

Bembridge Men in Sheds

Annual Report April 25 to Mar 26

Charity Name : Bembridge Men in Sheds

Reg Charity Number : 1194908

Principal Address : Steyne Park, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, PO35 5SL

Postal Address : c/o Bembridge Parish Council, 5 Foreland Road, Bembridge PO35 5XN

Charity Trustees : Ian Graham (Chair); Chris Chadwick (Secretary); David Chubb; Tony Freeman; Ray Widger; Keith Rogers.

Governing Document – Constitution adopted 2nd October 2018

Trustee selection method – Appointed or re-appointed at the AGM held in April each year.

Involvement and activities - Membership is open to any adult over the age of 18 (male of female) residing in Bembridge or the surrounding area. The trustees seek the views on members on which activities to follow which include, woodworking projects, trips to local facilities/sites, talks from members or invited speakers.

Summary of objects of charity – To prevent social exclusion by promoting the opportunity for friendships, social engagement and skill sharing in a safe and enjoyable environment, in which members can meet and carry out creative projects acceptable to the Shed and of their own choosing, individually, jointly and for the benefit of the wider community.

Summary of the main activities undertaken in relation to these objects -

Our activities over the past year (April 25 to March 26) can be broadly categorised into three groups i.e. helping others, raising funds and social activities. Highlighting the main activities under these headings we have:

Helping Others

We re-installed the Toy Library at Paddock drive beside the beach for general use over the summer months. This has now become and annual installation from May to September and has been well received locally. It was back in place for the second May bank holiday and gets removed in September. We used the winter months to completely refurbish the library as it gets a lot of weathering located at the end of the slipway.



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Bembridge Primary School had their playground fence repainted a couple of years ago and we have also done bird boxes, raised beds and benches for the school garden. This year we will be building new benches from recycled materials during the summer holiday period to minimise interruption to the school's normal activities.

For the Parish's input to Bembridge in Bloom we built a planter for locating outside the Lifeboat station and will be completing another, larger planter for the recess in the cemetery wall in Lane End Road. The planter outside the Library was given a new coat of paint and re-planted using plants provided by Bembridge Coast Hotel.

We built a model nativity barn for Inver House – a local care home, leaving it unpainted for the residents to complete.

A couple of years ago we built a high-level planter for the Brownies. This year the Rainbows have asked for a similar planter which we delivered in time for spring planting.

Holy Trinity church has asked us to refurbish the gates at the side of the church. This has started but will take us well into 2026 to complete.

We made a noticeboard for Pop's Wood (Love Lane) using an old wooden door and other recycled materials so that the only new purchase was for the Perspex window for the front. This is a feature of all our work i.e. minimise cost by recycling where possible.

The Community Gardeners asked us to build a new base for their water-butts beside the Memorial Garden. This was completed using recycled pallets and existing concrete blocks.

Bembridge Heritage requested us to build a tombola ticket holder. While being more difficult than we first thought it was a worthwhile team exercise.

At the Library we repainted the inside of the boiler room walls and painted the concrete floor.

Raising Funds

Details of the charity's finances can be found in the Excel spreadsheet which accompanies this written submission.

We normally charge a small fee for the planters as listed above to cover the costs for the work. We charged a local resident for rebuilding her garden entrance gate which was in an unsafe condition – without our help this would have been left to rot as a



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commercial replacement was too expensive. We also repaired a unique wooden ladder for a parish councillor using recycled hardwood to help the repairs last.

ShedFest was again held at Sandown Airport in June where we had a stall. It was a good opportunity to raise funds and talk to other sheds on the Island. We spoke to the High Sheriff and the local (East wight) MP about our work in the community.

Social Events

On the social side we went on a Hover Travel experience visit in Ryde, visited the Isle of Wight bus museum, and went to visit the Sandown engineering shed to see the work they had done on the old pumps at Browns golf course. A trip to Southampton to see the ‘Solent Sky’ aviation museum took place while another trip to Portsmouth enabled members to visit the ‘Standing with Giants’ installation at Fort Nelson.

In summer we had a Tea in the Garden gathering. A Christmas meal was also well attended by members and partners at the Birdham Hotel. Also, now regular events, were ten pin bowling in Ryde and pitch and putt golf at Browns in Sandown. The members got into pancake making on Shrove Tuesday, had a walk followed by lunch at the Harbour View cafe. Again, this year we have been running an occasional photographic competition.

Members themselves gave a range of talks/events including: ‘Early Bembridge Transport,’ ‘Solar Energy,’ ‘My Grandfather,’ ‘My Working Life,’ ‘The Battle of Trafalgar,’ ‘Wreck and Rescue,’ ‘Shipping Container Transport’ ‘What is AI?’

