



Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	04	2025	To	31	03	2026

Reference and administration details

Charity name	Dalbeattie Men's Shed	
Other names charity is known by		
Registered charity number	SC045783	
Charity's principal address	Unit 8&9 Castle Works Edingham Industrial Estate Dalbeattie	
		Postcode DG5 4NA

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Allison, Geoff	Secretary	Whole year	
2	Clarke, Christine	Hon. Member	Whole year	
3	Forrest, John	Chair	Whole Year	
4	Gilchrist, Robin	Vice Chair	Whole year	
5	Price, Cy	Member	15/05/25 – 31/03/26	41 st Members meeting
6	Sandes, Mike	Asst. Secretary	Whole Year	
7	Thomas, Geoff	Treasurer	Whole Year	
8	Worley, Chris	Asst. Treasurer	Whole Year	

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document	Constitution see website: https://dalbeattiemensshed.co.uk/governance
Trustee recruitment and appointment	Cy Price was elected a Trustee by unanimous vote at the Q2/25 Shed Member's Meeting.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purpose is the advancement of health by addressing the social, health and well-being needs of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Dalbeattie and the surrounding area. We do this through the creation, upkeep and development of facilities in which men can meet to undertake creative physical and recreational activities of their choice.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We achieve this two mornings a week in Units 8&9 of Castle Works, Edingham where our members can meet and work at their own pace in safe, friendly and inclusive work areas using the Shed's tools and equipment. The principal activities revolve around make and mend projects for local schools, churches, charities and communities, along with larger more complex projects from further afield where our expertise has attracted commissions. We also have a special project where we recreated and exhibit a Skeoch Cycle Car originally made in Dalbeattie in 1920/21, it is funded separately from all other Shed projects owing to its size and complexity.

The camaraderie which develops between members working shoulder to shoulder in one of our five workshops is nurtured and extended by all attending members taking a refreshment break together midway through each session to resolve any issues arising and plan forward projects & community involvement. Member cohesion is further reinforced by planned visits and events open to all members and on occasions their friends and family too.

The reputation and experience of Shed members leads to them being invited to contribute to other local community groups and to the wider voluntary sector. This benefits members as they increase their social network, and it benefits the Shed by bringing in sufficient commissions to keep the workshops occupied, and sufficient income to make the Shed independent of grant aid.

A description of how this comes together can be found in the Shed member's Induction/handbook see: see website:
<https://dalbeattiemensshed.co.uk/governance>

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

Of the 108 men who have joined Dalbeattie Men's Shed in this our 12th year, we still have 38 active members which is at the limit of the number we can comfortably and safely accommodate in the workshops and at refreshment. 2 members became inactive this year, all due failing health and mobility, they have been replaced by 2 new members: the average age of members is 77. Our waiting list of potential members has increased to 11. We appointed an 8th Trustee from amongst our younger members as a precaution against one of our older Officers becoming incapacitated.

Shed governance was largely reviewed in a timely manner; safety audits led to a refreshed Health and Safety Risk Assessment in June 2025, and we reviewed our SWOT analysis in July. In Q1/26 we refreshed our Induction Handbook, our Emergency Procedures, and our SCVO Governance Audit was reviewed in May 2025.

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period (continued)

Our 2025-26 Receipts and Payments account show an overall excess of £8,916 arising from £11,889 expenditure against £20,805 income. 99% of Shed income and expenditure is in our General Funds account which show £11,287 payments against £20,748 receipts giving an excess of £9,461. This excess is exceptional for two reasons: we received final payments amounting to £2,600 for 3 multiyear projects, and £1,600 of payments in advance for 2 projects which will begin in the next financial year. Analysis of these figures demonstrates how our workshops keep our members busy and fulfilled whilst providing a vibrant go-to make and mend resource for the local community. The Shed completed over 180 commissions in the year generating our main income. 67% of our general fund income of £20,748 was from sales of made, recycled & upcycled items, and refurbishments, 18% was donations, 9% was Gift Aid and savings interest, and 6% was from coffee morning fund raising. We did not receive any grant monies this year. Our biggest outlay was 47% on materials and consumables, followed by significant improvements to the safety and functionality of the Shed. 21% of our £11,889 expenditure went on purchase of equipment which included new air compressor, desktop computer, hi torque drill, vacuum and filtration equipment and new battery/pads for our defibrillator, 9% went on cleaning, repairs and maintenance, and another 8% on insurance, 9% on IT, comms, printing, stationery, affiliation & professional fees, leaving 6% for social, and networking events. Within the Shed social bonding starts with our 11 o'clock refreshment break, this year as previous years the members celebrated Christmas by dining out with our landlord with all meals paid for by members, and we also held a Shed open day for members family and friends with a buffet paid from Shed funds. Dalbeattie Shed hosted visits from respected individuals such as officers from TSDG, Age Scotland, Vincent Wildlife Trust, Dumfries Peoples Project and academics from Heriot Watt University to debate items of mutual interest. We hosted the Q3/25 D&G Men's Shed Network Meeting. Within the town our annual coffee mornings and our display of goods for sale in a high street shop window generate income for the shed and publicises the range of our make and mend services available to the community. Forby hosting Q3/25 D&G Shed's Network meeting, Dalbeattie Shed has arranged with Age Scotland and attended the other 2 quarterly network meetings at Newton Stewart and Dumfries. Our members have donated/sold surplus equipment and we have delivered training/advice to other local Sheds. Our Shed provides the UKMSA an ambassador for the South of Scotland who is also on UKMSA panels, presents on behalf of UKMSA, and supports Scottish calls for advice/information like those from the Paisley Housing Association, and Heriot Watt University. Shed members have also volunteered for other local services such as Dalbeattie Civic Daze, D&G Carers, Macmillan Cancer Support, D&G Prostate Buddies,

