WARE MEN'S SHED

Registered Charity No: 1194281

Report of Trustees and Accounts for the period ending 31 December 2025

Ware Men's Shed ("WMS")

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Management

Those involved in managing WMS during the period were as follows

Trustees:

- James Turner Chair
- John Palombo
- Andrew du Boulay
- Paul Watson
- Tom Hayward
- John Southey (to 18 September 2025)

Management Committee

- Paul Watson Chair
- John Palombo Treasurer and Membership
- Nick Eden-Green Secretary
- James Turner Fundraising and Events
- Tom Hayward Quartermaster

Incorporation and Objectives

WMS was incorporated as a charitable incorporated organisation and registered with the Charity Commission on 29th Apr 2021.

The objectives of WMS, as set out in its constitution are :

"To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people (particularly but not exclusively older men), within the area of Ware and surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded. Relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they learn to pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially."

Activities

Having received planning permission to build an extension to the shed in late 2024, the major activity for WMS in 2025 was building the extension. This kept us very busy for the whole year and left little time for other projects, although we were able to take on a few, including the following:

- Bird box kits for Ware Town Council Biodiversity day.
- Bird box kits for Kingshill Infants School.
- Combined Swift and Bat boxes for Ware Swifts.
- Cornhole Boards for the SPACE charity.
- Planters for a local car park.
- We started work on helping East Herts Council refurbish the benches along the River Lea and create a new Art Trail.

We also participated in several local events, including the Ware Carnival and the Police Fun Day.

The shed itself has prospered over the year.

- Membership grew to 37 members
- Building our new shed extension involved most of the shed members at one time or another and was a great team building exercise.
- We have also had lots of engagement with the local community, both through attending local events, but also casually through contact with visitors and passers-by. This creation of a sense of community and belonging is an important part of what the shed does and benefits both the shed members and those we interact with.
- On a sadder note, the Chairman of our Management Committee and Trustee, John Southey, passed away on18th September 2025.

Financially 2025 was a good year for the shed as well.

- We received a large legacy donation of £12,500 from the estate of Daphne Clark and other donations totalling £1275.
- These donations will be used to buy tools for the shed in future years, and we made a start on that in 2025 with the purchase of a new mitre saw, helical thicknesser, jigsaw and angle grinder.
- The costs of the materials for building the new shed extension were largely covered by Ware Town Council and Ware Charities.

This left the shed with a healthy bank balance of £20,930 at the end of the year.

Trustee Responsibility Statement

The trustees understand the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when planning and carrying out the charity's activities during the year. The trustees believe that the activities described in this report demonstrate the public benefit provided by the charity. The trustees regularly review the major risks facing the charity, including health and safety, safeguarding, premises-related risks and financial sustainability, and take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

Ware Men's Shed Accounts

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT			
		Year Ending	
		31/12/2024	**31/12/2025**
Income			
	Donations	£6,023.00	£13,775.00
	Membership and Subs	£2,368.61	£2,124.72
	Receipts	£5,520.00	£2,550.00
	Other	£20.00	£2.14
	Total Income	**£13,931.61**	**£18,451.86**
Expenditure			
	Overheads	£1,553.70	£2,105.51
	Consumables	-	-
	Material Costs	£2,718.31	£928.73
	Capital Purchases	£3,336.95	£1,709.52
	Other	£2.14	£100.00
	Total Expenditure	**£7,611.10**	**£4,843.76**
Net Income		**£6,320.51**	**£13,608.10**
CHARITY FUNDS			
	Opening Bank Balance	£1,001.49	£7,322.00
	Net Income	£6,320.51	£13,608.10
Closing Bank Balance		**£7,322.00**	**£20,930.10**

These Accounts were approved by the Trustees on 12th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Jim Turner, Chair