**Emsworth Men's Shed**

**Trustees Report 2025**

How time flies - it's difficult to believe that it was four and a half years ago the original gang of six were on their knees scraping up a carpet that seemed to be welded to the floor and trying their best to put a reasonably level concrete floor down over a soil base; how far we have come.

2025 represented yet another year of progress on a number of fronts

- Our membership has once again shown a steady growth over the year, at the end of 2024 we had 45 members, by the end of 2025 this had grown to 61 a staggering increase of 33% over the year.
- Thanks to grants from local organisations we have added a new dust extractor dedicated to the larger machines, and a new storage shed.
- We have secured our financial position; we have now created a reserve fund to provide for any future shocks, and are generating a surplus virtually every month. This is due to the hard work of members who take on projects for members of the community and produce items for the various events we attend.
- We have probably consumed over 50 packets of biscuits, used a few hundred tea bags and numerous jars of coffee - probably a good indicator of our popularity.

As mentioned, our financial stability, a key factor in ensuring the future of the shed, is down to the effort put in by members, the tide of broken chairs and small tables seems to be never ending, and we also seem to have progressed on to building bespoke pieces of furniture and other items.

I think it is safe to say that we will continue to grow our membership and support the local community in any way we can; of course to achieve this we will need to get more members involved in running the shed, particularly as session managers.

The goods we produce, often from donated good quality wood, has helped, when we attend events such as the Emsworth Show, the Seafood festival at the Marina, Christian Aid Tabletop Sales, ad hoc appearances at the Farmers Market or when passing members of the local community look in to see what we do, often leaving with a bird box or bread board under their arms, for which they have of course made a donation.

The handing-on of donated items that we are unable to use has also helped swell our coffers over the year. Now we will be looking at what pieces of equipment we need, and where we can put them.

The social side has continued over the year with a BBQ, quiz night and a Christmas lunch, all of which I am delighted to say were well supported by our members.

We would like to increase the social activities during the coming year to include trips and group visits, to which end we are looking to appoint a social coordinator to manage this side of the shed's activities.

I think it is true to say that we are now known and respected by many of the local community groups and charities who have turned to us for support in some shape or form and I am pleased to say that in virtually every case we have been able to help them.

Andrew Lane

Chairman of the Trustees

13 October2026

## Treasurer's Report

| | 2024-2025 | 2023-2024 |
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| **Income** | | |
| Subscriptions (Membership | 1530.00 | 1145,00 |
| Donations (Jobs & Products) | 6082.08 | 6849.99 |
| Disposals (Sales) | 1233.40 | 297.22 |
| Grants | 1850.00 | 1500,00 |
| Events | 194.10 | |
| Interest | 24.86 | |
| **Total Income** | 10914.44 | 9792.21 |
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| **Expenses** | | |
| Materials & Consumables | 1637.51 | 6104.07 |
| Facilities | 3436.81 | |
| Machinery | 450.21 | |
| Office & Sundries | 461.20 | |
| Repair & Refurb | 166.12 | |
| Small Tools | 169.58 | |
| Social | 289.97 | |
| Bank Charges | 6.64 | |
| Travel (Delivery) | 20.00 | |
| Gifts | 96.59 | |
| Fees & Service | 284.35 | 12.85 |
| Rent | 577.50 | 550.00 |
| Insurance | 718.90 | 655.26 |
| **Total Expense** | 8315.38 | 7322.18 |
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| Income less Expenses | 2599.06 | 2470.03 |
| Balance brought forward | 7150.30 | 4680.27 |
| Overlooked cash brought forward | 175.00 | |
| Closing Balance | 9924.36 | 7150.30 |
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| Bank Current A/c | 5899.5 | 7146.21 |
| Bank Reserve/Savings | 4024.86 | |

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| Cash | 0 | 4.09 |
| | | 7150.30 |
| Total Assets | 9924.36 | |

I have examined theses accounts and am happy that they accurately represent the financial position of Emsworth Men’s Shed at 31/12/2025

Alan Mattison (Examiner)