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

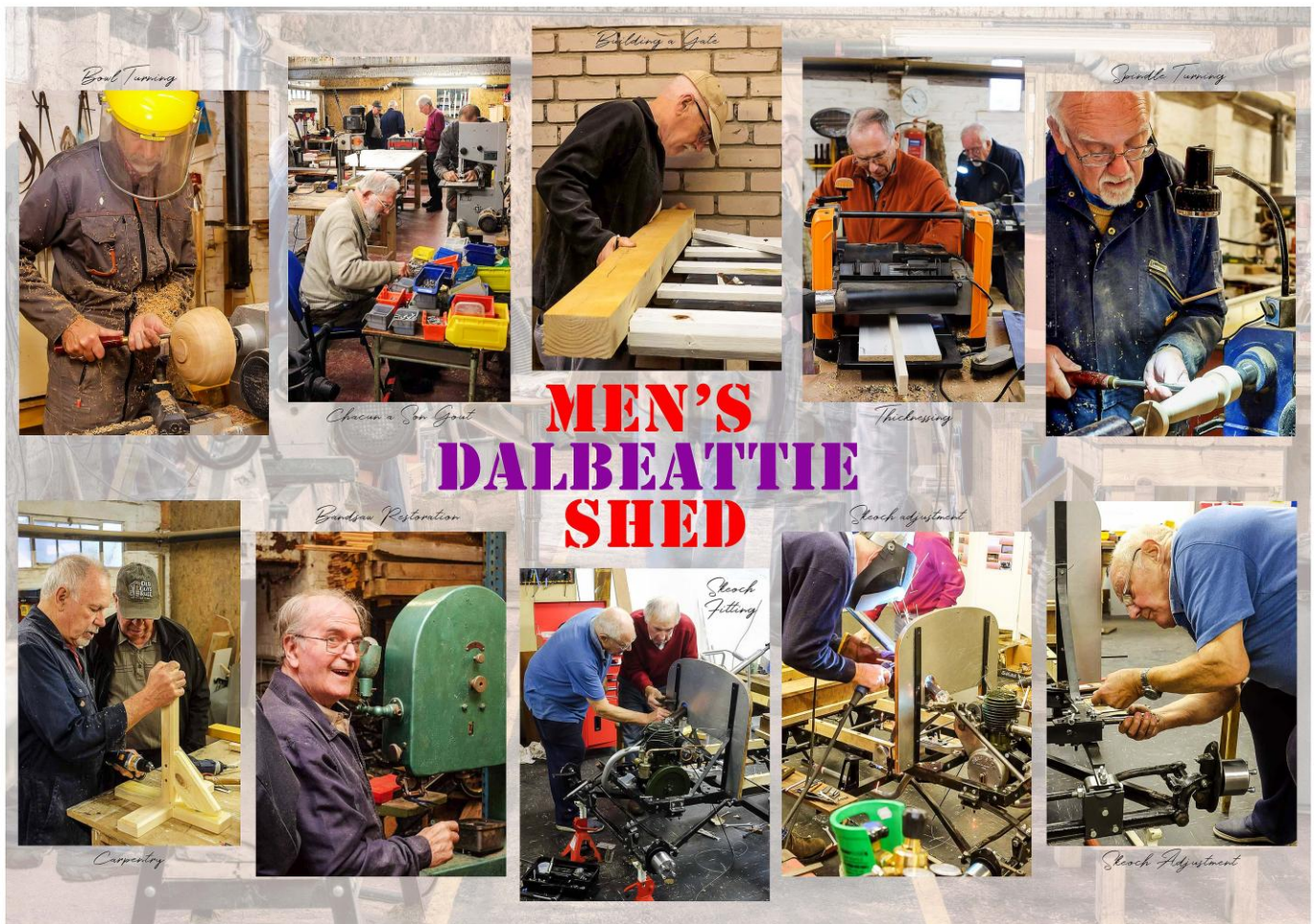
The Shed has two reserve accounts Skeoch & General. The Skeoch reserve account arose from the specific project to re-create and display a 1920s Cycle Car funded entirely by donations. This project which started in 2017 involved significant risk and expense so throughout it has been accounted separately from our general account. Fundraising for this project overshot the build cost significantly so all surplus from restricted donations was garnered into a Skeoch reserve account which currently sits at £8,413 – it will cover storage, insurance and display costs for the foreseeable future. The Shed keeps a general reserve account because our tenure of units 8&9 of Castle Works is only granted whilst they have no commercial value. Should a commercial tenant offer to rent the space we would need to match that offer or vacate, so we have built a reserve fund against that eventuality, the reserve fund currently sits at £44,224.

Details of any deficit

Neither reserve fund is in deficit

APPENDIX 1


Other optional information



Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s) <i>OSCR will accept digital or typed signatures</i>		
Full name(s)	Geoffrey Charles Allison	
Position (e.g. Chair)	Secretary	
Date	8 th April 2026	
Approval	This report was approved at an Officers meeting on the above date attended by John Forrest, Geoff Allison, Geoff Thomas, Mike Sandes, and Chris Worley	