UK MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

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Introducing Men's Sheds

Men's Sheds are independent community spaces where people come together to make, repair and connect.

Men's Sheds tackle loneliness, improve wellbeing and support mental and physical health. They engage people who traditional services struggle to reach. This includes those experiencing isolation, retirement, bereavement or declining health.

This is health by stealth. Men's Sheds work because they're informal and they're fun. There's no pressure to discuss your personal life if you don't want to. People work shoulder to shoulder and build relationships and routine.



Each Shed is different. Many Sheds involve women, some work with young people, most Sheds support people to embrace and develop their creativity. Many Sheds are proud to support their wider communities. They work in partnership with local schools, charities or local authorities to improve spaces or offer community activities.

Today, there are more than 1,100 Sheds across the UK supported by three Associations. We estimate that over 30,000 people benefit from attending Sheds every week.

They're known as Shedders.

The UK Men's Sheds Association

The UK Men's Sheds Association is a support body for the Shedding movement in the UK. We support these grassroots groups and organisations to start, survive and thrive. We provide Sheds with guidance, resources and support them to have a national voice, such as our work on the government's Men's Health Strategy. Our role is to support the movement. It's volunteers and Shedders themselves who make Shedding work and know what's best for their Sheds and their communities.

We have member Sheds across all four nations of the UK, and we're one of three Shed Associations. The others are the Scottish Men's Sheds Association and the Irish Men's Sheds Association.

We collaborate with a range of other organisations. These include regional Shed networks and charities such as the Royal British Legion, Age UK, Menscraft in Norfolk, and Groundwork in Northern Ireland.

The UKMSA team is made up of staff, trustees and volunteer Ambassadors. Shedders are involved at all levels and in all aspects of our work. We're proud to be driven by our grassroots as this is the essence of the Shedding movement.

We also learn from and actively contribute to the international Men's Sheds movement, including work with colleagues in Canada, Australia and Japan.

The central role of Shedders and volunteers in our work means we can achieve a remarkable reach and impact with a relatively small staff team.

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Two members of the Worcester Shed

Chair's Letter

The Annual Report is, of course, fundamentally about meeting our legal and regulatory obligations. But far more than this, it's an opportunity to showcase to a wide range of readers – Shedders, funders, partners, and many others – the work being done by UKMSA to support Men's Sheds as a national association. It also allows us to shine a light on the grassroots movement, which makes such a powerful difference to so many lives and communities. I am therefore delighted to introduce this latest report and say how proud I am of what is being achieved by all the UKMSA team, staff and volunteers alike, on behalf of the Shed community in this country.

It has again been a year of considerable change, including some important consolidation alongside a degree of growth. After a decision by the trustees in 2024 to expand the staff leadership team, we welcomed our new full-time CEO, Caroline Ellis, in May 2025 and grew the senior leadership team by two more to its current level of five overall. Caroline is now supported by two Directors (Operations, and Income & Investment) and two Heads (Shed Development and Volunteering), with all posts having been filled by the end of the financial year. While we have no ambition to become a large charity, we do expect to expand the UKMSA team over the coming years, including creating and filling a small number of additional staff posts, and expanding the number and reach of our volunteers.

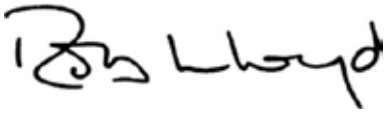
There has been change on the Board too. During the year we said farewell to three trustees, including our Treasurer, David Webber, one of our longer-serving trustees, John Rushforth, and to Victoria Coker, a member of our Audit & Risk Committee. We also said farewell to our Board Advisor, Chris Lee, who was one of the original trustees of UKMSA. The Board was most grateful to existing trustee Kate Martin for stepping into the Treasurer role while we



Rob with Arshad, our Health & Wellbeing Lead

engage in our recruitment campaign to fill the post on a permanent basis. And in a further strengthening of governance and oversight arrangements, the trustees voted to establish a People Committee, alongside the existing Audit & Risk Committee as a formal sub-committee of the Board.

Despite the relative newness of the executive team, I am delighted to be able to say that there is already an excellent and solid working relationship with the Board. This has enabled us to tackle some tricky issues together, especially around our funding and projected deficit. It further gives me great confidence in the future for the charity, and real pride to be a part of the exciting changes to date as well as, especially, those yet to come. I am very grateful to everyone, whether UKMSA staff or volunteers, the wider Shed community, or our supporters, funders and partners, all of whom have been, and continue to be, a vital part of this incredible work.



Rob Lloyd

Chair of Trustees, UKMSA

July 2026

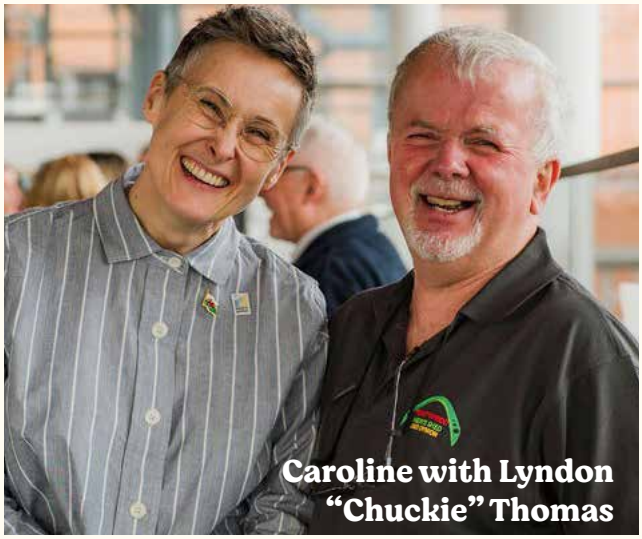
CEO's Letter

This annual report marks my first full year as CEO of the UK Men's Sheds Association.

It's been a year of joyful visits to Sheds, and time spent listening to and learning from our small but mighty UKMSA team: our Ambassadors, staff and trustees. I've seen first-hand how the Men's Sheds movement shapes and contributes to communities across the UK; with creativity, humour, kindness and a great deal of tea and biscuits. I have also witnessed the passion and potential of this rapidly growing movement and feel genuinely privileged to be part of it.

Our role at UKMSA is an enabling one. We support Sheds to open, survive and thrive, and to help them extend their reach and deepen their impact. Men's Sheds are the movement. They are independent, community-led spaces shaped by the people who take part in them. The strength of Shedding lies in its grassroots nature: people connecting, creating and supporting one another, 'shoulder to shoulder'.

