

Dalbeattie Men's Shed

Notes of 11th Annual General Meeting & Members Meeting No 45, held in the Shed, 14th May 2026.

1. Present.

John Forrest (Chair), Robin Gilchrist (Vice Chair), Geoff Allison (Secretary), Geoff Thomas (Treasurer), Chris Worley (Assist. Treasurer), Christine Clarke (Trustee), Brian Atwell, Alec Brown, Mark Cooper, David Butler, Rolf Buwert, Derek Caldow, Craig Hogg, John Lind, Chris McIntyre, Mick O'Mara, Martin Ridding, Dave Stott, Davis Walsh, Donald Williamson, David Woodford-Evans.

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from: Mike Sandes (Assist. Secretary), Gary Arkley, Blythe Gale, Peter Heyes, Craig Hogg, Phil Kirby, Bernard Lazenbury, Colin Marr, Eric McCowan, Graham Mercer, Donald Mitchell.

3. Chair's Report

Thank you for attending our 2026 AGM.

This is the 12th year of Dalbeattie Men's Shed and through that time we have recorded 108 members and we still have 38 active members. This number is about the limit we can accommodate in our workshops and at refreshment time.

2 members became inactive this year due to failing health and mobility and their places have been filled by 2 new members. Our average membership age is now 77.

We have appointed a new trustee, Cy Price, one of our younger members as a precaution against one of our older Officers becoming incapacitated.

Our Health and Safety Risk Assessment Procedure was refreshed, and our Induction Handbook was revised.

Workshops have been busy this year with 180 completed commissions that generated 67% of our main income. Donations accounted for 18% of income, 9% was gift aid and 6% came from Coffee Morning fund raising. We did not apply for, or receive, any Grant money this year.

We have bought quite a range of new equipment for the shed - a new air compressor, desktop computer, Hi torque drill vacuum and filtration equipment and also new battery/pads for the defibrillator.

We have hosted a number of visitors during the year including officers from TSDG, Age Scotland, Vincent Wildlife Trust, Dumfries People's Project, Academics from Herriot Watt University and the CEO of the UKMSA.

We also hosted the meeting for Dumfries and Galloway Sheds Network and have attended other Shed Meetings.

Our shed also provides the UKMSA with an ambassador from the South of Scotland, namely Geoff Allison. Other shed members have also volunteered for other more local services such as Dalbeattie Daze, Dumfries and Galloway Carers MacMillan Carer Support and Dumfries and Galloway Prostate Buddies.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone for their efforts which ensure the success of the shed and an extra thanks to those who helped on the clean-up days.

As always, special thanks to Geoff Allison and Geoff Thomas for all their efforts in keeping the shed so successful.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the Receipts and Payments Accounts for 2023-24 [see below] by reading the totals against each line item, and summarising that this year's exceptional excess is largely due to payments for a major project before work has started.

Dalbeattie Men's Shed Receipts and Payments Period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 SC 045783

	General Funds	Restricted Skeoch	Total	31-Mar-25
Receipts				
Donations				
Small Donations	1,756	0	1,756	1,708
General Donations	2,053	0	2,053	1,450
	<u>3,809</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3,809</u>	
				3,158
Grants				
Tesco	0		0	375
Age Scotland	0		0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
				375
Fundraising				
Coffee Mornings, net	1,189		1,189	1,034
	<u>1,189</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,189</u>	
				1,034
Gross trading receipts				
Sales	10,271		10,271	7,236
Refurbishment	3,540		3,540	2,374
	<u>13,811</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,811</u>	
				9,610
Gift Aid	814	0	814	561
Savings Interest	1,125	57	1,182	1,071
Total receipts	<u>20,748</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>20,805</u>	<u>15,809</u>
Payments				
Expenses for Social events				
Christmas	0		0	0
Other events	682		682	909
	<u>682</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>682</u>	
				909
Gross trading payments				
Materials	5,107		5,107	5,323
Consumables	464		464	694
Cleaning	245		245	213
	<u>5,816</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,816</u>	
				6,230
Payments relating directly to charitable activities				
Insurance	373	602	975	802
Advertising & PR	117		117	159
Purchase of Equipment	2,547		2,547	6,590
Repairs & Maintenance	769		769	643
IT & Communications	354		354	401
Postage, Printing, Staty	527		527	58
	<u>4,687</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>5,289</u>	
				8,653
Grants & donations				
Federation membership	30	0	30	30
	<u>30</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>30</u>	
				30
Governance and corporate costs				
Professional fees and training	72	0	72	180
	<u>72</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>72</u>	
				180
Total payments	<u>11,287</u>	<u>602</u>	<u>11,889</u>	<u>16,002</u>
Excess / (Deficit) of Receipts over Payments	<u>9,461</u>	<u>(545)</u>	<u>8,916</u>	<u>(193)</u>

