



## Narrative Report for Year ended 31/03/22

This report covers the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Dalbeattie Men's Shed is located in Castle Works, Edingham, which is let to us free of charge by TSD Construction Solutions. It is a place where men can meet and work at their own pace in a safe, friendly and inclusive venue, using the Shed's tools and equipment, with their own skills or those transferred from other members.

We had 43 active members when the Shed was closed on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 due to the COVID19 lockdown, and it remained closed until 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021. The Shed was made available to limited member numbers working to the Scottish Government's FACTS restrictions until 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 when the second total lockdown was imposed. The Shed re-opened on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 again under restrictions which slowly unwound until the last one was removed on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022. Lockdown and FACTS restrictions curtailed normal Shed operations for all but 10 days of the period covered by this report.

Lockdown cut right across normal Shed activity, to preserve social connections the Officers implemented regular communications with our previously active members by 'phone and email. Zoom business meetings were held weekly by the Officers, and monthly for all members. Activity within the Shed was limited to socially distanced visits from member pairs to protect equipment, and to move inventory/projects between Shedd's homes and the Shed. Projects moved to members homes included the Skeoch Cycle car, 3D printing, bicycle repair, and engraving. Community connections were severely restricted over this period reducing our commissions to a trickle, and preventing our normal fundraising. We also had significant outgoings to prepare the Shed for reopening, and to replace/repair equipment and machinery damaged though prolonged inactivity in damp workshops; leading to this financial year being our first where receipts failed to meet payments.

Shed community projects large and small were funded from the £11,976 receipts during the year which came from sales of made/refurbished items 56%, donations 20%, grants 14%, fundraising 5%, gift aid/interest 5%. Our expenditure over this period was £12,198 which went on Materials & Consumables 57%, Payments relating directly to charitable activities 41%, Professional and Affiliation fees 1%, and fundraising costs 1%. Over the period our payments exceeded our gross receipts by £222 reducing our bank and cash balance at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 to £29,704.

Signed: ...G C Allison.....

Date: ...6<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

Geoffrey C Allison, Secretary for and on behalf of the Trustees  
of Dalbeattie Men's Shed, Registered Charity SC045783