

APPENDIX 1



**Trustees' Annual Report for the period**  
 From 

Period start date			Period end date		
Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year
1st	February	2020	To	31st	January 2021

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

**Charity name** Ellon and District Men's Shed  
**Other names charity is known by**  
**Registered charity number** SC044586  
**Charity's principal address** Hospital Road  
 Ellon

**Postcode** AB41 9AW

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

	<b>Trustee name</b>	<b>Office (if any)</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>	<b>Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)</b>
1	Colin Grieve	Chairman		AGM election
2	Keith Stoker	Vice Chairman		"
3	Bill Kerr	Secretary		"
4	Andy Leonard	Treasurer		"
5	Colin Gibb	Trustee	From 20/10/2020	"
6	Charles Forrest	Trustee		"
7	Sandy Burnett	Trustee		"
8	Ray Shaw	Trustee		"
9	Jim Hardy	Trustee	From 20/10/2020	"
10	Jock Taylor	Trustee		"
11	Gordon Mincher	Trustee	From 24/11/2020	"
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**Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dates acted if not for whole year</b>
Bill MacDonald	Resigned 18/10/20
Harry Emslie	Resigned 07/10/2020

**Type of governing document** Constitution

**Trustee recruitment and appointment** Nominations at AGM and co-options at other times.

**Charitable purposes** The purpose of the organisation is to provide recreational facilities and advance the social needs, health and well being of men of all ages and backgrounds living in Ellon and surrounding area

**Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects**

- a) Creating, developing and maintaining a facility, namely a Men's Shed.
- b) Offering opportunities for men in the Ellon area to meet and undertake creative, physical, purposeful and recreational activities of their choice.
- c) Reducing isolation of men in the area thus contributing to their physical and mental wellbeing.
- d) Developing the capacity of men in the Ellon area to share their skills and knowledge with others in the community.

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

First of all, I would again like to thank the board of trustees for their continued hard work. The last few months since I had the pleasure of addressing you has been a period when the Ellon & District Men's Shed has been open for very limited periods and activities. We, the trustees, produced a robust and comprehensive Covid 19 Risk Assessment, and implemented stringent control measures to allow some activities to take place during November and December 2020, but then you will recall another lockdown was imposed on boxing day 2020. Prior to the onset of the virus, some 14 months ago, the shed saw a great deal of visitors on a weekly basis - last years' average was 50 per week. I'm afraid the last years' numbers reflect the current situation.

I would like to step back to March 2020, when the first lockdown was implemented. It was all hands on deck to complete the flat pack furniture construction, completion of the Iphone docking stations for the Boys Brigade, and members finishing off their own projects. We also provided the Brownies with pin board kits for their Mothers' Day presents. We also completed some wooden tool boxes for Haddo House.

We then set about preparing the shed for lockdown, and this was successfully completed in time for the 1<sup>st</sup> lockdown.

The shed did support the Ellon Castle Gardens in November, where we had a Men's Shed promotional table at the National Tree Week. The Christmas Reindeers made by the shed members sold well as always. The shed also donated the winning prize for the 'guess the largest yew tree' competition. Since then, the shed has received a lot of yew tree offcuts on which the gifted wood-turners will perform their magic in due course.

During early 2020, the shed provided eye protection glasses to a care home in Peterhead. We also manufactured a wheeled trolley for the Ellon foodbank. Later in the lockdown, we made a wheelchair ramp to enable one of our trustees to more easily access his home following a period in hospital. My sincere thanks go to all members who assisted with this project.

Keeping in touch with our members during the prolonged isolation period was, I feel, an area where we might have done better. I wish we had introduced the Zoom meetings much sooner than we did. Isn't hindsight a wonderful thing? We did make use of telephone, emails, Whatsapp, the website, and newsletters (although there wasn't always much to say).

You may remember I told you during the previous virtual AGM that 2 board members had stepped down, and 3 new members were appointed to the board. Recently another board member has had to stand down due to health issues, and I would like to thank Gordon for his strong contribution to the sheds running, and to wish him the best.

Following the governments relaxation of the stay at home rules, we managed to reopen the shed on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 to restricted numbers of members. The construction of the polytunnel, a long time aspiration by our members, has been worked on by the garden group, and nears completion. A further relaxation of the rules has allowed us to further widen our horizons.

At this point, I would like to offer my thanks to the members and trustees that have maintained our shed buildings, workshops and garden throughout the last 14 months. I speak for us all in thanking you for this voluntary effort. Thanks goes to the trustees who have regularly checked the security of our shed and completed all the shed administration tasks, including minutes of meetings, financial audit, financial security, statutory OSCR requirements, updating our business plan and fundraising actions to ensure our shed continues to thrive in the future. A special thankyou goes to our Health and Safety trustee for producing our Covid 19 Risk Assessment with control measures, coordinating shed activities with the trustees and council, which is key to reopening our shed.

We did receive funding awards for shed facility development, and I'd like to offer thanks to the Stafford Trust, Co-Op Local Community Fund, and the Formartine Rural Partnership for their patience in the delay in putting these funds to the projects to which they were assigned. The sustainability

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to maintain reserves amounting to c 3 months' running costs

Details of any deficit

No deficits

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

ANDREW LEONARD

WILLIAM KERR

Position (e.g. Chair)

Chair

SECRETARY

Date

4/10/2021

4/10/2021