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Statement of Funds	General	Skeoch	Total	31-Mar-25
Opening Balance	34,763	8,958	43,721	43,721
Receipts	20,748	57	20,805	15,809
Payments	(11,287)	(602)	(11,889)	(16,002)
Transfer				
Closing Balance	<u>44,224</u>	<u>8,413</u>	<u>52,637</u>	<u>43,528</u>

Statement of Balances

Bank and cash Balances at start		43,531	43,721
Excess of receipts for period		<u>8,916</u>	(193)
Bank and cash Balances at end		<u>52,447</u>	<u>43,528</u>

The accounts are already approved by the Trustees, and await Independent Examination

Brian Atwell proposed that some of the trading surplus could be transferred to our reserve accounts. The Secretary reminded the meeting that over £7,000 was transferred to reserves during the financial year leaving our liquid reserves at just over our target of £10k, about £1k up on last year's figure, and that next year could well be trading loss as a significant proportion of our earning capacity would be employed on the large project which has been paid in advance. The meeting decided to transfer £1000 to reserves.

5. All Officers and Trustees retired as required by Clause 74 our constitution.
6. The AGM was closed at 10:25

These notes are a true record of the 11th DMS AGM

Dalbeattie Men's Shed

Notes of Members Meeting No 45, held 14th May 2026 in the Shed at 10:25am.

1. Present & Apologies.

As per AGM.

2. Reappointment of DMS Board and Trustees

The Secretary indicated that all Officers and have indicated that they are willing to serve again in their current capacity. David Stott proposed the reappointment of retiring Officers en masse, Seconded by John Lind – the proposal was carried unanimously resulting in the following reappointments:

John Forrest, Chair

Geoff Allison, Secretary

Geoff Thomas, Treasurer

Robin Gilchrist, Vice Chair

Mike Sandes, Assistant Secretary
Chris Worley, Assistant Treasurer

3. Trustee Appointments

The Secretary reminded the meeting that Trustees are appointed by the members and remain in office until they ask to leave or are removed from office per our Constitution. Currently the Shed has 8 Trustees – the six Officers comprising the Board [see item 2 above], plus member Cy Price and Christine Clarke.

4. Highlights of last Meetings

4.1 44th Members Meeting

Notes of the 44th Members Meeting held on Thursday 12th February were circulated for approval after the meeting asking for any omissions/comments – none were received. A copy of the meeting notes is on our website, citing items of interest the Secretary noted:

- New member [Gary Arkley] joined from our waiting list.
- Annual reporting was all up to date.
- The secretary was asked to pledge the Shed to the Armed Forces Covenant.
- A proposal to give the Treasurer sole discretion to transfer money from our current account and cash total to our savings account was not carried.
- The Secretary reported that this year's Gift Aid claim is likely to be £814 or thereby.
- Approved changes to Shed layout included moving picture framing and dye sub printing to the meeting room: isolating the damp leg of the office and: extending dust extract to Mike Sandes' bench.
- New batteries and pads have extended the life of our defibrillator. Procurement was underway to replace the clean area computer and upgrade our vinyl cutter.
- Craig Hogg is pursuing reject timber from local stockists.
- The Secretary continues to arrange product donations from Wickes under the UKMSA/Wickes partnership.
- Annual safety audit is planned for April.
- John Forest and Craig Hogg are auditing our stock of portable power tools as a precursor to disposing of surplus items and setting up machine records and stewards for the remainder.
- The decision on whether to hold an October '26 Coffee Morning [or not] was held over until after the Easter Coffee Morning.

4.2 14th Trustees/Board Meeting

Notes of Shed Trustees/Board meetings held on 15th April 2026 were approved by email; the Secretary highlighted the following items:

- Or waiting list ranking system was altered to.
 - Reduce waiting time credits for applicants waiting for 2yrs or more without showing further interest.
 - Add new social fit credit for Veterans [to satisfy an Armed Forces Covenant pledge].
- The Secretary listed the 10 external visits made by Shed members, the 9 formal visits to the Shed, 4 Shed networking events and 2 fundraising events made this financial year.

- Publicity – the Board decided to not recommend an October '26 Coffee Morning and to have that ratified at the next members meeting.
- Geoff Thomas recommended having a craft sales stall at local Craft Fairs and Civic Daze events, the Board decided to leave the decision to members at the run-up to suitable events [pending sufficient items to fill the stall and sufficient members to man it].
- Health & Safety
 - Dust extract extended to bench used to cut MDF.
 - Portable heaters fixed
 - Sawbench belt adjustment to achieve PUWER stop time successful.
 - Portable tools register ongoing.
 - Low noise Air compressor commissioned.
 - Picture framing moved from damp area
 - Isolation of damp area, and rearrangement of segregated area in hand
 - Chris W to work with John F and Andy A to improve welding/grinding area to design and build a grinding booth to contain sparks and reduce damage to nearby equipment, repair the leather welding apron and confirm local fire extinguisher location.
 - H&S Risk Assessment updated to Rev 9 and posted on the noticeboard.
- Governance:
 - There were no proposals to make changes to our Constitution.
 - SCVO Good Governance Checkup was reviewed and updated to Rev F recognising the changes made to Shed Accounts visibility, improved Dropbox access, and further assistant treasurer involvement of the in day-to-day bookkeeping.
 - Trustee refresher training was not deemed due; the Secretary resent the NCVO 'Good Trustee Guide' to all Trustees.
 - The Secretary went through the proposed 2026 Trustees Annual report (TAR) line by line, it was unanimously approved. A copy to be sent to the Treasurer to be included in the documents sent to our Independent Examiner for approval, early May.
- Finance:
 - The Treasurer presented the figures on our 2025-26 Receipts and Payments accounts and advised that they have been sent to our Independent Examiner.
 - The Secretary advised that Gift Aid is likely to raise £680, around £40 not claimed due to no declaration available, and HMRC over payment of £107 in 2025 to be deducted from this year's claim.

