



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 14th August 2021 Period start date To 13th August 2022 Period end date

Charity name: FROME SHED

Charity registration number: 1172707

Objectives and Activities

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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | <p><u>Charitable Objectives:</u> For the public benefit, the preservation and protection of good health among people in Frome and the surrounding area, including retired, unemployed and those with health problems, through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation and practical interests, skills sharing and learning and conducting community-based projects.</p> <p><u>Overview of the Charity:</u> The Frome Shed offers workshop space and tools including tools larger than used in most home workshops. Members decide which projects that they do. These include projects for members, individuals and community organisations.</p> |
| Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts. | <p>These are the main areas of public benefit undertaken by the Shed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To share skills and interest, swap ideas and pass on knowledge.• Work on projects that will aid the community and develop a sense of achievement.• Provide a venue where members can meet, relax and share concerns and discuss issues.• Use machine and other tools on more challenging projects• Promote physical and mental well-being and meet visitors to the Shed. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | <p>All current Frome Shed Trustees have read and taken note of the Commission's public benefit guidance and have regard to it when making decisions and exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policy on grant making | No grants have been issued by the Frome Shed during this period. |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Frome Shed Trustees have not considered any social investment at present. Should any Social Investment be considered the Trustees will seek advice and develop policy in accordance with commission guidelines. |
| Contribution made by volunteers | The Frome Shed has no employees and is run completely by Volunteer Members. All of the Duty Managers have attended First Aid courses so that they can address any issues should they arise. We have also run sessions so members can make safe use of machine tools. |

Achievements and Performance

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| <p>Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.</p> | <p>The Frome Shed aims to run 50 sessions a year for the Thursday Men's Shed and another 50 for the Women's Shed on Mondays. The Men's Shed ran all 50 sessions with an average of just over 14 Shedders per Session. We have lost several members during the year, 2 having died one moved away from the area and an ex member and Trustee of the Shed set up a new shed in his home town of Gillingham in Dorset and one member left and joined that shed.</p> <p>The Women's Shed ran 64 sessions over 50 weeks with an average attendance of 12.5 per week. Extra sessions were run to suit availability and for particular skills.</p> <p>The shed has done a number of projects for members of the community and organisations and these include.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making or refurbishing benches for a neighbouring Church. • Building Notice Boards for the local council in connection with Town Twinning Gardens. Done by Men and Women's Shed. • Building access ramps for disabled people • Several planters for local people • A repeat order of refurbishment of outdoor furniture for Frome Hospital. • Several Chair repair and refurbishment projects for local people. <p>The Women's Shed has also carried out the following projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bunting and Banner for the Town Council Great Big Garden Week. • Christmas Shopping Banner and Jubilee Bunting for the Town Council. <p>In addition the Women's shed has held a MacMillan Coffee morning and held an Open Evening.</p> |
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| <p>Achievements against objectives set</p> | <p>The shed succeeded in running the maximum number of sessions and carrying out a number of community projects. As a carry over from the Covid restriction period we refurbished the men's toilets in the building that we rent. This was part of an agreement with our landlady in exchange for a Covid rent free period.</p> <p>In addition the shed had an Air Filtration System installed to improve the air quality in the shed as the main workshop has no windows.</p> <p>Improvements were also made to dust collection in the Machine Shop which also has no windows.</p> |
| <p>Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set</p> | <p>N/A</p> |
| <p>Investment performance against objectives</p> | <p>N/A</p> |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Income this year was £6.85k, compared with £21.9k last year but last year's income was boosted significantly by grants. Expenses this year were £12.3k compared with £22.8k last year but last year's expenditure was relatively high due to the installation of additional environmental protection equipment. Cash at the end of the year is down by £5.4K due to all expenditure coming from what money is in the bank. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | There is no policy regarding reserves but Trustees are agreed that, ideally, cash will be held as a reserve should it fall to be in the region of 12 months running costs. |
| Amount of reserves held | No money is held as a 'reserve'. |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | To date, Trustees have not judged a reserve to be necessary for the survival of the Frome Shed. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | None |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | None |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Association Constitution |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) Registered 24 Apr 2017 |
| Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees | Elected by members at Annual General Meeting (AGM) The members or the charity trustees may at any time decide to appoint a new charity trustee, whether in place of a charity trustee who has retired or been removed, or as an additional charity trustee, provided that the limit on the number of charity trustees as detailed in the Constitution is not exceeded. The number of Frome Shed Trustees over the period has not exceeded the constitutional requirements. |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Frome Men's Shed |
| Other name the charity uses | The Frome Shed (Working name) |
| Registered charity number | Charity number: 1172707 |
| Charity's principal address | 22, Slipps Close Frome, Somerset BA11 1FW |

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

| | Trustee name | Office (if any) | Dates acted if not for whole year | Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any) |
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| 1 | Ros Whitehouse | Chair of Women's Shed section | Whole period | |
| 2 | Anne Jones | Membership Secretary | Whole period | |
| 3 | Pamela Curtis | | Whole period | |
| 4 | Colin Pearce | | Whole period | |
| 5 | John Corfield | Treasurer | Whole period | |

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved - NONE

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity - NONE

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others - NONE

Exemptions from disclosure - NONE

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date