Saltash Community Shed - Annual Return 2025- 2026

Charity Registration Number: 1207422
Financial Year End: 31st March 2026
Submission Date:

1. CHARITY OVERVIEW

Charity Name: Saltash Community Shed
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Charitable Purposes: To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people particularly but not exclusively older men and women, within Saltash and the 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 can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge and support each other socially.

For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental).

Main Activities: Community workshop facilities, tool sharing, skills development, social interaction for local residents

2. TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

About Our Charity

The Saltash Community Shed is dedicated to creating a welcoming space where community members can engage in woodworking, upcycling, and other hands-on projects. The Shed aims to foster social connections, skill-sharing, and support among residents.

Our Achievements and Performance

This year has been a year of consolidation following a successful membership drive. Our grant applications have been largely successful leading to a number of new pieces of equipment ranging from 3D printers to laptops and software to support those who need to design things for printing. A new heavy duty pillar drill and sharpening station have meant those who want to undertake traditional woodworking are also well catered for moving forward. We have been given machinery which includes an extra wood turning lathe and a site saw (for those larger projects). Space is at a premium so users are encouraged not to store projects at the shed but take them away and bring them back next session. The sessions have been successful and we have had to introduce a booking system to ensure some sessions are not over subscribed.

Key activities and outcomes

- We have regular updates on Facebook and have extended our social media impact by having have over 600 local views for every posting
- Assisted local charities in the production of medals for running races
- Provided the skills and knowledge to help individual with personal projects
- Provided the Core with knowledge skills and materials to run young people craft engagement sessions providing multigenerational support
- Working together with the local Baptist Church provided a prototype 3D poppy which will be produced for sale in November
- Worked with the town council and the Redeemer Church to design and build prototypes for awards for the Annual Saltash Regatta Cardboard Boat Race.

Number of Beneficiaries served

- We have a small core membership of 38 our target is to grow this to 50 in 2026. At present approximately 25% of our membership are women. We have been engaging with local community groups and having clients referred to us from other local charities who deal with mental health and social exclusion.

Key projects completed

- **Gruyère** A French game A small ball sits inside a ring-shaped wooden carrier.The mechanic: The carrier is connected to a system of two ropes or pulleys.The objective: By pulling the strings on either side, players must maneuver the ball up the board from bottom to top, carefully steering around the holes. If the ball falls through a hole, it drops to the bottom, and the player must start over. This game was created by one of our female members who created the game as a surprise for her husband's birthday. Members of the shed were able to provide help and advice in the creating the game and how to use the tools we have on hand to achieve a working solution

- **Woodturning**
    - Bowls
    - Clocks
    - Pens
    - Stool legs for a local artisan
    - Lamps
- **Laser cutter/engraver projects**
    - Tide clocks
    - Clocks of various designs
    - Medals and trophies for local races and Saltash Regatta
    - Lightshades of various designs
    - Personalised items through engraving

Tormek sharpening system

Following a generous donation from the Prime foundation a professional Tormek sharpening system was purchased. Gouges,chisels and planer blades sharpened. New skills acquired via Tormek online courses defining how to sharpen effectively

Joint Core and Shed youth craft activities

The Shed produced a number of self assembly kits for the youth attending the Core. these kits and trained the Core staff on how to use a portable engraver. The Youth were able to assemble pens and presentation cases and engrave each item with a personal message for a loved one.

Stool legs project

The shed partnered with a local artisan to produce high quality stool legs for his projects which were sold locally. The project involved a number of woodturners on the shed who learned to use the new copying templates which were produced using the laser engraver. The Copy machine was made using out 3D printer which saved on the cost of

buying a commercial copier and involved 5 members in the use of the new 3D printed tooling

Light shades

Using one one of our 5 laptops which have Lightburn installed. Members have been creating bendable designs and making lightshades. Its a great example of new skills being used to create unique one off designs which can be used to adorn any room.