5. Organisation

5.1 Membership

The Shed has 108 signed up members of which 38 are active, 59 are lapsed, and 11 on the waiting list. Active member peak attendance 29 and average age 77.

5.2 Forthcoming Visits/networking

31st May Skeoch at Balmaghie Church

Tidy Days – 3rd June, 24th September, 16th December

10th June D&G Shed Network Meeting, Moffat

11th June Humza Yassin BBC Scotland visit to film for Countryfile & Vincent Wildlife Trust

12th – 14th August UKMSA ShedFest, Worcester

6. Finance

6.1 Accounts 2026-27

The Treasurer reported the Shed's financial position by reading the line items from the 14th May 2026 Financial Statement [see below] and summarised by noting that financial year to date our £2,120 receipts leaves us with £304 excess after payments of £1,816.

Dalbeattie Men's Shed Members Meeting Financial Statement as at 14 May 2026

	Debit	Credit	Balance
Receipts			
Easy Funding		£0.00	
Skeoch Donations		£0.00	
Skeoch Interest		£6.68	
PayPal Giving fund		£0.00	
Other Donations		£407.86	
Sales		£407.42	
Refurbished Sales		£175.00	
Coffee Morning and other events		£1,123.30	
Gift Aid		£0.00	
Savings Bank Interest		£0.00	
			£2,120.26
Payments			
Insurance	£373.09		
Materials	£510.90		
Consumables	£110.20		
Equipment	£81.84		
Skeoch	£423.21		
Web & Broadband	£131.76		
Advertising & PR	£0.00		
Governance	£0.00		
Events / Networking	£69.75		
Subs & Charges	£90.17		
Postage & Stationery	£0.00		
Cleaning	£19.99		
Repairs & Maintenance	£5.12		
	£1,816.03		£304.23
		Current Account	£11,201.41
		Skeoch Account	£7,401.71
		PayPal	£58.64
		Cash	£726.28
		Savings Account	£33,640.26
			<u>£53,028.30</u>

6.2 Grant Applications

The Secretary reported that the proposed trip to Beamish and Aston Martin is likely to cost £850 - £1k depending on prevailing prices and age distribution. We planned to draw down an Age Scotland grant to cover the trip, but this year's maximum awards have reduced to £750 from £2,500. Aston Martin have also changed their visit arrangements and have not, so far, granted us a bespoke visit. After discussion, the meeting decided to go ahead with the trip after the school summer holidays, apply for the Age Scotland maximum grant, and use Shed funds to cover the shortfall.

6.3 Other Income/Foundation Account

Foundation account dealt with during AGM (see item 4)

The Secretary advised that Gift Aid is likely to raise £680, around £40 will not be claimed due to no suitable declarations being available, and HMRC over payment of £107 in 2025 may be deducted from this year's claim.

7. Edingham

7.1 Shed layout

Isolation of damp section of the Office in hand, dye sublimation likely to stay in the reduced Office area.

Welding/grinding bay area improvements started. Welding apron repaired, extra fire extinguisher located in the area.

Martin Ridding to discuss with the Board his request for a drier/warmer area for bicycle repairs,

7.2 Tools/equipment

JF & CH working on portable power tool inventory.

7.3 Materials

We are still awaiting delivery of timber for the Southern Upland Way shelters.

Craig has sourced surplus/sub-prime timber from several suppliers; Alan Mazza has donated surplus timber too.

7.4 Toilet/Kitchen/Corridor cleaning

September – David Woodford-Evans

October - Martin Ridding

November – Mark Cooper

8. Activities

8.1 Health & Safety

Annual Safety Audit and Risk Assessment review completed [see Health & Safety section of the 14th Board meeting above] and revised documents posted on the notice board.

8.2 Projects

Project board currently well populated

8.3 Fundraising/ Coffee Mornings

Next Coffee morning Easter 2027

9 Meeting Dates

Members Meetings - 2026 6th August, 12th November. 2027 11th February, 13th May [also AGM]
Board/Trustees meeting tba Q1/27