	
	Lamps	60.00	
	Materials	49.00	
			320.92
<i>Miscellaneous</i>	Donations	104.62	
	Tea club	104.62	
			209.24
			<u>£14,919.33</u>

Expenditure

Tools, Equipment & PPE	298.59
Decoration & Repairs	659.39
Electrics	2,385.00
Kitchen & Toilet	745.58
Projects	340.62
Set up costs	390.54
Insurance & Subscriptions	341.23
Rent	1,800.00
Energy	260.79
	<u>£7,221.74</u>
Transfer to Reserve Fund	<u>£7,697.59</u>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities
As at 30th June 2020

Assets

Prepayments

Rent in advance 2,200.00

Balance at bank 5,494.35
cash in hand 3.24
5,497.59

£7,697.59

Liabilities

Unrestricted Reserve Fund £7,697.59