Christmas Decorations and Children's puzzels

Using a variety of designs, some downloaded and some created from scratch a number of Christmas decorations were created for sale and for personal use using our laser engravers. This is a further example of members taking existing designs and modifying them for their own use using newly acquired skills.

Donations boxes for the Christmas Festivities

Following an approach by the local scrapstore the shed used the laser cutters to make collection boxes which were located at various businesses for the collection of donations to support the Christmas festivities. The boxes were created using an open source product and the skills gained in the making of this project is being used in the production of other projects

Parts for Sailing yacht - reverse engineering for discontinued/ custom parts

A few of our members have boats which have older parts which are no longer in production. These members designed/reversed engineered parts using Fusion 360 (software and hardware provided by the Community Shed) parts were printed in a specialist ASA (nylon) and Carbon Fibre filament as functional working replacements. Members collaborated by providing support, advice and guidance on the best way to draw and make the parts.

- Bird Tables
- Bird Boxes
- 3D printed lathe duplicator
- 3D printed
- Leather Key Fobs

Personal projects to include:

- Wood turned bowls
- Lampstands & lampshades
- Coaster sets

- Dibbers
- Pens and pen cases
- Christmas Decorations

Laser Cutter engraver projects

- Medals and Trophies for local half Marathon
- Medals and Trophies for the Town Regatta

Woodworking projects

- Bird Boxes
- Clocks
- Christmas decorations

Community Projects

- Repaired bench for local conservation area/charity

Community impact achieved

Our community engagement strategy has successfully introduced the Community Shed concept to Saltash residents through diverse outreach activities:

Direct Community Engagement:

- Multigenerational engagement with the Core
- Council Local Community engagement - Shop your Town event participation
- Warm space
- Shed Coffee and discussion - some just want to talk not build
- Knowledge transfer, new skills acquired in woodturning, Laser engraving and 3D printing

Digital and Physical Outreach:

- **Social Media Presence**: Maintained weekly Facebook posts highlighting activities and achievements, supported by shares from local associations and individual community members, reaching over 450 contacts
- **Community Advertising**: Distributed promotional materials through local shops, GP surgeries, and Saltash Library, ensuring wide community awareness
- **Personal Outreach**: Used business cards for one-to-one contact, enabling targeted invitations to potential members and building personal connections

Economic and Social Value:

- **Local Business Partnerships**: Completed commissioned projects for local businesses and organizations, demonstrating our practical value to the wider community
- **Sales and Commissions**: Generated revenue through sales while providing affordable services to residents
- **Skill Sharing**: Facilitated knowledge transfer between experienced makers and newcomers, preserving traditional crafts and practical skills

These activities have established the Saltash Community Shed as more than just a workshop space—we have become a hub for social connection, skill development, and community pride. Our multi-channel approach has ensured we reach residents across different age groups, interests, and comfort levels with technology, making our services accessible to the broadest possible community.

3. Grant Applications and gifts (2025 - 2026 financial years)

Gifts

Dust Extractor	Large Shop extractor	10/9/2025	Scrapstore	Secondhand
Lathe	Woodworking lathe	10/9/2025	Scrapstore	Secondhand
Cross Cut saw	Site saw 100v with transformer	10/9/2025	Scrapstore	Secondhand

Grant application purchases

3D Printer	Bambu Carbon printer	9/6/2025	Howton Solar Farm	New
3D printer	FLsun	9/1/2025	Coop	new
Tormek sharpener	Tormek	14/10 2025	Prime Foundation	New
Xtool P2s CO2 laser	Xtool	4/1/2026	howton solar	New

Financial Review

Total Income: £6596

Total Expenditure: £5860

Net Income/(Expenditure): £736

Sources of Income:

- Grants: £ 4912 (74%)
- Donations: £475 (7%)
- Membership fees: £851 (12%)
- Other income: £358 (5%)

Main Areas of Expenditure:

- Equipment and tools: £5229
- Premises costs: £240
- Insurance: £391

Reserves Policy

We retain enough funds to ensure we can cover 6 months of running costs. We have no liabilities, so reserves only have to cover expected expenditure.

