Annual Report for Drayton Men's Shed

This is the Chair's report for Drayton Men's Shed for the year 2025.

Firstly a big thank you to all our members who have made this year such a success. You are the reason we exist and by providing a place for you to meet and carry out the activities you enjoy we not only, hopefully help you, but we have also provided very successful projects for the community.

Membership is still very good considering we don't advertise. With our current facilities we are probably near our limit. We don't want to turn any one away but if we gain too many more members then we may have to restrict numbers at each session on safety grounds. We currently have 24 members with 10 to 15 regularly attending the Shed when we are open. Members come from a wide area and have been referred to us via a number of the health support agencies which shows we are gaining a reputation in a good way. The need for the Men's Shed has been well demonstrated all we need are larger facilities.

To that end we are making slow progress for a Shed in the grounds of the Church of the Resurrection. Planning permission was granted last March with a proviso that we completed a percolation test to prove run off from the shed would be properly dispersed via a soak away. We had hoped that we would be able to piggy back on a project Southern Water has to reduce the amount of rainwater going into foul sewers but they have pulled back from this scheme so we will need to carry out the test. Although we have planning permission we also need the church authorities to grant us a Faculty. This will allow us to carry out the work on Church land and also allows the church to lease the land to us for use as a Men's Shed. The main hold up and potential cost is the drafting of the lease. The Church weren't happy with our suggested lease and have asked that a solicitor is involved at our expense. We have agreed to this in order to move the project forward but progress still seems very slow. In the meantime we have progressed on quotes for the work and started looking at sources of funding for the project, including the Councils CIL fund and the National Lottery. I can only hope I have better news to report next year!

The Shed's finances as the Treasurer has reported are currently in a good position and I would like to give a special thank you to the donation received from the Freemasons. This was very welcome and will go a long way to help with project set-up expenses.

The Shed has again been very busy in community with local projects and spreading our reputation in a very good way. So what have we been doing. A number of mud kitchens, planters and bird boxes have been made and delivered to customers. We have continued to support Highbury Community Centre by doing small jobs for them. We have constructed some raised beds for outside Drayton Surgery form wood supplied by them. Our understanding is the beds will be maintained as part of support work for patients. We have made and installed a new noticed board for St Andrew's Church, again much appreciated. A large house for tortoises was made and delivered. A bench was constructed for a group in Portsmouth who are trying to revitalise a community garden. We are also in the process of making them a weather proof book case to go in the garden. Well done to all and the donations from these projects helps with our funds.

Well done to all and let us move forward in 2026 towards a new shed in Drayton.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE
YEAR 2025

2024	Income	2025
£1,574.19	Donations	£1,597.50
	Subscriptions	£587.00
	Goods Sales	£1,405.39
	Petty Cash	£590.00
£31.70	Cash In Hand	-£3.52
		£4,176.37

2024	Expenditure	2025
£1,574.19	Insurance	£252.04
	Goods	£897.82
	Services	£401.86
		£1,551.72
	Balance (Deficit) or Credit	**£2,624.65**

BALANCE SHEET

2024	ASSETS	2025
£1,574.19	Current Account	£4,202.36
£31.70	Cash in Hand	£28.18
£1,605.89		**£4,230.54**

2024	FUNDS & LIABILITIES	2025
£1,605.89	Carried from 2024	£1,605.89
	Income over Expenditure	£2,624.65
£1,605.89		**£4,230.54**

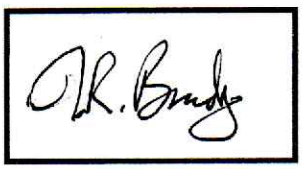
Independently Examined

Treasurer:



J Oakes

Examined by



M BRADY

Approved:

Chairman:



C Batstone