



Hayling Island Men's Shed Association

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered with the Charity Commission, Registered Charity no. 1169439

HIMSA NEWS

January 2019

From the Editor's bench

This is probably the most positive newsletter so far! We have passed so many milestones and the reality of our own workshop really seems to be in sight at last.

Thanks to Gerry's persistence we have had our grant application from Veolia Environmental Trust approved, to the tune of over £30,000, which covers the cost of the building. We have received the long-awaited documents from Wessex Synod Trust permitting us to make the hole in the wall and install our gates, and to lay the base. And we are almost there with Havant Borough Council Building Control's final approval of the technical plans. At the time of writing we have begun installing the gates, and are getting quotes for the ground-works and laying the base and for erecting the building.

At the AGM on 28th February we will be starting the process of moving towards having a board of Trustees (as required by the Charities Commission to have oversight of the organisation and to ensure that it is always delivering on our charitable purpose), and a separate Management Committee to oversee the day-to-day running of the Shed.

We hope more members will now be taking an active part in running the Shed.

IMPORTANT DATES THIS MONTH

Sat 2nd Feb 7.30 pm Winter Picnic Disco

Thur 28th Feb 2.00 pm Annual General Meeting

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...and many other
donations from
members and
friends...
Thank you!

Thanks very much to Tony for rapidly producing the last 'NewsFlash' newsletter, in which we announced the amazing news of the grant from Veolia.

We are very pleased to acknowledge a generous donation of £255 from the Northney Pantomine.

Our condolences to the families of founder members Jack Easson and Trevor Brough who died recently.

Both contributed a lot to the Shed, and will be much missed.



The rear window of our van has now been marked to identify our sponsor, Hayling Garage. We are very grateful for their support in keeping our van on the road.

Membership Subscriptions

Subs for 2019 can now be paid. If you have already set up a standing order, you don't need to do anything. Otherwise please bring or send your contribution (the suggested amount is currently £15), cash or cheque payable to HIMSA, to our Treasurer Roy Cadoux.

If you have not already signed up for Gift Aid, please do consider filling in our simple form so we can get an extra 25% from HMRC. (You do need to be an Income Tax payer.)

Don't miss our **Winter Picnic Disco** evening at the URC main hall this Saturday 2nd February from 7.30 pm. The evening will include a 60s/70s disco, and if we're really lucky we might be treated to some live musicians too!

Tickets are just £7.50 from Tony George, which includes soup. Bring your own food and drink, and enjoy a sociable and entertaining evening. Tables and chairs will be provided for those who don't want to sit on a blanket!



Tony and Roy at last year's event



We now have our own branded shirts - T-shirts, polos and sweatshirts. Please contact Tony for any orders or queries.

Co-op Community Fund

We were chosen as one of three local recipients to share the proceeds of the Community Fund from the Selsmore Road store and also from F A Holland (East Wittering) Funeralcare, until October.



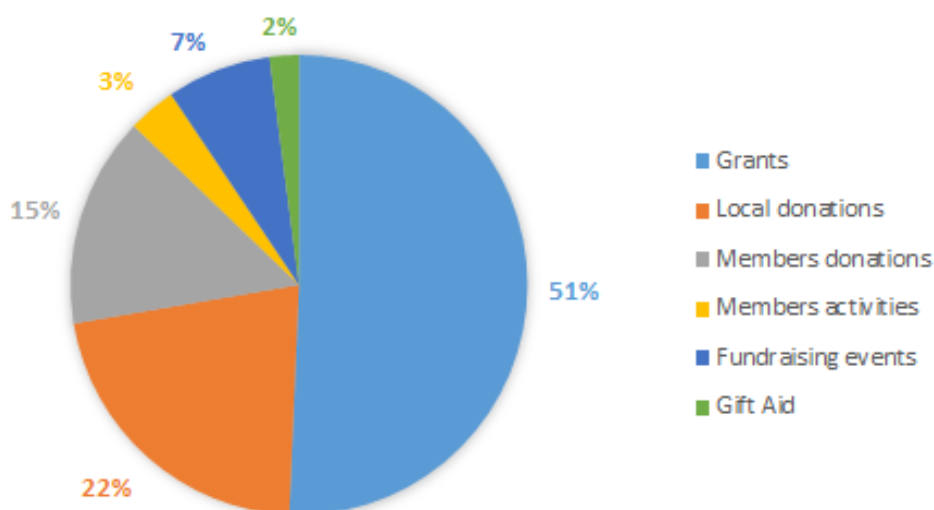
We have just received our final payment from Co-op, taking the total to an amazing £1404, so thank you to everyone who nominated HIMSA as their chosen charity. Our thanks to the local store for laying on the celebration event on 24 November. Nationally, the Co-op donated an impressive £19 million for local charities this year.



Roy, Gerry and Geoff receiving the cheque from store manager Nick at Selsmore Road.

Thanks to all our members who came along on the day, and to the store for providing the cakes.

HIMSA NET INCOME 2018



Total income in 2018 was £12,478.

Major items of expenditure included £2,363 on the new building, £912 on insurance and tax for the van, £512 on room hire, £310 on shirts stock, and £117 on materials for the bench renovation project.

Income exceeded expenses by £7,630. For 2019 the figures will look very different!



Left: Our friend Rob makes light work of cutting through the wall.

Above: Shedders carefully dismantled the bricks in the gap.

Below: The main entrance to our shed site - now we need to fit the posts and gates.



Real signs of progress on our shed....