

EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
CHARITY NO. NIC 107554
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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Trustees	David Craig Sam Parkhill Alastair Davidson Richard Manning Rosemary O'Donnell Gerry Cunningham
Chairperson	Sam Parkhill
Secretary	Bob Parke
Treasurer	Gerry Cunningham
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Accountants	PFS & Partners Chartered Certified Accountants 16 Main Street Limavady BT49 0EU

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

This is our fourth year of formal reporting to the Charity Commission. This is a report for the financial year April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025 as an integral part of the process to complete and approve the Annual Accounts for this period.

Full reporting consistent with the Charity Commission's annual reporting requirements will be completed to meet the submission deadline of January 31, 2026 set by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

Current Trustees:

Alastair Davidson (Chairman), David Craig (Secretary), Sam Parkhill, Richard Manning, Rosemary O'Donnell, Gerry Cunningham (appointed Sept, 2024)

At a meeting of our Trustees on Oct 21, 2024 we included:

- Recapping on the responsibilities of Trustees and confirming each person's intent to remain in position and to accept these responsibilities.
 - All current trustees wished to remain in place and accept the responsibilities of a trustee of a registered charity
- Reviewing the Public Benefit Statement of Eglinton Men's Shed and reflecting on our performance consistent with this statement.
 - The Trustees consider that the activities of our Shed continue to meet the intent of our Public Benefit Statement.
- Taking stock of our financial position and the continued viability of our enterprise.
 - We remain satisfied with the managing & accounting processes and operation of the Shed's Management Committee. During the year our bank account was transferred from First Trust to Danske to reduce costs and to ease administration.
 - A key element is the continued efforts to secure appropriate grant funding to supplement our income. We are grateful to all grant funders including DCSDC, RAPID, The Honourable The Irish Society, Faughanvale Credit Union and WHSCB/PHA for project support including some running costs.
 - We remain confident with regard to our financial viability and our ability to continue consistent with the declared purposes of our organisation.
 - We are most grateful that during the year under review we were granted a new Lease by our Landlord for a period of 10 years at the same peppercorn rent of £1 per annum only.

Achievements & Performance

We continued to strive successfully to satisfy the objects of our organisation set out in our governing document:

To promote personal development, positive mental health and physical activities for the benefit of individuals from in and around the village of Eglinton and district, to advance the health, wellbeing and education of its members by providing a safe and happy environment where the members can, in the company of others:

- Pursue hobbies, pastimes and interests,
- Learn new skills, practise and pass on old skills,
- Promote their own and other men's health and well-being.
- Help reduce feelings of social isolation and loneliness.

Our Management Committee met 8 times during the year and we held our AGM in September. We did not convene any Special General Meetings.

Throughout the reporting year Eglinton Men's Shed remained open for all the planned hours, normally 3 days per week, providing a friendly welcoming space for members and visitors. However we opened on lots of other occasions due to various activities in progress and the enthusiasm of members to complete tasks. Our membership roll and volunteering hours were maintained.

As in previous years a wide range of construction, repair and renovation tasks were undertaken, in both the main woodworking workshop and in our metal-working facility, for both members and the wider community.

Picture framing, with the purchase of equipment and consumables, was developed as a fully-fledged activity in our Shed with appropriate training being provided. Our polytunnel continues to be a hive of activity.

During the latter half of the reporting year our Landlord gave consent for us to occupy and renovate an unused shed/outhouse adjacent to our main premises for the purposes of storage. We renovated the roof, added a side wall and fitted a secure door to render the space more usable.

A review of our policies & procedures was completed during the Spring & Summer of 2024 with amendments and updates as necessary.

A variety of additional activities were on offer throughout the year including:

- Marshalling at the Eglinton Road Runners event at Campsie (July, '24).
- Our Shed hosted a visit from "Plough On", a charity aimed at providing companionship for retired farmers (July, '24)
- Excursion of members by train to Ulster Transport Museum at Cultra (Aug, '24).
- Our Shed took a stand at Eglinton Annual Show (Sept, '24) and conducted a small survey to assess opinions of our local community about the Shed with

very positive feedback being received plus some items of improvement.

