



ANNUAL REPORT & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2021-2022

For the period: 1st April 2021—31st March 2022



**SCOTTISH
MEN'S SHEDS
ASSOCIATION**



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'In Scotland, For Scotland'

THE SMSA EXISTS TO INSPIRE AND SUPPORT MEN OVER THE AGE OF 18 WITH TIME ON THEIR HANDS TO BECOME ENGAGED, IN A HEALTHY WAY, BY VOLUNTARILY CREATING THEIR OWN MEN'S SHEDS IN THEIR LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS SCOTLAND.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT



Following a couple of very difficult years, we can now start to see light at the end of the tunnel with COVID-19 hopefully now under control. I honestly believe that we all owe the NHS a big vote of thanks for their non-stop efforts throughout the course of the pandemic.

Throughout this period, Sheds made every effort to maintain contact with members by using online conferencing facilities, phone and email but this does not replace personal contact or create the same camaraderie that is found in the Shed.

You may recall from last year's report that we appointed a new Administrator, Sue Salter, and I am delighted to report that Sue has settled in very well as a valued member of the team and been busy getting everything up to date and no doubt many of you have spoken with her already.

Talking about our team, we have also expanded by appointing Tim Green as our first Development Officer. Tim joined us in February 2022 and is no stranger to Sheddors as he had been Shed Development Officer for Age Scotland for the past few years and certainly understands the ethos of Sheds. Jason, our Chief Executive Officer, and Michelle our Communications & PR Officer also continue to do exceptional work on behalf of the Association.

As a health and wellbeing movement, the SMSA Trustees unanimously agreed in October 2021 to introduce a four-day working week for all staff. These 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' are vital for our team to maintain a healthy work-life balance and this has proved to be beneficial to both staff and the Association as a whole.

Many things have happened during the past year:

- The SMSA published its first-ever Manifesto, which was circulated to all politicians and relevant stakeholders in Scotland, outlining our hopes and plans for the future. This was very well received.
- We partnered up with the charity 12 Guitars to run a competition which resulted in one young lady from Inverclyde winning an acoustic guitar.

- The well-loved Scottish Shedder magazine was complemented by the launch of a new bulletin entitled 'Shedloads of Opportunities' and made available to Shed members as an additional membership benefit.
- The SMSA and Scottish Men's Sheds were highlighted and commended during Westminster debates.
- We were delighted to have two Scottish Sheds recognised and win the prestigious Queens Award for Voluntary Service. Huge congratulations to Aberchirder and District Men's Shed and Westhill and District Men's Shed.
- We also managed to deliver the SMSA 'Scottish Men's Shed of the Year' 2021 first and second place trophies to mark International Men's Day in November. It is worth noting that the winner – Westhill and District Men's Shed was the very first Shed opened in Scotland so my sincerest congratulations go to all their Sheddors.
- Our last Annual General Meeting had great key speakers with our Parton Sir Harry Burns, Professor Barry Goulding, Author of 'Shoulder to Shoulder' and Patron of the Australia Men's Sheds Association and Charlie Wallace, Scottish Veterans Commissioner and I am delighted to report that Charlie followed up his AGM contribution with a very successful visit to my own Shed, Garnock Valley Men's Shed.
- Jason and I were delighted to be invited to the inaugural meeting of the Global Men's Sheds forum which included the Chairs and CEOs of Shed Associations from around the world including Australia, New Zealand, Canada, USA, Sweden, Ireland, Wales, England and of course Scotland. This proved to be a very beneficial exchange of experiences and ideas and a platform that we are keen to remain a part of.

Having started my report by referring to "light at the end of the tunnel", I am delighted to say that most Sheds have now reopened albeit some are experiencing a slow return of members but I feel positive that this will steadily increase as confidence is restored.

May I in closing, express my thanks for the fantastic welcome that I have received when visiting Sheds be it to present awards or just to pop along and say hello—your kindness is appreciated.

David Gardner

SMSA CHAIRMAN

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT



To say that this year has been unprecedented would be an understatement and in spite of the challenges and struggles of the pandemic, the SMSA rose to the challenge.

The SMSA became a member of the [Unforgotten Forces](#) consortium as we broadened our reach to educate and include as many men into the Scottish grass roots movement. In line with veterans transitioning back into the community, we saw the opening of the first Men's Shed in a Legion Scotland building as the HRH The Princess Royal officially opened the Banchory & District Men's Shed in Aberdeenshire.