Over the past year, we have set out how we will embed that grassroots approach and support the movement to grow its reach and impact; through our manifesto and 2025–2030 strategy. Together, these articulate a shared vision of healthy, happy men and a Shed for everyone who wants one, alongside a practical framework for how we contribute to that ambition.



Caroline with Lyndon "Chuckie" Thomas

I also recognise that we operate within a wider civil society facing significant challenges. Many of the issues that Sheds respond to every day; loneliness and social isolation, health inequalities, and economic pressures, are growing across communities in every part of the UK. The work of Sheds is therefore not only important to those who attend them; it is increasingly vital to the health and resilience of communities more broadly.

As a charity operating across the UK, we share the challenges faced by many organisations throughout the sector. I have been particularly fortunate to inherit some committed and loyal supporters and partners and remain deeply grateful for their continued generosity. In partnership with Shedders and the UKMSA team, we are building genuinely collaborative alliances that reflect the shared endeavour at the heart of Shedding itself.

Thank you specifically to Worwin, Pears Foundation, Diageo, Carveco, Titefix, Movember, the Royal British Legion and the Association of Male Health and Wellbeing for your unwavering support of the Men's Sheds movement and UKMSA. Thank you too, to all our Ambassadors, to the UKMSA staff team and trustees, and to our patron Chris Fisher RPT, who shows us all what Shedding is all about. This report reflects what you have achieved.

Together, we are building something that matters and creating lasting, positive change for men and communities across the UK.



Caroline Ellis

CEO, UKMSA

July 2026

Legal and Administrative Information

The UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), registered on 25 June 2015.

Registered charity number - 1162409

Principal address - 49 Station Road, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6EA.

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Patron	Lord Kyte Hardwick, Christopher Warwick-Fisher RPT

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Rob Lloyd, Chair	John Jarvis, Vice Chair
John Rushforth (resigned April 2026)	Victoria Coker (resigned June 2025)
Andrew Johnston(re-elected July 2025)	Joanne Phillips
Kate Martin, Interim Treasurer	John Latchford
Chris Griffiths(re-elected July 2025)	Mark O'Neill (re-elected July 2025)
David Webber (resigned June 2025)	

Staff up to 31 March 2026

Senior Leadership Team

Caroline Ellis	Chief Executive Officer (from May 2025)
Amy Robinson	Director of Operations
Nick Pilkington	Director of Income & Investment (from Jan 2026)
Alison Hands	Head of Trusts & Foundations (left June 2025)
Rachel Meadows	Head of Development
Stuart Gray	Head of Volunteering (from Sept 2025)

Other Staff

Karen Coates	Finance Manager (left Sept 2025)
Jamie Hewitt	Finance Manager (from Nov 2025)
Laura Winkley	Membership Manager
Bernadette McElhatton	Shed Development Support Officer (left Sept 2025)
Allan Ogle	Partnerships & Community Development Manager (left June 2025)
Robert Visintainer	Regional Development Manager (Wales)
Simon Poole	Shed Development Officer (Wales)
Ruth Gibbsmith	Shed Development Officer (East Midlands)(left Aug 2025)
Anne Whelan	Shed Development Officer (North of England) (left Sept 2025)
Keira Summerhayes	Universities Lead
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Tim Scott	Operations Officer (from Jan 2026)
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UKMSA Trustees' Annual Report 2025–2026

The Trustees of UKMSA present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2026. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in notes to the accounts and comply with the CIO's governing document, the Charities Act 2011, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 1 January 2019. The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty under section 17 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit, 'Public Benefit: Running a Charity (PB2)', when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. The trustees have considered how the charity's activities contribute to its aims and objectives and the public benefit they provide.

Structure, Governance & Management

The UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with voting members other than its charity Trustees. The CIO is governed by a constitution, with charity Trustees being elected by members at the Annual General Meeting. The Trustees are allowed to appoint additional Trustees during the year. All new Trustees are provided with a pack which includes copies of the CIO's Constitution, the most recent UKMSA Annual Report, and relevant Charity Commission publications. The UKMSA Trustees are responsible for the strategic leadership of the CIO and, through the Chair, direct and manage the Chief Executive Officer to deliver the strategy of the organisation. The Trustees meet at least every quarter to oversee the governance requirements. All Trustees are volunteers and undertake activities to further the objects of the UKMSA as required with no remuneration or financial benefit received for their time.

At the end of March, UKMSA had 13 employees delivering the organisation's objectives. Our work is supported by 30 volunteers who act as Ambassadors within the Shed community.

Arrangements for setting staff pay

The charity pays its staff market rate salaries, which are determined by benchmarking across the sector and taking into consideration any specialist skills. This process applies to all staff, including key management personnel. Salary levels are approved by the Trustees (with recommendations from the CEO and the Board's People Committee) as part of the annual budget setting process.

Objectives & Activities

As set out in UKMSA's Constitution and with the Charity Commission, the Objects of the CIO are for the public benefit to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities or the effective use of resources for charitable purposes to local Men's Sheds, and further enable information sharing, communication, and co-operation between them and so act as a support body for Men's Sheds.

Future plans

We're now entering the second year of our five-year strategy and are encouraged by the progress made during the first year. Over the next 12 months we'll continue to be guided by the four main pillars outlined in our strategy, which are set out below.

Our strategy 2025–2030

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Enabling Shed vitality, creativity and sustainability	Increasing Shed reach and impact	Amplifying the voice of Shedders, Sheds and the Shedding movement	Building a creative and self-sustaining organisation



Paul Egerton, a member of the UKMSA Health & Wellbeing Advisory Group at work at West Bletchley Shed

UKMSA Ambassadors

Ambassadors are volunteers with experience of establishing and running Sheds who give their time to support the wider network.

Ambassadors do extraordinary things every week across the UK. They speak at events, guide struggling Sheds, build relationships with health organisations, mentor new Shedders and Shed Leaders, and carry the story of the movement into communities.

Ambassadors promote Shedding and support new Sheds and are a key driver behind the rapid growth of the movement. Much of this happens quietly and without fanfare, which is entirely characteristic of the Shedding spirit. They bring deep knowledge of the movement, a broad network of relationships, and a credibility that comes from lived experience of Shedding.

Men's Sheds Save Lives

Around three-quarters of deaths by suicide in the UK are men. 39% of Shed leaders believe their Shed may have prevented somebody from taking their life. With funding from the Department of Health and Social Care, we set out to give Shedders the confidence to support one another through life's hardest moments.

