Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st January 2025 To 31st December 2025

Charity name: Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO

Charity registration number: 11991054

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over within Cheshire and its surrounding areas, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	For the public benefit to promote learning for pleasure by people no longer in full time employment through the continued development of their individual capabilities, competencies, skills and understanding in subjects of educational value. Activities mainly involving the woodwork, metal work and artistry
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	**The Trustees follow the Charity Commission guidance**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	**Not applicable as yet**
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	

Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	**Most of our members work in our workshop to produce items that can be sold at craft fairs and on commissions from external customers. Commissions**
		are beginning to help raise income. They also make items for their own benefit. In this latter they are expected to pay for the consumables used Others have assisted in general work to the benefit of the CIO
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	**The premises we obtained in 2022 has had the lease extended for a further two years. In addition the council has given us the use of small building to use as a wood store. The only condition is that we carry out any necessary renovations. This is planned for 2025. Members do meet and carry out activities in a similar manner to our original workspace. In addition we have been able to promote the Shed and have attracted more members from the wider community. The objectives are now being met but in a more constricted way than planned. We have made better use of our space as we've identified separate areas for model making, a dedicated room for our cnc laser cutter/ engraver and an area for art.**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	**Fundraising has been difficult and at one point we considered a plan for closure. We had some excellent publicity due to a visit by our local MP and some Councillors. This increased our income from local donors**
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	**No investments**
Other		.
		The lease agreement and terms of conditions with Cheshire West and Chester Council has been very successful. At present the future outlook for potential long term accommodation is looking less likely unless we either improve our finances considerably, or we find a particularly generous donor

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	**The financial position at the end of the 2022 gave us some stability but it definitely appears that this is only a temporary reprieve. Our bank account currently stands at £12746. This is an overall decline of £10000 in the year**
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	**No reserves held at present as there are no liabilities**
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	**No liabilities**
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	**0**
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	**A SWAT analysis carried out in 2021 indicated that the main areas of concern were the need to ensure that suitable premises were achieved. Failure to do so would risk the continuation of the CIO. Funding, membership were all identified as potential areas of concern. It has become apparent that not all of these have been achieved and need urgent action in the next year. This analysis is still valid**

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	**Fundraising falls into three types:-** **1) Sales of items made by the members** **2) Membership monthly payment of at least £10 per month** **3) Commission work for external sources** **4) Funding by external sponsors** **a) Small value funders such as supermarkets who have already proved successful** **b) Large scale sponsors. We have been able to make these approaches now we have a suitable address and working premises**
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	**The CIO does not presently intend to include investment until a more stable environment has been achieved**

A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	**The principal risks largely revolve around the acquisition of permanent workshop facilities. In the past year it has become apparent that this will be a much more difficult and complex operation. Funding is a major risk as the year has shown there are difficulties attracting large scake funding. To mitigate some risk we increased our monthly subscription to £20. This was the first increase in almost 10 years.**
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	**The CIO has an approved constitution. This probably needs to be reviewed in the next year.**
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	**CIO**
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	**Trustee selection and approval is at the discretion of the Trustees. However the constitution includes a time limit on named trustees. These can be reappointed once the views of the membership are included in the decision**

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	**Induction and training manuals have been produced, A major problem arose during the year which unfortunately resulted in two Trustees resigning. Two further Trustees are to be appointed in 2025**
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	**An operational Working Group has been established. A Terms of Reference for the group is in operation and their main objective is for the running of the shed as an operational entity. This is proving successful and operates well. The Trustees are ensuring the governance of the charity is maintained.**

Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	**Mid Cheshire Community Shed CIO**
Other name the charity uses	**Hartford Shed**
Registered charity number	**1191054**
Charity's principal address	**314 Chester Road, Hartford Northwich CW8 2AB**

