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ANNUAL REPORT and ACCOUNTS 2026



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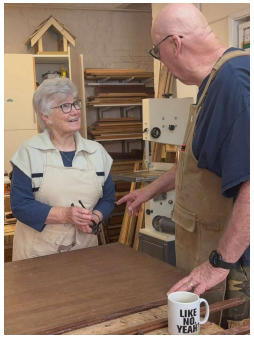
to our Annual Report and Accounts for the financial year ended 31 May 2026.

It is a public document which you can view or download on our website, or email to request a hard copy; see *Contact points* below.

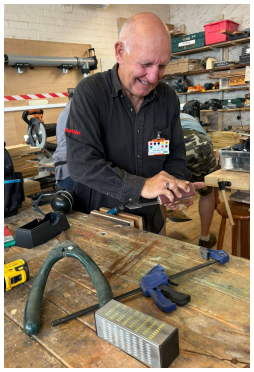
Charity details

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Address:	The Passmore Edwards Centre Market Street, Newton Abbot TQ12 2RJ
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Registration:	Newton Abbot Community Shed is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), Registered in England & Wales, No. 1208014
2025-26 Trustees:	Alan Reynolds Andy Tettmar Emily Graydon Gill Brookman Kevin Beard Laura Wood Peter Stevens Tim Faulkner
Year end:	31 May 2026
Bankers:	Lloyds Bank plc 98 Victoria Street, London SW1E 5JL









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Chair's Report

Peter Stevens

It seems hardly credible that Newton Abbot Community Shed completed our second full year as a CIO and registered charity, and are now well into our fourth year of operating from Newton Abbot Library.

During the year from the beginning of June '25 to the end of May '26, we were consolidating the groundwork that had been put in place since launching in July 2023. In particular, the learning curve for the Board of Trustees in managing a charity, began to level out a little – although there is plenty still to discover as we continue to grow and become part of the voluntary and community sector in our part of Teignbridge.

One of the big challenges for any organisation like NACS is to strike a balance between continuing with the things we already do – and hopefully becoming gradually better at them – and innovating with new services and approaches.

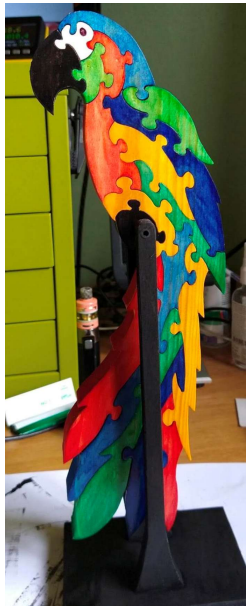
Partly in response to feedback from a survey conducted among members, in July we launched a twice-monthly 'quiet' session, without the noise of machinery and power tools. This has attracted a small but fairly consistent following, and has encouraged more craft-focussed activities to be tried and enjoyed.

Word has been spreading that the Shed has a number of members with repairing skills. There is a steady trickle of requests to fix all manner of household items from rotary washing lines to broken chairs, and garden tools



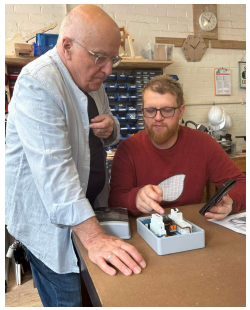
to table lamps. We have built a good relationship with the excellent Abbotskerswell Repair Workshop, and have referred people there for help with items we can't deal with ourselves.

It's very gratifying that our Treasurer, Emily Graydon, is able to report healthy finances again this year. We remain self-sufficient for our core running costs, seeking external funding only for specific projects. In 2025/26 these included building a new website, which went live in January; commissioning an in-depth consultation as part of a joint project to improve the courtyard area at the library; and putting in proper dust control measures to create a healthier environment in the Shed.









In his report as Secretary, Tim looks ahead to the 2026/27 year and some of the improvements made to our tools and equipment as well as the ways we are developing our offering to members and the wider community – so I won't duplicate that here.



We continue to benefit from an excellent relationship with the library, its management, staff and volunteers; our thanks go to them for being great hosts to our charity as well as our landlords. And finally, a grateful shout-out to the many local people and organisations who encourage and support – in a multitude of ways – our efforts to provide a welcoming, safe and well-equipped place for folk to come to make, mend and meet!