We worked with Zero Suicide Alliance to tailor their training to Sheds, which reached over 700 Shedders, and created bereavement and life-change booklets written by Shedders, for Shedders. As one Shedder put it: **"If it wasn't for the Shed I'd be dead now."**

Meet one of our Ambassadors

Colin Fleet, Saintfield, Northern Ireland

Colin's involvement in his Shed started with a bowl. He'd made it for a friend who then asked him to share his woodworking skills with Shed members. That was nearly a decade ago, and he's not looked back.

Colin has a real passion for what Sheds can do for communities and the individuals who are involved. He's proud of what his Shed – Saintfield – has achieved. They've been recognised with their coverage in the Sunday Life, on podcasts and used as an exemplar by the County Down Regional Community Network.

This led Colin to become a UKMSA Ambassador. He's keen to emphasise that he can't wave a magic wand if a Shed's struggling. But he can help them work through challenges with his experience and examples of what others have tried.

For example, he recently worked with a group of Sheds as they lost their funding. They worked together to find other ways to drive income and some major cost savings, including merging two Sheds across communities, with all existing members coming over to the new Shed.



Colin with members of Saintfield Shed and Barry from Groundwork Northern Ireland during a UKMSA visit to Sheds in Northern Ireland.

Strategic Pillar 1: Enabling Shed vitality, creativity and sustainability



Two Shed members at our recent event at the Senedd in Cardiff.

Over the last 12 months, we've supported Shedders on all aspects of setting up and running their Sheds. This has included guidance on funding applications, help with governance issues, networking and introductions between Sheds and partner organisations.

To deliver this work, we rely on a network of experienced UKMSA Ambassadors. Ambassadors who have direct experience of running Sheds and have faced the same challenges that those seeking support are confronting. They work with and are supported by our experienced staff team.

Highlights from the last 12 months have included:

- **Resources and training:** we've continued to develop the resources available to Sheds. Highlights have included training on alcohol moderation delivered with DRINKiQ and a new resource on converting a shipping container into a Shed. We also developed our first Welsh Language leaflet on Sheds, with support from Shedders, to promote the movement in Wales.
- **ShedFest and ShedConnect events:** the return of our flagship annual event brought together Shedders from across the country to share ideas and inspiration. We've also run two regional ShedConnect events, with more planned, to build connections, bring in guest speakers and encourage peer support locally.
- **The UK Men's Sheds Awards** at the Houses of Parliament in Westminster. We added two new awards this year: the Armed Forces Community Award, and the Heritage and Habitat Award. These awards recognise Sheds making impact by working with and supporting the military community, and for their contributions to conservation, environment and heritage preservation.
- **Creativity** continues to play a central role in the Shedding movement, and not only at the workbench. For example, we supported the Welsh Men's Shed Opera and Shed Stories, a dance production using the words of real Shedders.

What's next

The year ahead is particularly exciting for this strategic pillar. Key areas of work include:

- **The Shed Health Check**, a self-assessment tool which will help Sheds to check they have the essentials in place and to share good practice from the movement.
- **Training** for Shed Leaders and Shedders. This includes training that we're developing with our partner QBE Insurance focused on Shed finances and insurance.
- **Better support for volunteers:** including new volunteering roles and putting systems in place to help Ambassadors connect with each other more easily and to stay up-to-date with everything going on across the Shedding movement and in UKMSA.
- **Helping Sheds to demonstrate their impact** alongside academics and partners to better understand and demonstrate the difference that Sheds make for their members and their communities. This will include tools for Sheds to use themselves to influence funders and local policy-makers.

ShedFest: our flagship national event

ShedFest is the national Men's Sheds gathering comprising an exhibition, workshops, seminars and live craft demonstrations. It also includes networking opportunities and the UKMSA Annual General Meeting. The event is free to attend.

ShedFest attracts around 500+ attendees - Shedders, volunteers, community leaders, charity partners, funders and supporters from across the UK. Most attendees will have personal experience of the positive impact that Men's Sheds have had on their lives, families and communities.

ShedFest provides an opportunity to:

- Meet other Shedders and see Shedding in action.
- Share ideas, innovation and good practice.
- Explore key issues affecting health, wellbeing and communities.
- Build new partnerships and connections.
- Inspire future growth of the movement.

ShedFest reflects the unique culture of Men's Sheds: welcoming, practical, creative and community focused.



UKMSA Volunteer Ambassador Geoff Allison at ShedFest

Strategic Pillar 2: Increasing Shed reach and impact



Member of Maxilla Shed at work

Our vision is for men across the UK to be healthy and happy and for there to be a Shed for everyone who wants one.

To achieve this, we want to support Sheds in more communities and to make sure they're accessible and equipped to have an impact on the lives of local people.

In the last year, we've made significant progress against this goal. The number of Sheds continues to grow with the support of our staff and Ambassadors, who work with Sheds every day of the year.

- **There are now 1,161 open Men's Sheds** in communities across the UK. This is up from 1,074, over 8% growth in a year. Recent growth reflects the power of the grassroots movement and efforts of UKMSA volunteer Ambassadors and staff, the work of the Scottish Men's Sheds Association, Irish Men's Sheds Association, Groundwork Northern Ireland and others.
- **We're reaching new demographics**, for example, through our Development Officer for Greater London and our Universities Lead.
- **Our Health and Wellbeing Officer** joined the team in December and has already had an impact. He's developing processes to collect case studies of health and wellbeing work across the network to share best practice and working closely with our Health & Wellbeing Group, made up of UKMSA volunteer Ambassadors from across the movement.
- **We launched our Armed Forces Accreditation Scheme** to recognise and support Sheds that are working with the armed forces community. We have also continued and developed our partnership with the Royal British Legion, who have sponsored the UKMSA Armed Forces Community Award as part of the partnership.
- **DRINKiQ alcohol moderation and buddy benches:** we worked with Sheds and Shedders to co-design an alcohol moderation workshop for use in Sheds and produce powerful video campaigns highlighting the role of Sheds in reducing alcohol intake. Our joint "Mission: Shoulder to Shoulder" campaign gave Sheds the resources to build buddy benches that will facilitate 200,000 conversations.

What's next

- **Continuing to support the number of Sheds to grow:** there's been huge growth in recent years, but we know there are still people and communities that could really benefit from a Shed. Supporting people to set up Sheds is a big area of focus for the year ahead.
- **Health & Wellbeing Survey:** we're building on the baseline set by our first survey in 2023 and working with researchers and academics across the men's health network to support us to gather credible information on health and wellbeing in Sheds. This will allow us to better target support.

