



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st August 2018 to 31st July 2019

Charity name: Christchurch Men's Shed

Charity registration number: 1175104

Objectives and Activities

| | SORP reference | |
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| Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document | Para 1.17 | To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively, men aged 18 or over within Christchurch (Dorset) and 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 and jointly or individually undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially. for the purposes of this clause, "socially excluded" means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental). |
| 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. | Para 1.17 and 1.19 | We currently have 33 members and organise twice monthly social meetings as well as ad hoc events such as a BBQ for members and partners and outings to events of interest. We have encouraged groups of our members to take part in community activities, e.g. erecting gazebos for a local charity fete, assisting at a local Lions Club event, clearing ivy and litter from a local youth charity's property as well as repairing their car park fence. In conjunction with the Highcliffe In Bloom group our members refurbished flower planters that were placed in a popular Highcliffe public area. We have a workshop equipped for wood and metal working which enables members to use the workshop for hobbies or individual or group projects that may include those for the local community, or to simply meet up with fellow members for a chat. |
| Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit | Para 1.18 | The trustees confirm that they understand the guidance relating to public benefit. We believe there is a need for our organisation. Christchurch Dorset has one of the highest proportion of retired people in England. Our target membership is aimed at particularly but not exclusively retired men in the area who are |

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| | | <p>recognised as more vulnerable to loneliness and isolation and resultant depression. They are also more likely to lead sedentary lives that can lead to lack of fitness, obesity and related medical conditions. Being isolated, they are less likely to take action regarding, or even be aware of, any health issues they may have.</p> <p>Through the use of our facilities our beneficiaries are able to meet with others and avoid social isolation. They are able to use tools and resources to work on their own hobbies or community based projects. They are able to share skills and learn new ones. It helps them stay active and have a sense of purpose and generally improve the quality of their lives.</p> <p>Furthermore, because they are amongst their contemporaries, they are more likely to discuss personal health and social issues and gain encouragement from fellow members. It is often quoted that "Men don't talk face to face, they talk shoulder to shoulder" All of which will have a real benefit to the local community as a whole as there will be less drain on the local health and social providers.</p> |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policy on grant making | Para 1.38 | We are not a grant making charity |
| Policy on social investment including program related investment | Para 1.38 | We have not made any social investments. |
| Contribution made by volunteers | Para 1.38 | We do not employ any people |
| Other | | <p>Christchurch Men's Shed is a member of the UK Men's Shed Association (UKMSA) and the Southern Men's Shed Network (SMSN). The UKMSA provides help and support in various ways as well as publishing a regular newsletter that is passed on to our members. The SMSN has quarterly meetings held at varying Sheds' locations thus enabling all members to visit other Sheds and meet with their members to socialise and exchange ideas.</p> |

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>Para 1.20</p> | <p>The objectives that support our key purpose are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote social inclusion and well-being through friendships and social interaction within the group, 2. Provide opportunities for members to share, and learn new skills, 3. Build relationships with groups and individuals in the local community which allow us to achieve our aims 4. Provide a permanent base for our Men's Shed. <p>Achievements against our objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. As previously stated we provide a premises/workshop space where primarily older men can attend weekdays and engage in woodworking and other activities. They undertake small personal projects or other larger projects for local groups and charities. Some of the items are sold to raise funds for the charity. Our Shed has 33 members at present of which 15-20 attend our monthly social meetings and/or monthly group lunch. Members are also invited to visit and meet members of other Sheds at the SMSN quarterly meetings. Anecdotal evidence we have gathered from within the group shows our members benefit from the social activity and interactions with others. Some members of the group have formed friendships and meet outside the Shed's activities. 2. Our members come from a wide range of professions and trades. Various members have given presentations about skills such as accurate measuring and marking up, and tool sharpening. Others have sought and gained advice about IT. 3. As mentioned above, we have undertaken projects for a number of community groups. 4. Our basement workshop in another community charity's building has been operating successfully for over two years and continues to be equipped with additional tools and machinery. Members use the workshop for a number of hobbies and community projects. Unfortunately the basement workshop is quite small and accessed via a difficult staircase. We were very fortunate that a lady kindly donated a large amount of professional grade tools and equipment that had belonged to her late father. However this gave us a temporary storage problem until we have a workshop large enough to accommodate it all. Over the past year major efforts were made by the committee to secure a second additional more spacious workshop. A local youth charity offered us the long-term use of a large dilapidated building as long as we funded and carried out the necessary refurbishment and structural work to make it useable. Meetings were held with all trustees of both the shed and the youth charity and it was enthusiastically |