Secretary's Report

Tim Faulkner

In our third year of operation we have consolidated our position as a community organisation. We have made some improvements to our room – most notably the dust extraction system (with the aid of a grant from Newton Abbot Town Council) and the screws & fastenings storage area.

We have plans to install a new bench along the back wall under the extraction system.. At present this is awaiting the availability of a team of willing volunteers to help build it.

Tools

On the tools front we haven't really increased our holdings but enhanced the quality of the tools we possess. Some of this has been by means of selling-on donated tools and machines (with the donors' consent), and using the proceeds towards buying alternatives that better suit our needs.

Our major upgrades have been:

Drill press	Scroll saw	Lathe
Table saw	Router table	Thicknesser

We have budgeted to upgrade our mitre saw with a more capable item, which will happen when the new bench has been installed. We are also upgrading the router for the CNC machine, to give Andy, our machining specialist, much greater scope for working in wood and other materials.

Memberships

I have recently compiled some stats on our membership as follows:

	Total Membership	Active members	Male members	Female members
	55	22	33 (60%)	22 (40%)
Age range	>80: **3**	70–80: **18**	60–70: **12**	50–60: **7**
	40–50: **6**	30–40: **5**	<30: **3**	

Average session attendance

Friday morning: **8** Friday afternoon: **6** Saturday: **5**
Monday: **5** Tuesday (Quiet session): **4**







Treasurer's Report

Emily Graydon

Income summaries

Annual memberships	608.75
Donations	606.18
Donations for commissions	185.82
Donations for repairs	329.15
Donated item sales (e.g. tools)	2,632.82
Gift Aid	2,231.79
Grants	4,300.00
Project costs refunded	169.98
Sales of Shed-made items	1,466.35
Session subscriptions	3,232.09
Total:	**15,762.91**

Debtors at 31/05/2026	0.00
Bank balance at start of year	4,179.56
Add income for the year	15,762.93
Subtotal:	**19,942.49**
Less expenditure for year ending 31/05/2026	10,332.81
Closing balance at 31/05/2026:	**9,609.68**

Bank balance at the year end (31/05/2026) was £9596.90 – £12.78 less than the closing balance shown. This is due to a refund that was not received until after the 2026/27 year had started

Expenditure summaries

Bank charges	21.04
Consumables	678.23
Housekeeping	109.67
Insurance	365.92
Marketing	152.37
Materials and wood	480.59
Miscellaneous	54.00
PPE	65.26
Refreshments	231.85
Rent	1922.00
Site improvements	611.14
Stationery	48.12
Tech	2673.77
Tools	1337.56
Training	60.00
CGB2025	21.91
DCF2026	66.16
DE2025	1389.00
LC2025	44.22
Total:	**10332.81**

Creditors at 31/05/2026	0.00

Notes to Accounts

Projects and Commissions in 2025/26

NACS	*Dust extraction/air filtration project (DE2025)*
Newton Abbot Seed Library	*Community garden bughouse roof (CGB2025)*
Libraries Unlimited	*Library counter repair (LC2025)*
	Children's library door upgrade

Depreciation of tools

Value at year end:	2025	2026
	938.86	1386.14

Erroneous payments

There were a few occasions where a Shed debit card was accidentally used to pay for items that were not Shed-related. These amounts were fully reimbursed, and have been kept out of the accounts. There were also times when an item was bought, and later returned to the seller for a refund; these have also been kept out of the accounts. They total £308.38.

Card payments received

Payments to the Shed using a debit or credit card are taken on our SumUp card reader. This is simple to use and makes transactions easily traceable. The charges for using this service during 2025/26 were as follows:

Gross amount	*Processing fee*	*Net payout*
3056.95	50.32	2961.63

Grants received

Awarding body	*Amount*	*Purpose*
Newton Abbot Town Council	1000.00	Contribution towards the cost of installing dust extraction and air filtration systems in the Shed
Devon Community Fund	3000.00	Capacity-building in NACS, and community engagement activities
Rotary Club of Newton Abbot	300.00	Contribution towards the cost of materials for improvements to the courtyard