The Armed Forces Accreditation Schemes

We launched our Armed Forces Community Accreditation (UKMSA AFCA) scheme in September. The scheme is funded by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust and recognises and celebrates Men's Sheds that actively welcome and support members of the Armed Forces Community. This includes serving personnel, reservists, those who have previously served, and their families.

The accreditation provides Sheds with a structured framework to demonstrate good practice in inclusion, wellbeing support, partnership working, safeguarding, and community engagement. Accreditation will help Sheds to access new funding opportunities and help them to demonstrate their support for those with military connections.

The scheme has given us a new insight into all the ways that Sheds support the armed forces community. This has included wellbeing activities, remembrance events, community projects, and partnerships with organisations such as the Royal British Legion, SSAFA, RAFA, and Op COURAGE. The scheme has also helped strengthen links between Sheds and local Armed Forces networks.



Bridlington Community Shed receiving their Armed Forces Accreditation

Strategic Pillar 3: Amplifying the voice of Shedders, Sheds and the Shedding movement

We run awareness campaigns with partners, influence government policy on men's health and build an evidence base through research partnerships.

The last year has seen significant progress in this area, highlights include:

- **Contributing to the UK Men's Health Network and submitting evidence from Sheds to inform the Men's Health Strategy for England:** we featured as a case study in the strategy and are now part of the government's advisory group to help implement it.
- **A visit to 10 Downing Street** to support the launch of the Men's Health Strategy. UKMSA staff and a number of Shedders attended an event at Number 10, with a chance to chat to the Prime Minister, who mentioned Sheds in his speech.
- **The Welsh Senedd:** we held a successful event at the Senedd in Cardiff to engage Senedd members. The event was sponsored by Deputy First Minister Huw Irranca-Davies, a long-term supporter of Men's Sheds in Wales.
- **Men's mental health in London:** we submitted evidence to the Greater London Assembly Health Committee's review into men's mental health in London.
- **Strategic partnerships:** we've built new relationships and reinvigorated existing partnerships with organisations with shared strategic objectives. This includes English Heritage, the National Trust and Royal British Legion.
- **We held our Shed of the Year event at parliament** in Westminster, kindly introduced by then Minister for the Armed Forces, Al Carns DSO OBE MC MP and Chris Blore MP for Redditch.

What's next

Over the next year, we'll be building on this work, including:

- **Working with government:** we'll continue our work with the Department of Health and Social Care. We'll also contribute to a regional round table coordinated by the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on how social connection improves life outcomes for men and boys.
- **Movember partnership:** we're turning our work with Movember into a formal partnership. We'll focus on supporting Sheds and Shedders to have a voice and create change at a community, local, regional and national level.
- **A new film:** we've been selected to produce a film with the Media Trust, supported by the City Bridge Foundation, to encourage other organisations to support Sheds in their communities.

Men's Shed's in action: health support on Humberside



Members of Barton Men in Sheds

The Shed Leaders at Barton Shed noticed recurring health problems among their members and felt the Shed needed a stronger connection to local health services.

They reached out to their local doctors' surgeries, who agreed to send along a social prescriber for occasional visits.

The social prescribers are now part of Shed life. They drop in, get involved, and make themselves available to any member who wants a private chat. They then follow up with continued support where appropriate.

The partnership has been such a success that the Shedders have been invited to one of the surgeries to talk about Shedding. The social prescribers have started recommending the Shed to their patients.

Barton is a great example of how a Shed can start as a woodwork workshop and soon become part of the wider community. They run inter-generational activities with the out-of-school club they share a site with and make regular trips to the cinema and museums.

Why Sheds become members of UKMSA

Part of a movement

Being a member of UKMSA helps Sheds to feel part of that wider movement, both in the UK and internationally, to connect and share with other Sheds and to feel part of something bigger.

Expert advice, resources and training

Membership provides access to expert advice and guidance from our staff team and UKMSA volunteer Ambassadors. Membership also provides a suite of resources and training on everything from governance to how to support friends who are struggling.

Discounts and free materials

As members of UKMSA, Sheds also have access to discounts and free materials on the things that are essential to running a Shed. Our member partners this year are: Ronseal, Axminster Tools, Tite-Fix, Metalcraft, Lumberjack Tools, Portable Space, London Hearts, Shed Store, SmartWater, Naylor Specialist Plastics.

We'll be announcing new member partners at the start of the new financial year.



Rob presenting Armagh Men's Shed with their plaque to mark UKMSA's 10th anniversary

Our Shed of the Year: The Shed, Blaenau Gwent

The Shed, Blaenau Gwent won our Shed of the Year 2025 award thanks to their work both inside and beyond the walls of their Shed.

The Shedders here work hand in hand with local groups. For example, they work with young people to turn waste pallets into usable items for the community. This helps the young people to gain practical skills and pride in what they've made.

Their standout achievement in the last year is a mini-golf course built with local boys who were struggling with school attendance. The golf course has now benefited over 1,000 students.

The Shedders have also created 75 wildlife habitats, a community garden offering free produce, litter-picking champions, podcasts and a flourishing Ladies' Group. Their next project will see them work with the local housing association to take over a shop front to help to bring more footfall to the high street.



The Shed, Blaenau Gwent winning Shed of the Year 2025



Members of Good Shed, Cardiff at work outside

National spotlight: Sheds in Wales

We have very strong relationships with Sheds across Wales. This is in large part thanks to our staff on the ground, Robert and Si, who have been involved with the Welsh Shedding movement from the very beginning, and our ambassador in Wales, Rob Thomas. They understand what's needed for a Shed to set up, survive and thrive better than almost anyone, and can call on an extensive network of volunteers.

The Shedding movement has continued to grow in Wales, with 99 Sheds now open. In the last year, we've run two ShedConnect events in Rhyl and Swansea, an event at the Senedd, hosted visits from Japanese Men's Sheds, produced materials in Welsh for the first time and The Shed, Blaenau Gwent won UK Shed of the Year. We're excited about where our collaborative work across government, funders and civil society will lead in the year ahead.

Shed networks: an example from Norfolk

Sheds networks are groups of Sheds that have joined together to support one another. Networks are often the first point of contact for people setting up Sheds and existing Sheds seeking support. They provide a chance to learn from experienced Shed leaders and a key link to UKMSA nationally.

