Welcome to the Newent and District Men's Shed

Registered Charity Number 1190749

Charity Commission Annual return 2025 to 2026

Donations	£1526
Charitable activities	£6378
Total Income	£7904
Expenditure	£8546
Cash on hand and bank	£2477

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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

For the Period 2025 to 2026

1. Objectives and Activities

The primary objective of the organisation during this period has been to alleviate loneliness in retired and semi-retired men. We achieve this by providing a safe, welcoming space for members to meet, carry out hobbies, share skills, and build meaningful friendships. To support social interaction, we provide teas, coffees, and biscuits during our sessions.

2. Achievements and Performance

We have successfully continued to increase our membership throughout the year. To accommodate this ongoing growth, we are actively looking to build an extension that will expand our social space and incorporate full disabled access.

Our members provide a valuable service to the local community by making, mending, and repairing items, which are mainly made of wood. Key community projects completed this year include:

- **Raised Beds:** Constructed and provided raised beds for a local school.
- **Table Restoration:** Restored a community table for the local library.
- **Local Fund raising.** Made items to be used at a local charity fund raising event.
- **Community Repairs:** Completed numerous small repairs for residents within the local community. These services were delivered either entirely free of charge or for the direct cost of materials plus a voluntary donation.

3. Financial Review

The organisation's income for the financial period was generated through the following primary streams:

- Annual membership fees
- Public and private donations
- Sales of hand-crafted items at a local farm shop
- Sales and engagement at the Canal Trust Winter Fayre

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4. Structure, Governance and Management

The organisation is managed and run by the Trustees, with day-to-day operational matters handled through regular, informal discussions around the morning tea table. An annual AGM and formal trustees' meetings are held to ensure proper oversight.

To ensure the safety, protection, and well-being of all our members, the following formal policies are actively maintained and in place:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Abuse Policy
- Use of Tools and Machinery Policy

Trustees Serving During this Period:

• Anthony Dowding
• Brian Foxley
• Philip Kirkland
• Mark Sterry

Declaration

Signed on behalf of the trustees:



Signature: _____

Name: Anthony Dowding

Position: Chair / Treasurer

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