Hadleigh Men's Shed – Trustees' Annual Report and Accounts

For the year ended 31 Dec 25

1. Reference and Administrative Details

Charity name:	Hadleigh Men's Shed
Charity number:	1209528
Principal address:	The Old Black Swan Yard, 4 Benton Street, Hadleigh, Suffolk, IP7 5AT
Trustees during 2025:	Mark Brennan DL Peter Goldby Trevor White Bill Parrot Richard Blatch Russell Barrett

Structure, governance and management

Hadleigh Men's Shed is a charitable organisation run by a board of trustees who are responsible for the strategic direction, governance and financial oversight of the charity. Trustees meet monthly on the first Tuesday of each month. Day-to-day running of activities is supported by volunteers.

2. Objectives and Activities

Charitable purpose

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively older men, within Hadleigh 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.

Public benefit

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. Activities are open, accessible, affordable and provide clear social and wellbeing benefits to participants and the wider community.

Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

During the year, the charity:

- Facilitate four Men's Shed sessions per week providing practical, hands-on activities
- Provided opportunities for social connection, peer support and skills confirmation
- Collaborated with local community groups and organisations
- Provided an informal, non-clinical setting that supports mental health and wellbeing

3. Achievements and Performance

The year started with the Men's Shed becoming a registered charity, a significant step up in status which has been welcomed across the membership.

Ties with other local groups and organisations have been strengthened through events like the Hadleigh Agricultural Show and the Hadleigh Christmas Market, where the Men's Shed stall is becoming a regular feature.

Closer to home, we have seen continued growth in the demand for the services of the Men's Shed. Key achievements include:

- Regular attendance from a broad cross-section of the local community
- Strong volunteer involvement supporting sessions and mentoring
- Positive feedback highlighting reduced isolation, improved confidence and a sense of purpose among members
- Progression of plans to secure a permanent, fit-for-purpose Community Workshop to ensure long-term sustainability

The trustees believe these outcomes demonstrate the significant value the Shed brings to individuals and the wider Hadleigh community.

4. Financial Review

Financial position

Total Income for the year was £16,021 and total expenditure was £8,294. Accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and attached is the Income and Expenditure account for the year ending 31st December 2025. We confirm that all funds currently held are unrestricted.

Accounts for 8 Aug 24 to 31 Dec 25

Income & Expenditure	y/e 31st December 2025
	Funds
Receipts	
Membership fees	2,165.00
Donations	10,208.51
Grants	-
Sales / event income	3,184.64
Interest	-
Merchandise Sales	413.00
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	15,971.15
Asset and investment sales	
Sale of assets	50.00
Sale of investments	-
Sub total	50.00
Total Receipts	16,021.15
Payments	
Shed premises costs	1,125.08
Insurance	297.92
Materials & consumables	1,380.01
Small tools (<£25)	17.09
Repairs and renewals	153.16
Refreshments & cleaning	610.27
Admin/Office costs	609.85
Merchandise	566.13
Sundry	388.22
Health & Safety Equip	-
Sub total	5,147.73
Asset and investment purchases	
Hand and power Tools (>£25)	88.99
Workshop machines	2,489.93
Sub total	2,578.92
Total payments	7,726.65
Net of : receipts/(payments)	**8,294.50**
Bank Accounts	8,164.30
Petty Cash (inc. Float £25)	130.20
Total Balance	**8,294.50**
Hampshire Trust Bank	7,000.00
Lloyds Bank	1,164.30
Bank Accounts	8,164.30

Transition from Start up to Registered Charity

From November 2022 to August 2024 Hadleigh Mens Shed ran as a basic Community Club. It attracted a number of donations and subscriptions which were used as start up costs and for the purchase of tools and machinery to establish a workshop. As Hadleigh Men's Shed obtained Charitable status the Community Club disbanded and transferred to the Hadleigh Men's Shed Charity tools and machinery and a cash balance of £2,651 which was recorded in the accounts as a donation.

Sustainability

As the Charity has achieved a more settled operation position so its finances have stabilised. This has enabled a more regularised operating budget. Ongoing overheads are limited and predictable consisting of utilities, insurance and basic administrative costs. These overheads are met from members subscriptions.

Other variable and discretionary costs such as small tools and equipment, materials and maintenance costs are met from fund raising exercises, the sale of goods made in the workshop and voluntary contributions in respect of work undertaken for the wider community. Taken collectively these income streams provide a resilient and diversified funding model.

Reserves policy

The charity maintains modest reserves to ensure continuity of activities and to manage unforeseen costs, while ensuring that the majority of funds are applied directly to the delivery of its charitable objectives.

Special Projects Fund – Hadleigh Community Workshop

Hadleigh Men's Shed is leading a community project to establish a new community workshop for the town. Income for this project is generated through a combination of grants, donations, fundraising activities and community support. All funds raised for this project are restricted and held solely for this purpose.

5. Plans for Future Periods

In the coming year, Hadleigh Men's Shed aims to:

- Secure and develop a permanent Community Workshop facility
- Expand access to activities for a wider range of users
- Strengthen partnerships with local organisations
- Continue to improve sustainability through diversified funding

6. Risk Management

The trustees actively identify and review risks facing the charity, including financial sustainability, premises security and volunteer capacity. Appropriate controls and mitigation measures are in place.

7. Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and UK accounting standards. They confirm that the report is accurate and complete to the best of their knowledge.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Name: Mark Brennan
Role: Chair of Trustees
Date: 18 Jan 25