We created our first [Manifesto](#) which has helped not only politicians but other organisations understand the role we play in being the central hub of the Scottish Shed movement. It is in these forged partnerships that we create new opportunities for our Shed members like the [Scottish Community Alliance—Community Learning Exchange](#) where new Shed groups can travel to and learn from existing Sheds. We negotiated a new partnership with the UK's largest supplier of tools, [Cromwell Tools](#), to give SMSA Member Sheds discounts on their purchases. Another heavily discounted package through our tool safety partner [David Young Training](#) helped Sheds dust off the Covid cobwebs and get back into their Sheds safely. Ten Sheds also received life-saving defibrillators working with us through St Andrews First Aid.

We were successful in receiving £100,000 from the Scottish Government to supply Pathfindr safe distancing technology to Sheddors so they could keep meeting safely. Part of this funding was also an Emergency Fund for Sheds who were at threat of closure due to not being able to generate funds through the pandemic and couldn't qualify for the Business Grant. One of our Manifesto aims is to create a Shed Development fund and this was the first step in that direction.

Finally, after four years of Scottish Shed research and many internationally-published and peer-reviewed papers by our partner [Glasgow Caledonian University](#) we finished the project with the Men's Sheds Research Showcase and launch of the invaluable [Men's Shed Toolkit](#).

Professor Barry Golding—Patron of the Australian Men's Sheds Association and author of his second book 'Shoulder to Shoulder: Broadening the Men's Shed Movement', which we contributed to—was one of our key note speakers at our Annual General Meeting 2021. We also had excellent presentations and interactive sessions with our Patron Sir Harry Burns and the former Scottish Veterans Commissioner, Charlie Wallace.

I was delighted to represent the Movement in local and national events throughout the course of the year including the Education Scotland Webinar—Shed Movement Showcase In Our Scottish Schools and I was a guest speaker at Holyrood Insight's Adult Mental Health Scotland Digital Conference and Demystifying Social Prescribing for Men's Sheds: A Cross-Nation Event and was also interviewed by Westminster Insight.

As we continue to promote the Scottish Men's Sheds Movement—through our magazine 'The Scottish Shedder', our comprehensive website, social media channels, films and animations—we are increasingly approached by health professionals, researchers and Scottish Government departments to promote relevant surveys, consultations etc to men—often a hard-to-reach audience. This on the one hand is very good as they are taking an interest in men's health but on the other hand it has put pressure not only on our core staff but our members, so we will continue to strive to keep the balance with these requests.

It's been a very busy and positive year, not without its challenges and struggles, but I feel we have emerged from it stronger than ever before and look forward to the year ahead.

Jason Schroeder

SMSA CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

TREASURER'S REPORT



Coronavirus had a huge impact on us, consequently it has been another financially challenging year for the SMSA.

These accounts for the period 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022, reflect a period of lockdown easing and a gradual return to a 'new normal'.

As we saw Sheds reopen, it became evident that there was an increased demand for the Association's services and Men's Sheds were needed now more than ever in a post-pandemic world.

Subsequently, staff costs increased as the team was reinstated from two to three core staff members (Chief Executive Officer, Administrator and our Communications & PR Officer) to meet this demand. In addition to this, in February 2022, the Association recruited a new Development Officer to take the staff compliment to four for the first time to support the needs of our growing membership and the thriving Movement.

Income for the period totalled £112,734 with core running costs totalling £101,417 leaving a small operating surplus of £11,317 for the financial year. Continued operation has been exceptionally challenging as the SMSA saw a £15,000 reduction in funding from the Scottish Government down to £45,000. Thankfully, we continued to be supported with multi-year support from two funders and are extremely grateful to have received the second of three-year funding from both the William Grant Foundation (£40,000) and The Robertson Trust (£20,000).

This support, along with a generous donation of £3,550 from the Scottish Practice Nurse Association and rent-free office space that was negotiated during lockdown has been a lifeline for the charity and enabled us to continue with our vital work.

Our operating costs increased on top of this decrease in income. These increases are mainly attributable to the growth of the staff team and there has also been an increase in travel costs to £1,858 compared to only £72 the previous year while in lockdown and travel restrictions were in place. This year's figure however is still low in comparison to pre-Covid expenditure, and whilst it may well increase in the coming year, we continue to seek efficiency savings in the day-to-day running of the charity. Staff and Board members travel on public transport and maximise the use of virtual meetings wherever possible to not only decrease our expenditure but also reduce the impact our organisation has on the environment.

Like many charities, the year ahead looks uncertain as we experience an ever-increasing demand for our services and rising operating costs.

Nevertheless, the Association's dedicated staff team and Board of Trustees will strive to secure long-term funding and sustainability to ensure we continue to be here to support the Men's Sheds Movement in Scotland for many years to come.