Networks can be very different according to their members' needs. Some are formal, others are very informal. They can be based on geography or a shared interest. Some are self-organised, while others are run by third parties. For example, there's a network of Sheds linked to hospices. UKMSA supports these networks, but they're independent of us.

Sheds in Norfolk are well connected and well supported. This is in large part thanks to the strength of the local network here. The network is led by a volunteer ambassador and a Network Facilitator, employed by our colleagues at MensCraft.

Strategic Pillar 4: Building a creative and self-sustaining organisation



Members of Wild Cat Wilderness Shed at work

Over the last year, we've worked hard to ensure that all work under this pillar supports both UKMSA and the wider Shedding movement. We're excited by opportunities to embed that further in the year ahead.

We've benefited from excellent relationships with funders with a passion for Shedding. With their support, key activity this year has included:

- **A successful restructure:** we carried out a staff restructure to make UKMSA more financially sustainable and to give us the team to deliver on our new strategy. This team is now in place, including a full time Operations Officer and Membership Manager.
- **Diageo partnership:** we've grown and extended our partnership with Diageo. Diageo has been one of the most important supporters of the Shedding movement of recent years as both a funder and a partner. They've worked with us to support Shedding at every level, including alcohol moderation sessions and commissioning campaigns such as Mission: Shoulder to Shoulder.
- **Member partners:** some of our most important partnerships are with companies that are dedicated to support the Shedding movement by providing discounts and support to Sheds directly. We've continued to build on these partnerships this year to support both UKMSA and the wider movement. This includes Titefix and Ronseal's gifts of stock and social media campaign. CarveCo have continued to support Shedding, including creating the trophies for the Shed Awards.
- **Continued support from key funders:** we're very grateful for the support of key funders, including Worwin UK Foundation's very generous support of the Shedding movement.

While we've made significant progress, we have more to do to increase resilience and sustainability across the Shedding movement. Key activity in the year ahead will include:

- **Shed Fund Pilot:** in partnership with Diageo, our Ambassadors and other Shedders, we'll design and pilot a new small grants programme for UKMSA member Sheds.
- **New income strategy:** our new income generation team is putting the finishing touches on our income strategy, focusing on supporting Sheds and Shed Networks, as well as UKMSA's sustainability.
- **Research to demonstrate the impact of Sheds:** we'll run our 2026 Health and Wellbeing survey with support from Prof. Paul Galdas, progress collaborative research with UCL and a social return on investment tool developed with Diageo, and have plans for further collaborations with Nottingham Trent University and Queen Margaret University.
- **New partnerships**: over the coming months, we'll be launching new partnerships to support our financial resilience. We're particularly excited about our new partnership with Movember, focusing on supporting Sheds and Shedders to influence local decision makers.

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Principal risks facing UKMSA

We're yet to match the rapid growth of the Men's Sheds movement with an increase in capacity across UKMSA (staff and volunteers). This lack of capacity has been identified as a key risk for the organisation over the last 12 months.

While the team has managed admirably, this leaves several staff members carrying multiple responsibilities and leaves us under-resourced in key areas. We have a particular capacity gap in our work directly with Sheds. Many volunteer Ambassadors are supporting high numbers of Sheds and/or significant geographic areas. Some areas of the country have no dedicated support from a volunteer Ambassador and there is no dedicated staff support outside Wales or London.

The decision to use contractors has allowed us to cover capacity gaps without adding to our fixed costs. We plan to grow our team over the next financial year to start to address capacity issues in a more sustainable way. Our Head of Volunteering, a new post this year, is developing our volunteering programme to add more capacity. These changes will start to meet our growing ambition and deliver on our strategy.

A capacity gap in income generation presented a particular risk this year. We had no specialist in post for 8 months of the year. We successfully navigated this risk through the hard work of the CEO, support from other members of the team and the use of a short-term fundraising contractor. We're now more confident in our capacity in this area following the appointment of a permanent Director of Income & Investment.

The Board gives regular consideration to risks and we've continued to tighten our systems and procedures to manage those risks. The Audit & Risk Committee is a formal sub-committee of the main Board and is chaired independently of the charity's Chair and Treasurer. This is the main body that scrutinises the risks facing the organisation.

Our organisational risk register allows the Board and the Senior Leadership Team to work closely together to manage risks. The risk register is reviewed on a quarterly basis at a minimum.

Financial Review

Financial performance during the financial year was as planned for UKMSA, full details of which are given in the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet and accompanying notes.

During the year, the CIO received further multi-year funding for the promotion and support of Men's Sheds. Income for the year was £742,446 (2025: £926,103) of which £207,433 (2025: £220,495) was unrestricted and £535,013 (2025: £705,608) was restricted. Expenditure on promoting Men's Sheds was £255,306 (2025: £210,221) and expenditure on supporting Men's Sheds was £428,262 (2025: £301,614).

Employee remuneration represented 69% (2025: 69%) of overheads. Overall, the financial outcome for the year was a deficit of £81,130 (2025: surplus of £340,064), of which unrestricted funds were a surplus of £10,816 (2025: surplus of £168,578) and restricted funds a deficit of £91,946 (2025: surplus of £171,486).

Reserves Policy

The charity holds reserves to ensure that work can continue if income is lower than expected, and to ensure that the charity has working capital to meet upfront expenditure during the year before income is received. Taking into consideration the organisation's forward plans and risks, the Trustees have decided that it's appropriate to hold 4 to 6 months of operating costs, which corresponds to a range of £300,000 to £450,000.

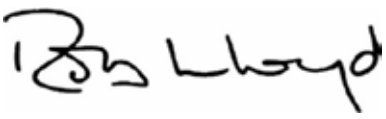
On 31 March 2026, unrestricted reserves stood at £318,726, which whilst at the lower of the agreed range, aligns with the reserves policy. This is the result of investing in our leadership capacity and wider structure, in part in relation to income generation, to ensure the charity's future financial sustainability.

The organisation has a sustainable forward financial plan, and the Board and Executive are working together closely to deliver this alongside the organisational strategy.

Financial Position

The Trustees report that the total reserves at the end of the year were £453,422 (2025: £534,552) of which £318,726 (2025: £307,910) were unrestricted and £134,696 (2025: £226,642) were restricted. The restricted reserves represent funds, either accounted for or paid to us, that have been provided for future activities. The Trustees take great care to ensure that funds are spent in line with any restrictions applied. This is managed by the preparation and monitoring of management accounts which are reviewed quarterly by the board.

