CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From: 01-12-2024 (Period start date) To: 30-11-2025 (Period end date)

Charity name: Herefordshire Woodturners

Charity registration number: 1199270

Objectives and Activities

Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	**a. To promote the craft of woodturning for the public benefit and in doing so, raise the appreciation of the creativity, skill and heritage of woodturning.** **b. To advance the education of the public in the craft of woodturning**
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.	**In planning our activities for the year, we kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at our Club Committee Meetings, (all Club Committee Members are Trustees).** **The main activities were:** • **A planned calendar of monthly demonstration events.** • **A programme of beginner training sessions.** • **Attendance at six show events within the county of Herefordshire to raise profile, encourage new members and raise funding.** **These activities enable club members to encourage people new to woodturning to develop their confidence, expand on their practical skills and provide a gateway for new and existing woodturners to further their experience of woodturning regardless of background, faith, gender or personal circumstances.**

Additional information

Policy on grant making Contribution made by volunteers	**Herefordshire Woodturners is a not-for-profit volunteer run organisation. Without the valuable contribution of time, energy and expertise of the many volunteers within the Club we would not have been able to achieve so much. The Club also benefits from the many hours of time members invest in turning items that the Club sells to generate funds to ensure to Club continues to function.**

Achievements and Performance

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.	**Shows and Demonstrations: In order to fulfil the Clubs Charitable commitment to bring woodturning to the wider community we attended six shows during the year. These were at Leominster Christmas Fayre, Hereford Town Centre, Wellington Garden Centre, Golden Valley, Much Marcle, and Ewyas Harald.** **Attendance at these one or two-day events, all based within Herefordshire, involve club volunteers setting up the club stand or marquee (purchased with grant money from the AWGB in 2021) and a smaller demonstration gazebo, that enables the club to display and sell wood turned items made by members and to operate the small club lathe so members of the public can observe woodturning first-hand and also try their hand at turning under the supervision of an experienced club member.** **Attendance at the shows has raised our club profile attracting a number of new members, allowed us to showcase the creativity and skills involved in woodturning to the many members of the public attending these large events and increased their awareness and appreciation of the craft. With the sale of items made by club members at these shows, we continue to raise the vital funds to support the club demonstration evenings and purchase/replace the club's equipment for the benefit of both our members and demonstrators.** **Training: The Club has continued to deliver 8-week periods of woodturning training for club members, primarily to novices with little or no experience of the craft. This has advanced their skill levels, understanding of the craft and enabled them to go on to undertake their own woodturning projects independently in a safe and appropriate manner.** **Club Nights and Demonstrations: A total of 7 meetings with professional demonstrators took place throughout the year on the last Thursday of each month, at the Herefordshire Headway Centre, Credenhill. Well known international turners such as Danni Flowers, Stewart Furini, Mark Beckett, Dan Tarrant, Tony Jones and Nathanael Griffiths all came to the club during the year. These events were interspersed with 3 internally organised club nights offering the opportunity for members to experience and receive training in various woodturning and related subjects such as equipment sharpening, wood selection and identification, pyrography, hollowing and other woodturning techniques.**

	<u>Membership</u> The club's membership declined slightly in the year from 59 to 54, ill health as the average age of members increases and relocation of some being the main reasons for this change. The average attendance at meetings this year was 34 with a high of 43 and a low of 27. **Historically, the Club experiences a turnover of between 5 and 10 members who leave/do not renew membership during the year. This year has been no exception but we have only been able to recruit four full time members.** **<u>Communications</u> With the generous assistance of a local retired person we have completely revised and rewritten our website to make it easier to navigate and hopefully more attractive to visitors with the addition of improved photographs. The club has also revised its Facebook page to facilitate quicker and more immediate communication with members and it is hoped that it will also help attract members of the public looking to take up the craft.**

Financial Review

Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	**Cash at the bank on 30 November 2023 was £8135 in unrestricted funds. This is around £1800 more than the end of year balance for the previous 23-24 FY.** **The funds on account are enough to ensure the financial viability of the Club for 12 months should we have another period that would prevent fund raising or to meet any unforeseen expenditure that may occur.**
Details of fund materially in deficit	**Not applicable**