INCOME
£112,734

RUNNING COSTS
£101,417

SURPLUS
£11,317

Jon Searle

SMSA TREASURER

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR



+14%

Increase in the number of **SMSA Individual Members** up to **2,935**

+7%



Increase in the number of **SMSA Shed Members** up to **143**



£15,000

Reduction in Funding allocated by The Scottish Government

Creation of a new **SMSA Membership Services Pack**—an SMSA support toolkit for Shed Trustees



The SMSA **improved support** through the expansion of its core team. The Association recruited a **Development Officer** to further support existing, developing and proposed Men's Sheds across Scotland



Ensuring the voice of the Scottish Men's Sheds Movement is heard and represented at relevant **local and national events**

Events included the Education Scotland webinar for teachers; the Adult Mental Health Scotland Digital Conference; a national event on Community Asset Transfer and a cross-nation event on Demystifying Social Prescribing for Men's Sheds.



5,748

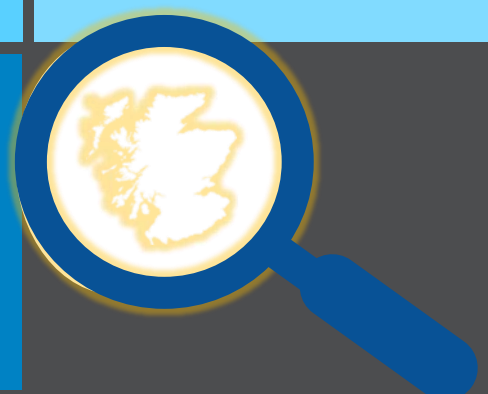
average pageviews per month to SMSA website

1,467

visits per month to the 'Find a Shed' map



The SMSA joined 11 other countries, representing an estimated 3,500 Men's Sheds worldwide, at the new alliance of international Men's Sheds Association—the **Global Men's Shed Forum**



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Section A Statement of receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds current period to nearest £	Total funds last period to nearest £
A1 Receipts						
Donations	4,160				4,160	2,303
Legacies					-	
Grants	105,000				105,000	232,500
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings (Bank Interest)	24				24	27
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	3,550				3,550	656
					-	-
A1 Sub total	112,734	-	-	-	112,734	235,486
A2 Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
A2 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	112,734	-	-	-	112,734	235,486
A3 Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	101,226	53,854			155,081	98,372
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination	191				191	422
Preparation of annual accounts					-	-
Legal costs					-	-
Other					-	-
					-	-
A3 Sub total	101,417	53,854	-	-	155,271	98,794
A4 Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
A4 Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	101,417	53,854	-	-	155,271	98,794
Net receipts / (payments)	11,317	(53,854)	-	-	(42,537)	136,692
A5 Transfers to / (from) funds						
					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	11,317	(53,854)	-	-	(42,537)	136,692

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Section B Statement of balances

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash and bank balances at start of year	82,493	93,177			175,670	38,978
	Surplus / (deficit) shown on receipts and payments account	11,317	(53,854)			(42,537)	136,692
						-	-
						-	-
	Cash and bank balances at end of year	93,810	39,323	-	-	133,133	175,670

(Agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))

B2 Investments	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Market valuation	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B3 Other assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (if available)	Current value (if available)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-	-

B4 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-

B5 Contingent liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (estimate)	Last year
			to nearest £	to nearest £
		Total	-	-



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Section C Notes to the Accounts

C1 Nature and purpose of funds (may be stated on analysis of funds worksheets)

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	Type of activity or project supported	Individual / institution	Number of grants made	£
C2 Grants	General	Scottish Gov	1	45,000
	General	William Grant	1	40,000
	General	Robertson T	1	20,000
Total				105,000

C3a Trustee remuneration	If no remuneration was paid during the period to any charity trustee or person connected to a trustee cross this box (otherwise complete section 3b)	X
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	Authority under which paid	£
C3b Trustee remuneration - details		

C4a Trustee expenses	If no expenses were paid to any charity trustee during the period then cross this box (otherwise complete section 4b)	
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		Number of trustees	£
C4b Trustee expenses - details	Accommodation, Travel & Subsistence	1	441

	Nature of relationship	Nature of transaction	Transaction amount (£)	Balance outstanding at period end (£)
C5 Transactions with trustees and connected persons				

C6 Other information	
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Additional analysis (1)

Analysis of receipts and payments

1 Donations

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Donation various	169				169	700
PayPal Giving Fund UK	105				105	161
Facebook	130				130	-
AmazonSmile & Europe	149				149	69
easyfundraising	56				56	114
Virgin Money Giving					-	276
Aviva					-	482
The Mission group					-	500
Scottish Practice Nurse Association	3,550				3,550	-
Total	4,160	-	-	-	4,160	2,303