Approved by the Trustees 21 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Rob Lloyd

Chair of Trustees,

UKMSA 21st July 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of UK Men's Sheds Association

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the company for the year ended 31 March 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your company's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the company's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants,which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Paul Colcomb FCCA

Wright Vigar Limited
Statutory Auditors and Business Advisors
15 Newland
Lincoln LN1 1XG

21st July 2026

Statement of Financial Activities
(including income and expenditure account)

Year Ended 31 March 2026

Income and endowments from:	Note 3a, c	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Donations and legacies					
Donations	4	77,378	–	77,378	36,033
Grants	5	95,000	535,013	630,013	870,191
Charitable activities					
Membership subscriptions		16,695	–	16,695	10,188
Other trading activities		12,047	–	12,047	6,450
Investment income					
Bank interest		6,313	–	6,313	3,241
Total income		**207,433**	**535,013**	**742,446**	**926,103**

Expenditure on:	Note 3a, c	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Raising funds	7	33,425	106,583	140,008	74,204
Charitable activities					
Promoting Men's Sheds	7	60,950	194,356	255,306	210,221
Supporting Men's Sheds	7	102,242	326,020	428,262	301,614
Total expenditure		**196,617**	**626,959**	**823,576**	**586,039**

	Note 3a, c	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Net movement in funds	17	10,816	(91,946)	(81,130)	340,064
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward	17	307,910	226,642	534,552	194,488
Transfer between funds		–	–	–	–
Total funds carried forward		**318,726**	**134,696**	**453,422**	**534,552**

The notes on pages 25 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

Balance Sheet

31 March 2026

	Note 3b, d	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	12		–	-	487
Investments	13	3	–	3	3
		3	**–**	**3**	**490**
Current assets					
Debtors	14	-	140,800	140,800	99,468
Cash at bank and in hand		322,219	157,178	479,397	549,029
		322,219	**297,978**	**620,197**	**648,497**
Liabilities:					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,496)	(163,282)	(166,778)	(114,435)
Net current assets:		318,723	134,696	453,419	534,062
Total net assets		**318,726**	**134,696**	**453,422**	**534,552**
Funds of the Charity					
Restricted income funds	17	–	134,696	134,696	226,642
Unrestricted funds	17	318,726	–	318,726	307,910
Total funds		**318,726**	**134,696**	**453,422**	**534,522**

The Trustees confirm, in accordance with the Charitable Incorporated Organisations (General) Regulations 2012, that at the year end the CIO did not have any outstanding guarantees to third parties nor any debts secured on assets of the CIO.

The financial statements on pages 22 to 35 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 21 July 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



Katherine Martin CA

Treasurer, UKMSA

21st July 2026

Cashflow Statement

Year Ended 31 March 2026

	2026 £	2025 £
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities (Note A)	**(75,945)**	**337,924**
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investment	6,313	3,241
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	–	–
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	6,313	3,241
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period	**(69,632)**	**341,165**
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	549,029	207,864
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	**479,397**	**549,029**

Note A

Net movement in funds per the financial statements	(81,130)	340,064
Dividends, interest and rents from investment	(6,313)	(3,241)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(41,332)	(87,610)
Increase in creditors	52,343	87,278
Fixed asset additions	-	-
Fixed asset disposals	-	1,126
Depreciation	487	307
Cash provided by (used in) operating activities	**(75,945)**	**337,924**

	2026 £	Cash flow movement £	2025 £
Analysis of changes in net debt			
Cash and cash equivalents	479,397	(69,632)	549,029
Total	**479,397**	**(69,632)**	**549,029**

Notes to the Financial Statements – 31 March 2026

1 Charity status

The charity is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation incorporated with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, and constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. Our registered address is 49 Station Road, Polegate, East Sussex, BN26 6EA.

2 Accounting policies

(a) Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1 January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the UKMSA's ability to continue as a going concern.

There are no material uncertainties affecting the current year's accounts or carrying value of the assets held by the CIO.

(b) Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are those that may be used at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the objects of the charity. The Trustees maintain a single unrestricted fund for day-to-day expenses.

Restricted funds may only be used for specific purposes. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for specific purposes. During the year the Trustees maintained records for 7 (2025: 5) restricted funds as shown in notes 15, 16 and 17.

(c) Incoming resources

All incoming resources are recognised when the charity has entitlement to the income; it is probable (more likely than not) that the income will be received, and the amount of the income can be measured with sufficient reliability. The following policies are applied to particular categories of income:

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is recognised when the CIO is notified of the amount and settlement date. Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of a specific performance by the charity, are recognised when the CIO becomes entitled to the grant.

Incoming resources from grants, where related to performance and specific deliverables, are accounted for as the charity earns the right to consideration by its performance.

Membership subscriptions which give member Sheds the right to services and other benefits are recognised as income earned from the provision of goods and services as income from charitable activities.

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts. However, we are developing a tool for measuring social return on investment through our partnership with Diageo, which we will include in the body of our annual return next FY.

Government grants

We recognise statutory income in line with delivery of the related activity.

Gift Aid

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

(d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities, and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Apportionment of costs

The employment costs and associated expenses of each member of staff have been apportioned over fundraising costs and charitable activities on an average time basis.

Allocation of support costs

Support costs, including leadership and management time, insurance, administration and governance costs have been apportioned between fundraising costs and charitable activities as follows:

Employee management costs are matched to the employees being managed and then apportioned to key activities using the same average time basis used to allocate the employees' costs.

Strategic development costs are apportioned equally between the cost of generating funds, membership support, and Shed development activities.

Insurance, administration and governance costs have been split 50:50 between the cost of generating funds and charitable activities. The total for these two is then apportioned to reflect the perceived benefit each activity receives from these costs.

(e) Employee benefits: Pension commitments

UKMSA employees are automatically enrolled into the National Employment Savings Trust (NEST) workplace pension scheme unless they choose to opt out. The scheme is a defined contribution scheme and the CIO has no liability under the scheme other than for the payment of contributions. At the year end, this liability was £nil (2025; £nil). The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by UKMSA to the fund, and these amounted to £23,121(2025; £17,827).

(f) Taxation

HMRC have confirmed recognition of UKMSA as a charity for tax purposes in line with Paragraph 1 of Schedule 6

Finance Act 2010 and that for tax purposes UKMSA is a CIO. Accordingly, the CIO is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

(g) Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments represent shareholdings in subsidiary companies which are initially shown in the financial statements at cost and subsequently measured at their fair (market) value. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals.

