



Narrative Report for Year ended 31/03/21

This report covers the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021. 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 17th March 2020 due to the COVID19 lockdown, and it remains closed. Lockdown introduced and accelerated issues requiring changes to the Shed Constitution. The recommended Constitution changes were unanimously approved by voting members on 10th April 2020; a copy of the revised constitution [including changed clauses 13 -15, and new clause 177] was appended to last year's 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 have been held weekly by the Officers, and monthly for all members. Three members left the area to be near extended family for essential social support not available to them locally; unfortunately two of the members were Shed Officers and Trustees. This was remedied at our AGM held on Tuesday 13th April by zoom, where Michael Sandes was voted in as Assistant Secretary and Trustee, and Christopher Worley was voted in as Assistant Treasurer and Trustee. All other remaining officers and trustees were re-elected [see current Board and Trustee chart below].

During the year ended 31st March 2020, 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.

Extra-Shed community projects large and small were funded from the £11,479 receipts during the year which came from donations 68%, gift aid/interest 15%, sales of made/refurbished items 10%, grants 7%. Our expenditure over this period was £2,960 which went on Materials & Consumables 57%, Payments relating directly to charitable activities 36%, Professional and Affiliation fees 7%. Over the period our gross receipts exceeded our payments by £8,519 leaving our bank and cash balance at 31st March 2021 at £29,925.

The current Shed Board and Trustees are:

| Dalbeattie Men's Shed - Officers & Trustees | | |
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| Name | Office | Trustee |
| Allison, Geoffrey C | Secretary | Yes |
| Atwell, Brian H | X | Yes |
| Forrest, John | Chair | Yes |
| Gilchrist, Robin G | Vice Chair | Yes |
| Sandes, Michael | Asst. Secretary | Yes |

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| Thomas, Geoffrey F | Treasurer | Yes |
| Worley, Christopher | Asst. Treasurer | Yes |

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

Date:

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