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| | | <p>agreed that the plan should proceed. Much preparatory work was carried out by our shed committee and members, including incurring costs for an asbestos survey, whilst waiting for the necessary lease to be drawn up. Eventually we instructed solicitors to advise us in the final stages of the 15 year lease agreement. We were then devastated when, within a week or so of finally signing the lease, the youth charity decided, a year after the initial agreement, that they might want to use the building themselves in the future and so they suddenly withdrew the offer of the building, leaving us with legal fees of £1,235. Thus we are now again seeking additional premises.</p> |
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| Achievements against objectives set | Para 1.41 | See above |
| Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set | Para 1.41 | We still have a grant of nearly £9,000 allocated to us from the Bournemouth Airport Community Fund that is earmarked for when we have identified an additional workshop and will be spent on any construction and fitting out costs. |
| Investment performance against objectives | Para 1.41 | All monies are held in an easy access bank account; no investments have been made. |
| Other | | |

Financial Review

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| Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period | Para 1.21 | The legal costs of the abortive lease for a promised additional premises severely diluted our funds and we were grateful to an anonymous donor who contributed to our assets. Membership and attendance fees cover all current outgoings and make a moderate contribution to the bank balance. The Trustees believe that the finances are sound and adequate to meet current anticipated expenditure. |
| Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held | Para 1.22 | No reserves are held by the charity. |
| Amount of reserves held | Para 1.22 | None |
| Reasons for holding zero reserves | Para 1.22 | Apart from the bank account, the Trustees feel there is no need to hold reserves until such time as we acquire and develop an additional premises. |
| Details of fund materially in deficit | Para 1.24 | None. |
| Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern | Para 1.23 | The Trustees are confident that the charity can continue as a going concern in its current state. |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising) | Para 1.47 | Grant applications Donations Membership fees |
| Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted | Para 1.46 | No investments held. |
| A description of the principal risks facing the charity | Para 1.46 | None |
| Other | | |

Structure, Governance and Management

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| Description of charity's trusts: | | |
| Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter) | Para 1.25 | Association - Constitution Document |
| How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO) | Para 1.25 | Charitable Incorporated Organisation |
| 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 | Para 1.25 | Trustees are elected each year at the AGM of the charity, and can retire as directed in our constitution |

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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| Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees | Para 1.51 | So far our trustees have come from the membership of the charity. All potential nominees are provided with weblinks to the documented responsibilities of trustees as published by the Charity Commission, and are made aware of the need to comply. |
| The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works | Para 1.51 | A combination of the stress of the abortive lease of additional premises, personal ill-health, and serious personal family traumas have led two trustees to resign. There are now four trustees who also form the committee, with secretary and treasurer running the day to day operations. The Chair of Trustees is also the chair of the committee. |
| Relationship with any related parties | Para 1.51 | None |
| Other | | |

Reference and Administrative details

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| Charity name | Christchurch Men's Shed |
| Other name the charity uses | |
| Registered charity number | 1175104 |
| Charity's principal address | Greystones House Waterford Road Highcliffe Dorset BH23 5JL |
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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 | Richard Barry Atkinson | | | |
| 2 | Richard Edwards | | Resigned 19 th June 2019 | |
| 3 | Bob Mackinnon | Treasurer | | |
| 4 | Les Mercer | Chairman | | |
| 5 | John Pegram | Secretary | | |
| 6 | Chris Waddilove | | | |
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Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

| Director name | | |
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| None | | |

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

| Trustee name | Dates acted if not for whole year | |
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| None | | |

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

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| Description of the assets held in this capacity | None |
| Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects | None |
| Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets | None |

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

| Type of adviser | Name | Address |
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| None | | |
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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| None |
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Other optional information

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Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

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| Signature(s) |  | |
| Full name(s) | Les Mercer | |
| Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) | Chairman | |
| Date | 19/9/2019 | |