(h) Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing over £250, previously £50, are capitalised, except for laptops or computers that are expensed in the month of acquisition. Fixed assets are disclosed at historical cost less depreciation.

Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost less residual value of each asset over its expected useful economic life, as follows:

IT equipment	3 years, Straight Line
Other equipment	3 years, Straight Line

(i) Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

(j) Cash and cash equivalents

Cash at bank and in hand is held to meet the day-to-day running costs of the charity as they fall due. Cash equivalents are short term, highly liquid investments, held in 35 to 90 day notice interest bearing savings accounts.

(k) Creditors

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

3 Prior year comparatives by type of fund

The primary statements provide prior year comparatives in total; this note provides, on pages 27 to 35, prior period comparatives for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet for unrestricted and restricted funds.

3a Unrestricted funds: Statement of Financial Activity

Income and endowments from:	2026 £	2025 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations individual	45,773	22,233
Donations corporate	31,605	13,800
Grants	95,000	164,583
Charitable activities		
Memberships subscriptions	16,695	10,188
Other trading activities	12,047	6,450
Investment income		
Bank interest	6,313	3,241
Total income	**207,433**	**220,495**

Expenditure:	2026 £	2025 £
Raising funds	33,425	5,489
Charitable activities		
Promoting Men's Sheds	60,950	14,405
Supporting Men's Sheds		
Membership and support	39,324	31,444
Shed development	62,918	579
Total expenditure	**196,617**	**51,917**
Net movement in funds	10,816	168,578
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	307,910	139,033
Transfer between funds	-	299
Total funds carried forward	**318,726**	**307,910**

3b Unrestricted funds: Balance Sheet

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	12	–	487
Investments	13	3	3
		3	**490**
Current assets			
Debtors	14	–	320
Cash at bank and in hand		322,219	318,308
		322,219	**318,628**
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(3,496)	(11,208)
Net current assets		**318,723**	**307,420**
Total net assets for unrestricted funds		**318,726**	**307,910**
Total unrestricted funds	**17**	**318,726**	**307,910**

3c Restricted funds: Statement of Financial Activity

Income and endowments from:	2026 £	2025 £
Donations and legacies		
Donations	–	–
Grants	535,013	705,608
Charitable activities		
Membership subscriptions	–	–
Other trading activities	–	–
Investment income		
Bank interest	–	–
Total income	**535,013**	**705,608**

Expenditure:	2026 £	2025 £
Raising funds	106,583	68,715
Charitable activities		
Promoting Men's Sheds	194,356	204,190
Supporting Men's Sheds		
Membership and support	125,392	127,969
Shed development	200,628	133,248
Total expenditure	**626,959**	**534,122**
Net movement in funds	(91,946)	171,486
Reconciliation of funds		
Total funds brought forward	226,642	55,455
Transfer between funds	-	(299)
Total funds carried forward	**134,696**	**226,642**

3d Restricted funds: Balance Sheet

	Note	2026 £	2025 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets		–	–
Investments		–	–
		–	–
Current assets			
Debtors	14	140,800	99,148
Cash at bank and in hand		157,178	230,721
		297,978	**329,869**
Liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(163,282)	(103,227)
Net current assets		134,696	226,642
Total net assets for restricted funds		**134,696**	**226,642**
Total restricted funds	**17**	**134,696**	**226,642**

4 Donations

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Individual donations	45,773	–	45,773	22,233
Various Corporate donors	31,605	–	31,605	13,800
Total donations	**77,378**	**–**	**77,378**	**36,033**

5 Grants

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Blurred (for Diageo)	40,000	–	40,000	120,000
City Bridge Foundation	–	40,361	40,361	7,515
David Riddell Memorial CIO	–	-	-	25,000
Moondance Foundation	–	49,239	49,239	-
Optigene Foundation	-	–	-	15,000
Pears Foundation	45,000	–	45,000	25,000
QBE	-	35,000	35,000	-
Roger Raymond Trust	–	-	-	25,000
Simon Gibson Trust	-	10,000	10,000	10,000
DHSC Suicide Prevention Fund	-	-	-	125,796
Various benefactors	10,000	4,429	14,429	11,880
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	-	70,984	70,984	-
Waterloo Foundation	-	-	-	70,000
Worwin Foundation	–	325,000	325,000	435,000
Total grants	**95,000**	**535,013**	**630,013**	**870,191**

6 Volunteers

A team of volunteer Ambassadors enable Sheds to set up, survive and thrive across many parts of the UK.

They make a vital contribution to the Men's Shed movement in the UK. However, due to the absence of any reliable measurement basis, and in accordance with the SORP, the financial contribution of these volunteers cannot be recognised in these accounts.

7 Expenditure

	Direct costs £	Support costs £	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Raising funds				
Grant management	132,104	7,904	140,008	74,204
Charitable activities				
Promoting Men's Sheds				
Digital communication	69,935	4,184	74,119	112,785
Networking and events	170,959	10,228	181,187	97,436
Supporting Men's Sheds				
Membership and support	155,418	9,298	164,716	159,413
Shed development	248,669	14,877	263,546	142,201
Total expenditure	**777,085**	**46,491**	**823,576**	**586,039**

Comparative Expenditure 2024/25

	Direct costs £	Support costs £		Total 2025 £
Raising funds				
Grant management	71,888	2,316		74,204
Charitable activities				
Promoting Men's Sheds				
Digital communication	112,785	–		112,785
Networking and events	94,541	2,895		97,436
Supporting Men's Sheds				
Membership and support	127,969	31,444		159,413
Shed development	139,305	2,896		142,201
Total expenditure	**546,488**	**39,551**		**586,039**

8 Support Costs

	Governance costs £	Management costs £	Finance costs £	Total 2026 £
Raising funds	355	1,961	–	2,316
Charitable activities	5,715	31,520	–	37,235
Total	**6,070**	**33,481**	**–**	**39,551**

Comparative Support Costs 2024/25

	Governance costs £	Management costs £	Finance costs £	Total 2025 £
Raising funds	2,838	6,475	–	9,313
Charitable activities	4,259	9,710	–	13,969
Total	**7,097**	**16,185**	**–**	**23,282**

9 Related Party Transactions: Trustee expenses

No remuneration or benefits were paid to any Trustee or connected persons during the year (2025, £Nil).

Trustee expenses of £1,619 for seven Trustees (2025, £5,970 for eight Trustees) were either reimbursed or paid directly during the year. These expenses were mostly travel and accommodation costs with some small claims for postage and telephone calls.