- Night out for members, partners and friends in Eglinton Cricket Club (Dec, '24)
- Participation in two on-line seminars on Carbon Literacy Training as part of a grant application to improve our collective carbon footprint for the Shed (Jan, '25)
- Work started on the soil /site preparation for the wildflower field (Spring, '25). Sowing has since been completed in two phases.
- Participation in a gathering of Men's Sheds at Stormont.

The continued flow of members/volunteers through our doors remains clear evidence of the value we continue to offer. One of the most important aspects of our activities continues to be the provision of a warm, safe, friendly space for members and guests to visit and use, whether they wished to be involved in woodwork, metalwork, picture framing, gardening, playing pool, using our free library, or simply sitting down for a coffee and a chat. The comradeship of shared endeavours serves to strengthen bonds and helps eliminate loneliness and social isolation. All these activities contributed in a very significant manner to the achievement of our objectives as listed above.

We continue outreach to all sections of our community and to contribute to cross-community fellowship which is so important to nurture our local society. We continued to network with other Men's Sheds.

In summary the Trustees are confident that the overall management of Eglinton Men's Shed continued to be to a high standard, are confident of the probity of its Officers and Committee and are confident that Eglinton Men's Shed has a sustainable future.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. J. David Craig', written in a cursive style.

David Craig

Date:

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Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Eglinton Men's Shed
I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2025.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedure laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act,
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

PFS & Partners


PFS & Partners
Chartered Certified Accountants
16 Main Street
Limavady
BT49 0EU

Date: 27 August 2025

**EGLINTON MEN'S SHED
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	Unrestricted		Total 2025	Total 2024
		Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£
Receipts					
Donations & Collections	2	1,719	-	1,719	1,343
Grants	3	1,150	5,050	6,200	6,689
Fundraising	4	4,773	-	4,773	5,407
Membership Fees		800	-	800	973
		<u>8,441</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>13,491</u>	<u>14,411</u>
Payments					
Tools and materials		4,355	-	4,355	4,970
Polytunnel		756	751	1,507	516
Light & heat		311	1,100	1,411	1,411
Insurance		1	540	541	795
Rent and rates		-	-	-	-
Repairs		36	800	836	3,051
Telecommunications		210	400	610	458
Printing & stationery		122	310	432	762
Travel		71	160	231	172
Consumables & sundry		2	586	589	1,321
Bank charges		177	-	177	163
Governance costs (Accountancy fees)		-	340	340	325
Total Payments		<u>6,040</u>	<u>4,988</u>	<u>11,028</u>	<u>13,945</u>
Net receipts / (payments)		<u>2,401</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>466</u>
Transfers to/(from) funds		-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / Surplus for the year		<u>2,401</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>2,463</u>	<u>466</u>
Reconciliation 31 March 2024					
Cash at bank & in hand 1 April 2024		6,786	-	6,786	6,320
Surplus/ (deficit) this year end		2,401	62	2,463	466
Cash at bank & in hand 31 March 2025		<u>9,187</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>6,786</u>

Approved by the trustees on _____ and signed on their behalf by:


Gerry Cunningham
Treasurer


Sam Parkhill
Chairperson


Bob Parke
Secretary

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Current Account	9,148	62	9,210	6,747
Cash on hand	39	-	39	39
	<u>9,187</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>9,249</u>	<u>6,786</u>
Grant Debtors Due				
DCSDC	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

1 Nature and purpose of funds

Unrestricted funds are available for general purposes in accordance with the charity's objectives.

2 Donations & Collections

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Gift Aid	709	-	709	-
Donations	858	-	858	930
Sundries	152	-	152	413
	<u>1,719</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,719</u>	<u>1,343</u>

3 Grants Received

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Derry City & Strabane District Council (DCSDC)	-	4,000	4,000	4,648
Rural Area Partner (RAPID)	1,150	-	1,150	-
The Honourable The Irish Society	-	900	900	2,040
WHSCT	-	150	150	-
	<u>1,150</u>	<u>5,050</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,689</u>

4 Fundraising

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2025 £	Total 2024 £
Workshop income	3,166	-	3,166	4,312
Polytunnel income	314	-	314	259
Picture framing sales	1,235	-	1,235	810
Woodturning	58	-	58	26
	<u>4,773</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,773</u>	<u>5,407</u>

5 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustee received any remuneration or reimbursement of expenses during the year.

6 Transactions with trustees and connected persons

No trustee or connected person were paid for services during the year.