2 Grants

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Scottish Government	45,000		45,000	160,000
William Grant Foundation	40,000		40,000	45,000
The Robertson Trust	20,000		20,000	20,000
Scottish Community Alliance			-	7,500
Total	105,000	-	105,000	232,500

3 Gross receipts from other charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Shed Membership Subscriptions	3,550				3,550	656
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
					-	
Total	3,550	-	-	-	3,550	656

4 Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Expendable endowment funds to nearest £	Permanent endowment funds to nearest £	Total current period to nearest £	Total last period to nearest £
Trustee expenses	441				441	236
Staff expenses (not included in Travel, subsistence & accommodation)	117				117	55
Pension	4,478				4,478	3,774
Office costs, Printing costs & Postage	2,722				2,722	1,688
Staff costs	85,020				85,020	61,784
Membership costs & subscriptions	1,408				1,408	1,000
Travel (inc. Mileage), subsistence & accommodation	1,858				1,858	72
Telephone, internet & website	2,533				2,533	1,380
Rent & insurance	511				511	844
Bank charges	192				192	75
Project spending		53,854			53,854	27,464
Advertising and sundry	1,946				1,946	-
Total	101,226	53,854	-	-	155,081	98,372

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Additional analysis (2)

5 Breakdown of unrestricted funds

	Unrestricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below Unity Trust Bank Accounts (Current & Instant Access)	Unrestricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Unrestricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total unrestricted funds	Total unrestricted funds last period
Receipts						
Donations	4,160				4,160	2,303
Legacies					-	
Grants	105,000				105,000	125,000
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings (Bank Interest)	24				24	27
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities	3,550				3,550	656
Sub total	112,734	-	-	-	112,734	127,986
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	112,734	-	-	-	112,734	127,986
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable	101,226				101,226	69,199
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:						
Audit / independent examination	191				191	422
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	101,417	-	-	-	101,417	69,621
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	101,417	-	-	-	101,417	69,621
Net receipts / (payments)	11,317	-	-	-	11,317	58,365
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	11,317	-	-	-	11,317	58,365



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Additional analysis (3)

6 Breakdown of restricted funds

	Restricted fund 1 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 2 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 3 - enter name of fund below	Restricted fund 4 - enter name of fund below	Total restricted funds	Total restricted funds last period
	Scottish Community Alliance	Scottish Gov				
Receipts						
Donations					-	
Legacies					-	
Grants					-	107,500
Receipts from fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading receipts					-	
Income from investments other than land and buildings					-	
Rents from land & buildings					-	
Gross receipts from other charitable activities					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	107,500
Receipts from asset & investment sales						
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets					-	
Proceeds from sale of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	-	-	-	-	-	107,500
Payments						
Expenses for fundraising activities					-	
Gross trading payments					-	
Investment management costs					-	
Payments relating directly to charitable activities		53,854			53,854	29,173
Grants and donations					-	
Governance costs:					-	
Audit / independent examination					-	
Preparation of annual accounts					-	
Legal costs					-	
Sub total	-	53,854	-	-	53,854	29,173
Payments relating to asset and investment movements						
Purchases of fixed assets					-	
Purchase of investments					-	
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	-	53,854	-	-	53,854	29,173
Net receipts / (payments)	-	(53,854)	-	-	(53,854)	78,327
Transfers to / (from) funds					-	
Surplus / (deficit) for year	-	(53,854)	-	-	(53,854)	78,327



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Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator

		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	Charity name	Scottish Men's Sheds Association						
Registered charity number		SC045139						
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	April	2021	to	31	March	2022	
Set out on pages							(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.							
Independent examiner's statement	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]							
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 							
Signed:	<i>W Sim</i>			Date:	13/05/22			
Name:	Wilma Sim FCCA (non-practicing)							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
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TRUSTEE



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BECOME AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER

FOR FREE

By joining the SMSA, together we are strengthening the Men's Sheds Movement in Scotland. SMSA Individual Members receive:

- ▶ A welcome pack and goodies
- ▶ Full members' access to the SMSA website
- ▶ Latest news on the Movement
- ▶ 'The Scottish Shedder' magazine direct to your inbox
- ▶ Advice and assistance

Pick up a SMSA leaflet in your local Shed
or visit www.scottishmsa.org.uk/join-smsa

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Our Trustees

Our Patron

Our Shed Members

Our Individual Members

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The Robertson Trust

Scottish Community Alliance

The Scottish Government

The William Grant Foundation

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