Additional information

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted A description of the principal risks facing the charity Other	**Our main source of income this year has come funds raised by selling wood turned items made and donated by members of the club at the six events attended throughout the year. Further funds have been raised through a small annual membership fee that each member pays and a monthly raffle, held at each club night (prizes donated by members). The Club again applied for and received a small demonstrator grant from the AWGB to assist paying for professional demonstrators at our monthly club nights. In addition the club registered with HMRC for Gift Aid which resulted in a small amount of additional income.** **As a not-for profit organisation, with no staff costs and a turnover of less than £25k, the majority of income is used to pay the cost of the professional woodturners booked for the monthly demonstration evenings, with additional funds used to pay for use of the Headway Herefordshire facility where we are located, the P.A.T. testing of equipment and specialist insurance to support club training and demonstration evenings.** **The success of the Club is very much tied to an appropriate location to hold demonstration events, club evenings, storage of club equipment and woodturning training. At present the facilities the club is able to access and the support of the venue staff at Herefordshire Headway cannot be underestimated; we are very appreciative of all the support we have received and it is hoped we can maintain this relationship going forward. The club is acutely aware that other charities have to constantly juggle priorities so it has to be acknowledged here that should we lose access to this venue for whatever reason there would be a risk to operations whilst a new location was sought.**

Structure, Governance and Management

Type of governing document	**Constitution adopted November 2021**
How is the charity constituted?	**Charitable Incorporated Organisation (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	**Trustees are appointed or reappointed annually at our Annual General Meeting at the end of November each year.** **There are term limits defined for principle office holders: Chairman, Club Secretary, Membership Secretary and Treasurer within the Constitution.**

Additional information

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	**Membership of the club is open to everyone regardless of age, religion, cultural background, gender, ability or capability. The Trustees seek the views of members and volunteers in the activities and programme of events that are to be run.**
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	**All Club committee members elected at the annual general meeting, held in November each year, are expected to become Trustees and prior to commencement of trusteeship checks are carried out in line with statutory requirements.**
Relationship with any related parties	**Herefordshire Woodturners, as a club, are affiliated to the Association of Woodturners Great Britain (AWGB), the national body representing and supporting woodturning clubs across the country.**
Other	**The club has an experienced safeguarding officer.** **The Club currently uses and meets at the Herefordshire Headway facility at Credenhill, Herefordshire. A superb facility with a woodworking workshop and open hall that enables the club to host demonstration evenings. The support of Herefordshire Headway cannot be underestimated in the success and growth of the Club over the last few years since we have had use of this venue.**

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Herefordshire Woodturners
Other name the charity uses	HWT
Registered charity number	1199270
Charity's principal address	Herefordshire Woodturners C/O Herefordshire Headway Headway House Trenchard Avenue Credenhill Hereford HR4 7DX

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)
1	D. C. Bowen	Chairman		
2	P. J. Dennis	Secretary		
3	P. I. Kendall	Treasurer		
4	T. D. Johnson	Membership Secretary		
5	R. J. Howls		15th Sept to 30th Nov	
6	D. Haines			
7	T Wright			
8	R. Bufton		27th March to 14th Sept	
9	A. Popper		1st Dec to July	
10	A. Narracott		1st Dec. to May	

Other optional information

Going forward the Club plans to continue its monthly programme of external demonstrators and internally organised club nights, attendance at a number of local shows to raise awareness of woodturning to the public and to continue with capital expenditure as funds allow.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	DC Bowen	
Full name(s)	David Clifford Bowen	Philip Ian Kendall
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chairman	Treasurer

Date 22nd. September 2026

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Charity Name	No (if any)
Herefordshire Woodturners	1199270

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	29/11//2024		28/11/2025

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Subscriptions and visitors	2,416	-	-	2,416	-
Fund raising	1,428	-	-	1,428	-
Grant and donations	855	-	-	855	-
Community events	2,226	-	-	2,226	-
Tool and wood sales	1,834	-	-	1,834	-
Miscellaneous	111	-	-	111	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total *(Gross income for AR)*	8,870	-	-	8,870	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
Sale of equipment		-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	8,870	-	-	8,870	-
A3 Payments					
AWGB subscriptions	1,185	-	-	1,185	-
Demonstrator fees	1,652	-	-	1,652	-
Rent, and insurance	684	-	-	684	-
Community events	853	-	-	853	-
Miscellaneous	541	-	-	541	-
Tool and wood	1,808	-	-	1,808	-
		-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	6,723	-	-	6,723	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	314	-	-	314	
	-	-	-	-	
Sub total	314	-	-	314	-
Total payments	7,037	-	-	7,037	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,833	-	-	1,833	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	6,302	-	-	6,302	-
Cash funds this year end	8,135	-	-	8,135	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank	8,135	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	8,135	-	-
		OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Large Lathe & accessories	Unrestricted	-	1,600
	Small lathe and Accessories	Unrestricted	-	1,150
	Sharpenng equipment	Unrestricted	-	120
	Cam Vac	Unrestricted	-	200
	Audio visual equipment	Unrestricted	-	450
	Community event equipment	Unrestricted	-	1,700
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		Phil Kendall	01/06/2026