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)
		Malcolm Stuart Dunlop	Interim Chairman/ Treasurer	Since April 2020	Trustees only
		Steven Jackson		Resigned	
		Stuart Poucher		Resigned	
	1	Robert Hayward	Safety Officer	April 2020 to date	
	2	Gillian Heddon	Head of Womens' section	January 2021 to date	
	3				
	4				
	5				
	6				
	7				
	8				
	9				
	10				
	11				
	12				
	13				
	14				
	15				
	16				
	17				
	18				
	19				
	20				

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
NONE		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

NONE		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	No funds held
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	None
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	Not applicable

Additional information (optional) **Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

	Type of	**Name**	**Address adviser**
	Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)		

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Table 1 Finances	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	jul	aug	sept	oct	nov	dec	
0	**5586.,95**												***£9,206.29***
Membership fees	£412.00	£432.00	£ 432.00	£ 422.00	£ 422.00	£442.00	£442.00	£442.00	£442.00	£442.00	£422.00	£ 422.00	**£ 5,174.00**
Day attendance	£5.00	£10.00	£5.00		£5.00		£5.00	£5.00	£50.00		£5.00		**£90.00**
Woodturning class)	£50.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£10.00	£50.00		£20.00	£10.00	£50.00		**£230.00**
Sales	£238.45	£100.00	£256.00	£75.00	£312.00	£125.00	£150.00	£164.00	£265.00	£45.00	£384.00	£85.00	**£2,199.45**
Events and Activities	£182.00	£240.00		£88.00		£107.00	£51.00		£70.00		£385.00	£365.00	**£1,488.00**
Donations/ Commission	£7,040.00	£200.00	£200.00	£1,100.00		£150.00	£120.00	£300.00		£150.00	£250.00	£150.00	**£9,660.00**
Van Rental refund				£199.99									**£199.99**
Misc											£180.00	£1,000.00	**£1,180.00**
TOTAL income	£7,927.45	£992.00	£903.00	£1,894.99	£749.00	£834.00	£818.00	£911.00	£847.00	£647.00	£1,676.00	£2,022.00	**£20,221.44**
EXPENDITURE													
Rent	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	£528.08	**£6,336.96**
Cheshire West & Chester	£167.00	£168.65	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	£167.00	**£2,005.65**
Telephone	£50.12	£50.12	£58.49	£58.49	£50.68	£50.68	£50.75	£52.93	£50.68	£53.48	£49.14	£49.14	**£624.70**
Electric/ Gas	£254.22	£0.00	£526.79	£0.00	£314.24	£316.23	£132.23	£261.34	£261.34	£253.08	£0.00	£0.00	**£2,319.47**
Water	£108.22	£108.22	£100.13	£82.41	£128.95	£132.23	£128.95	£132.23	£132.23	£64.67	£123.57	£120.29	**£1,362.10**
Insurances	£ 15.07	£15.07	£ 15.07	£ 15.07	£ 12.76	£12.71	£12.71	£12.71	£12.71	£ 12.71	£ 12.71	£ 12.71	**£ 62.01**
Training													
One off projects			£190.00		£258.55						£91.17	£300.00	**£839.72**
Consummables	£44.00	£100.00				£218.40	£252.00			£158.99	£98.00	£152.46	**£1,023.85**
Kitchen	£16.01	£21.86	£16.65		£23.92		£3.50	£36.23		£24.00			**£142.17**
Stationery			£10.50				£5.50			£6.75			**£22.75**
Capital purchase							£ 700.00	44.99	£60.00	£89.00			**£893.99**
Event entry/ rent													**£90.00**
IT consummables							£25.00						**£25.00**
Fire protection						£240.00							**£240.00**
IT licemce							£104.99						**£104.99**
Van rental				£567.73									**£567.73**
Misc													
TOTAL exp/ annum	£1,182.72	£992.00	£1,612.71	£1,418.78	£1,484.18	£1,665.33	£2,110.71	£1,235.51	£1,212.04	£1,357.76	£1,069.67	£1,329.68	**£16,761.09**

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s) Malcolm Stuart Dunlop

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Treasurer

Date 23/10/26