Future Plans

Our plan for next year is to:

1. Work with the core to have a second shed and split the functions into a tech hub and a practical skills hub
2. Expand our member numbers by trialling additional Shed sessions
3. Pursue grants for additional woodworking equipment and a CNC and MOPA laser

3. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Annual Accounts Summary

Income:

- Voluntary income (donations, grants): £5387
- Activities for generating funds: £1209
- Investment income: £0
- Other income: £0
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- **TOTAL INCOME:** £6596

Expenditure:

- Cost of generating voluntary income: £0
- Charitable activities: £0
- Governance costs: £0
- Other expenditure (equipment and tools): £5329

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: £5860

- **Net Income/(Expenditure) for the year:** £736

Assets and Liabilities:

- Cash at bank and in hand: £2908
- Other current assets: £12,309
- Fixed assets: £
- Current liabilities: £0

NET ASSETS: £15,217

Funds

- Unrestricted funds: £2908 - value of funds as of 31/03/2026 in the Current Account
- Restricted funds: £0

TOTAL FUNDS: £2908

4. GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees

Chair: Chris Bailey

Secretary: Stephen Gerry

Treasurer: Simon Richardson

Other Trustees:

- Nigel Williamson
- Bill Phillips
- Phil Lamerton

Structure and Management

The day to day administration and management of the Club is undertaken by the Chair, Secretary and the Treasurer. However the other trustees have assigned roles to deal with Membership and induction, Health and Safety and Machine maintenance. We also have some members and trustees who provide buddying, advice and guidance and basic training. We also have a separate volunteer who provides dedicated training for woodturning being a qualified instructor.

Appointment of Trustees

The Community Shed AGM was held on 27 February 2026 we had:

Stepping down or changing role:

John Herring stepped down from the Trustee role

Bill Phillips stepped down as Treasurer but remains a trustee

New appointments

Phil Lamerston was appointed a new trustee

Simon Richardson was appointed as a new trustee and Treasurer

Trustee Training and Support

Class 4 laser training provided for all those using the new CO2 laser cutter engraver

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Key Risks Identified:

- There is a risk that membership fees will need to increase to cover running costs if the community shed is unable to make up the difference in adhoc sales of items made by its members

  Action to mitigate the risk. Action now moved to low risk as membership numbers have improved. Ongoing recruitment is underway

- There is a risk that the club cannot front up the required number of volunteers with the skills and experience needed to support new members

  Action to mitigate the risk. Moved to low risk we have some dedicated volunteers who provide mentoring and coaching.

  Further publicity and recruitment campaigns to recruit those with the requisite skills, possibly looking to local companies or tradesmen for support.

- There is a risk that the Core will cease to be supportive of the Community Shed and ask the shed to be vacated

  Action to mitigate the risk - moved to low risk now the partnership agreement has been signed and the Council have been involved in retrospective works undertaken by the Core

6. PUBLIC BENEFIT

We confirm that the trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

How the charity delivers public benefit: The shed provides an environment where people can come together to work on projects with others thereby providing a safe place to reduce social exclusion. The shed is open to all persons over 18 years of age, hence the benefit is available directly to all members of the community. The facilities of the shed are also available to younger persons through collaboration with The Core and their educational activities.There is the opportunity to work on projects for other organisations within the community thus providing benefit to these organisations and the community at large through this.

7. SAFEGUARDING

The Community shed has a safeguarding policy which covers Vulnerable Adults (agreed at our March 2025 community shed management meeting which covers:

- Ensuring safety and dignity of all members.
- Providing appropriate support while promoting independence.
- Including everyone in activities according to their abilities.
- Maintaining confidentiality except when necessary for safety.

TRUSTEE DECLARATIONS

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

Signature: _____
Name: [Chair's name]
Position: Chair of Trustees
Date: _____