New members – ladies included are always welcome and we can be contacted via bembridgemis@gmail.com or ianmg.iow@gmail.com

Ian Graham (Head of Trustees)

Bembridge Men in Sheds **Annual accounts statement as at** **3/31/2026**

	Trans Type	Debit	Credit
	Xfer	£500.00	**£250.00**
Credits	Grants	£0.00	**£0.00**
	Sales	£0.00	**£296.86**
	Shedfest	£0.00	**£323.93**
	Subs	£0.00	**£525.00**
	Donations (in)	£0.00	**£164.80**
	Social In	£0.00	**£0.00**
	Tea	£0.00	**£140.00**
	Interest	£0.00	**£60.58**
Debits	Refund	£196.97	**£0.00**
	Running	£765.00	**£0.00**
	Donations (out)	£0.00	**£0.00**
	Pay supplier	£144.00	**£0.00**
	Social Out	£59.70	**£0.00**
	ERROR	**£0.00**	**£0.00**
		£1,665.67	**£1,761.17**

Opening balance plus credits minus debits **£323.03**

	At 31/03/25	3/31/2026
Cash in Hand	£32.70	**£13.80**
Actual Current A/C Balance	£227.53	**£262.45**
Actual Deposit Balance	£7,569.12	**£7,872.74**
Decommission deposit	£1,023.90	**£1,030.86**
Total Balance	**£8,853.25**	**£9,179.85**

OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES Uncleared cheques None Committed spend None

TOTAL o/s LIABILITIES **£420.00**
-£157.55

Total MIS Balance at **Tuesday, March 31, 2026** **£8,759.85**

Profit/Loss		**Account**
Quarterly change	**Current + Cash - Liabilties**	**Deposit**
Balance at 31/03/2025	**£260.23**	**£7,569.12**
Balance at 30/06/2025	**£573.82**	**£8,085.58**
Balance at 30/09/2025	**£628.93**	**£8,099.76**
Balance at 31/12/2025	**£697.92**	**£8,111.88**
Balance at 31/03/2026	**-£143.75**	**£7,872.74**

Notes
Transfers in/out of savings a/c
No grants applied for
Sales of planters etc
Donations and sales at ShedFest
Subs for 2025-26
BHS for table set-up
No activity this year
Surplus tea money
Savings + Decomm account interest
Payments to members for items bought for projects etc
Shed running costs
No donations made
Payments for social events eg Xmas, BBQ
None

SAVINGS INTEREST	Savings a/c	Decomm a/c
Apr-24	£6.22	£0.84
May-24	£5.19	£0.70
Jun-24	£5.05	£0.68
Jul-24	£4.58	£0.59
Aug-24	£5.12	£0.65
Sep-24	£4.48	£0.57
Oct-24	£3.99	£0.51
Nov-24	£4.26	£0.54
Dec-24	£3.87	£0.49
Jan-25	£4.13	£0.52
Feb-25	£3.67	£0.47
Mar-25	£3.06	£0.40
TOTAL INTEREST	**£53.62**	**£6.96**

Change over YTD
-£18.90
£34.92
£303.62
£6.96
£326.60

Remedial electrical work on 31st March and welder for shed leg
See note

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Decommissioning	**TOTALS**
£1,023.90	**£8,853.25**
£1,026.12	**£9,685.52**
£1,027.93	**£9,756.62**
£1,029.47	**£9,839.27**
£1,030.86	**£8,759.85**
Change in balance YTD 2025-26	**£93.40**

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Transaction Date	Transaction Type	Transaction Description	Debit Amount	Credit Amount	Balance	Cheque / description	Type	Lookup
9/22/2025	FPI	IAN GRAHAM BHS DONATION IN 9133386997224502 8 070116 10 20SEP25 16:08		£50.00	£595.13	BHS set up	Donations (in)	
11/26/2025	DEP	POP'S WOOD 002		£60.00	£651.75	Pops wood sign	Donations (in)	
11/26/2025	FPI	IAN GRAHAM SILICONE GUN IG 8920209210422941 3 070116 10 26NOV25 16:20		£4.80	£643.26	IG bought gun not needed by shed	Donations (in)	
12/15/2025	FPI	IAN GRAHAM INVER HOUSE 5205640135921467 6 070116 10 13DEC25 15:38		£30.00	£693.12	Nativity barn donation	Donations (in)	
3/19/2026	FPI	2ND BEMBRIDGE RAIN RAINBOWS' TROUGH 5000000017345624 58 309626 10 19MAR26 20:38		£20.00	£315.50	Planter for rainbows	Donations (in)	
					£262.45			
		Total Cr/Db	£1,665.67	£1,928.12				
		Balance		£262.45				
		Check		OK				

Date	Venue	Sum Up (net)	Cash	Table Cost	Total Take
6/15/2025	ShedFest	£30.48	£293.45	£0.00	£323.93
12/6/2025	Library Xmas coffee	£7.86	£29.00	£0.00	£36.86
	Not used				£0.00
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	Not used				£0.00
	Not used				£0.00
	TOTALS	**£38.34**	**£322.45**	**£0.00**	**£360.79**