TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT AND CHAIR'S REVIEW

South Woodham Ferrers Men's Shed (Charity No. 1214615)
Registered Address: 19 Woodham Halt, South Woodham Ferrers, Chelmsford, Essex, CM3 5JB
Reporting Period:20th August 2025 to 5th April 2026

Reference and Administrative Details

• **Trustees / Committee Members Serving During the Period:**

John Bevan (Chairman), John Brokenbrow] (Treasurer), Brian Austin, David Shea Roger Little.

• **Governing Document:** Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Constitution.

Structure, Governance and Management

The South Woodham Ferrers Men's Shed is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) governed by its trustee board. Trustees are recruited and elected at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). We maintain close working partnerships with local entities including Chelmsford CVS, local social prescribing networks, and the Essex Shed Network to identify and reach individuals who stand to benefit most from our services.

Aims and Objectives

• To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing men aged 18 or over in South Woodham Ferrers and the surrounding area from becoming socially excluded.

• To relieve the needs of those who are socially excluded by reason of age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship, or unemployment, assisting them to integrate into society.

• To provide facilities ("the Shed") where members can meet jointly or individually to undertake creative, physical, and recreational activities, share or learn skills, and support each other socially.

Achievements and Performance

• **Membership Growth:** Weekly attendance has steadily increased, welcoming men from diverse backgrounds and varied life experiences.

• **Facility Operations:** Operating from our base at 19 Woodham Halt, we maintained regular opening schedules, offering woodwork, craft projects, and a safe space for conversation.

• **Community Engagement:** Members engaged in various local tasks and small-scale community woodwork projects, fostering a vital sense of purpose and self-worth among participants.

Financial Review

• **Financial Position:** The charity's financial health remains stable, sustained by modest membership contributions, local fundraising, and community donations.

• **Reserves Policy:** The trustees hold sufficient unrestricted reserves to cover core operational overheads, including site maintenance, utilities, and equipment upkeep, ensuring the long-term continuity of the charity.

Future Plans: Relocation & Capital Project

• **Site Relocation:** The charity will be relocating from its current premises before December.

• **New Build Project:** We intend to construct a new, custom-built facility on our next site, which will better accommodate our growing membership and operational needs.

• **Financial Commitment:** This capital self-build project is anticipated to require a significant capital expenditure, with total project costs estimated at £30,000.

• **Funding Strategy:** The trustees are actively organizing fundraising campaigns, approaching local donors, and pursuing capital grant opportunities to fully fund and support this development without compromising our day-to-day operational stability.

Declaration

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

John Bevan Chairman
On behalf of the Board of Trustees
Date: 1st September 2026

SWF Men's Shed
Receipts and Payments Accounts
For period 20th August 2025 to the 5th April 2026

Section A Receipts and payments

	£	£
Receipts		
Membership fees		168.00
Donations		2,249.72
Grants		-
Sales / event income		1,472.00
Attendance Fees		2,660.92
Interest		250.12
Other		-
Total Receipts		6,800.76
Payments		
Rent - 19 Woodham Halt	7,100.04	
Rent - Container	1,440.00	
Business Rates	977.64	
Insurance	1,057.35	
Alarm	252.00	
Electricity	715.86	
Water Rates	157.34	
Wood Fuel Supplies	63.53	
Shed premises costs		11,763.76
Materials & consumables		339.41
Tools		644.26
Repairs and renewals		69.33
Refreshments & cleaning		22.50
Admin/Office costs		188.77
Subscriptions		77.00
Bank Charges/PayPal Fees		68.31
Sundry		3935.95
Total Payments		17,109.29
Net of receipts/(payments)		- 10,308.53
Cash funds 19/8/25		34,935.65
Cash funds 5/4/26		24,627.12

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

Cash funds	£
Current account	1,110.96
Deposit account	23,393.46
PayPal account	-
Cash	122.70
Total cash funds	24,627.12