During the year all current Trustees claimed expenses and/or had their expenses met directly by the CIO. All Trustee expenses were properly incurred in the performance of the Trustees' duties on behalf of the CIO. There were no other related party transactions during the year (2025, none).

10 Employees

The average number of employees during the year was 13 (2025, 12). One employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 (2025, no employee).

Staff costs	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Salaries	494,483	356,438
Social security costs	53,680	28,724
Pension contributions	23,121	17,827
Total	**571,284**	**402,989**

Remuneration of key management personnel	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
The cost of the Chief Executive Officer's remuneration and benefits were:		
Salary	64,167	24,243
Social security costs	8,937	2,402
Pension contributions	3,208	1,212
Total	**76,312**	**27,857**

11 Independent Examiner's fee

The independent Examiner's fee of £2,760 (2025, £3,000) relates solely to the independent examination of the CIO's financial statements with no other services being provided.

12 Tangible fixed assets

	IT equipment £	Other equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2025	8,498	456	8,954
Disposal	-	_	-
At 31 March 2026	8,498	456	8,954
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2025	8,011	456	8,467
Charge for year	487	_	487
Eliminated on disposal	-	_	-
At 31 March 2026	8,498	456	8,954
Net book value			
At 31 March 2026	-	_	-
At 31 March 2025	487	_	487

13 Investments

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Unlisted investments		
At 1 April 2025	3	3
Additions at cost	_	_
At 31 March 2026	**3**	**3**

	Date of incorporation	Company Number
Men's Sheds Limited	13 March 2019	11879439
UK Men's Sheds Limited	18 March 2019	11889240
ShedFest Limited	10 December 2020	13074874

The investments represent 100% of the ordinary share capital in the above dormant subsidiary companies all registered in England.

14 Debtors

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Grants & sponsorship	139,300	94,730
Prepayments and accrued income	1,500	1,857
Other debtors	-	2,881
Total	**140,800**	**99,468**

15 Creditors

	Total 2026 £	Total 2025 £
Trade creditors	12,690	9,184
Other taxation and social security (PAYE liabilities)	14,537	11,441
Accruals and deferred income	138,494	87,289
Other creditors	1,057	6,521
Total	**166,778**	**114,435**

During the period, grant amounts totalling £135,000 (2025, £76,084) were included in deferred income. This was deferred on the basis that the amounts are specified by the grant funder to be spent in specific future periods.

16 Restricted Funds

The CIO has 7 material restricted funds (2025, 5) and will be committing to additional funds both designated and restricted in the coming financial year as shown in note 16. The movement of funds pertains to the expenditure of unrestricted funds toward the activities of the CIO. These include Shed Development, Management, The Welsh Development Programme and Strategic Development of the organisation.

Worwin Strategic Development Fund

This fund is to support the increased operational demands of Shed development, communications and diversification of income.

Worwin Sustainability Fund

This fund is to strengthen the position of UKMSA financially to support the sustainability of the organisation and allow for greater long-term planning and delivery to support Sheds.

Other restricted funds

A number of organisations have identified particular programmes of work and provided funding for specific programmes in relation to Shed Development and Shedder support.

Welsh Sheds

This fund is restricted to development specific to Wales in the development of Sheds and programmes in Wales. This fund allows funders to donate, invest and support specific projects to build communities and support Men's Sheds in Wales.

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust

This fund is to support members of the armed forces community to access Sheds. This includes the development of our Armed Forces Accreditation Scheme.

City Bridge

This fund is to support the development of Men's Sheds in the Greater London area.

David Riddell Memorial CIO

This funding was to support the development of Men's Sheds linked to universities and to support university students to access Sheds.

Roger Raymond Charitable Trust

This fund was to support the development of our support for Sheds to address the Health and Wellbeing needs of Shedders.

Other restricted funds

A number of organisations have identified particular programmes of work and provided funding for specific programmes in relation to Shed Development and Shedder support.

17 Movement in funds

	At 01/04/2025 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31/03/2026 £
Unrestricted funds	307,910	10,816	_	318,726
Restricted funds				
Worwin Strategic Development Fund	71,084	(41,830)	_	29,254
Worwin Sustainability Fund	30,094	(28,922)	_	1,172
Other restricted	43,515	(35,591)	_	7,924
Welsh Sheds	81,949	(37,478)	_	44,471
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	_	19,481	_	19,481
City Bridge	_	9,944	_	9,944
QBE	_	22,450	_	22,450
Total restricted funds	**226,642**	**(91,946)**	_	**134,696**
Total funds	**534,552**	**(81,130)**	**–**	**453,422**

Comparative movement in funds

	At 01/04/2024 £	Net movement in funds £	Transfer between funds £	At 31/03/2025 £
Unrestricted funds	139,033	168,578	299	307,910
Restricted funds				
Suicide Prevention Fund	-	299	(299)	_
Worwin Strategic Development Fund	-	71,084	_	71,084
Worwin Sustainability Fund	-	30,094	_	30,094
Other restricted	9,523	33,992	_	43,515
Welsh Sheds	45,932	36,017	_	81,949
Total restricted funds	**55,455**	**171,486**	**(299)**	**226,642**
Total funds	**194,488**	**340,064**	**–**	**534,552**

18 Net movement in funds 2025/26

	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	207,433	(196,617)	10,816
Restricted funds			
Worwin Strategic Development Fund	178,110	(219,940)	(41,830)
Worwin Sustainability Fund	146,890	(175,812)	(28,922)
Other restricted	14,429	(50,020)	(35,591)
Welsh Sheds	49,239	(86,717)	(37,478)
The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust	70,984	(51,503)	19,481
City Bridge	40,361	(30,417)	9,944
QBE	35,000	(12,550)	22,450
Total restricted funds	**535,013**	**(626,959)**	**(91,946)**
Total funds	**742,446**	**(823,576)**	**(81,130)**

Comparative net movement in funds 2024/25

	Incoming resources £	Outgoing resources £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	220,495	(51,917)	168,578
Restricted funds			
Suicide Prevention Fund	125,796	(125,497)	299
Worwin Strategic Development Fund	204,906	(133,822)	71,084
Worwin Sustainability Fund	230,094	(200,000)	30,094
Other Restricted	55,812	(21,820)	33,992
Welsh Sheds	89,000	(52,983)	36,017
Total restricted funds	**705,608**	**(534,122)**	**171,486**
Total funds	**926,103**	**(586,039)**	**340,064**

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Through your support Men's Sheds are enhancing, transforming, and saving lives.

Thank you to our Funders

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