

Christchurch Men's Shed: Secretaries Report for 2019 AGM

Christchurch Men's Shed Membership

Membership is currently 33

Annual membership fee is £15.00

Members using the Facilities at Greystone's House are also required to be members of HCA

HCA membership is currently £10.00 per annum plus a £2.00 "capitation fee"

Several potential new members have expressed an interest in joining following a small note in the local "Eye" magazines.

Workshop Attendance

Workshop attendance has increased steadily with around 15 members using the workshop on a regular basis. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings remain the most popular times.

With increasing numbers, the workshop can be rather crowded and members are encouraged to make use of the workshop on other days / afternoons. (Note the H&S requirement for two members to be present before the power sockets can be activated)

Greystone's House (Highcliffe Community Association)

Number of recorded visits in the year to end September:

Workshop	655
Room #1 Meetings	125
BBQ	35

Financial contribution to HCA

Attendance Fees 815 at £1.00	£815.00
Membership and Capitation 20 at £12.00	£240.00
Estimated revenue from tea / coffee 655 at £0.50	£327.50
Total contribution to HCA in the year to end September	£1,382.50

Mudford Club Lunches

Our monthly lunches continue to be well supported with anywhere between 12 and 20 members attending on a given day.

Workshop Equipment, Purchases and Fund-Raising

Most of our tools and equipment have been acquired through generous donations.

We currently have a lot more machinery in storage than it is possible to deploy in the basement workshop at Greystone's House. While a great deal of effort has been made to find a more suitable and permanent workshop with easy access for all members plus room to install heavy machinery, there has been less focus on our existing facilities.

It became apparent that some funds would be required to replenish consumable items (materials, abrasives, polish, glue etc) and to bring existing machinery (lathes, bandsaws etc) into full use.

To this end, Jerry Russell organised a summer BBQ and Ron Aimes-Lines started a monthly raffle at our Mudeford Club lunches. Various repair jobs have been undertaken in exchange for a donation to Men's Shed.

Our projects team have produced several prototype collection boxes for evaluation.

The money raised so far has enabled us to purchase tooling for the wood working lathe including chucks, a pen mandrel, pen kits and turning blanks, polish and sanding sealer.

A stand has been constructed for a second w/w lathe (donated by Gerald Scanlon) which will be in action shortly.

Two bench mounted band saws have been re-furbished and the polisher/linisher wheels have been re-mounted on a more substantial bench grinder.

Intention is to develop this approach to fund raising to include making items for sale (e.g. bird boxes, bug hotels, turned pens etc) while not losing sight of the primary function of the workshop as a friendly environment in which to meet up.

Further fundraising events are planned.

John Pegram

Secretary

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