

Example Objects for CIOs

The purposes of a charity are usually set out in the objects clause of its governing document.

From the applications that the Charity Commission has seen they understand that a charitable Men's Shed will have an objects clause containing one of the two charitable purposes set out below:

The promotion of social inclusion

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit by preventing people, particularly but not exclusively men aged 18 or over, within [geographic area] and the surrounding area, from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of facilities in which they can meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the grounds of sex, race, disability, ethnic origin, religion, belief, creed, sexual orientation or gender re-assignment; poor educational or skills attainment; relationship and family breakdown; poor housing (that is housing that does not meet basic habitable standards; crime (either as a victim of crime or as an offender rehabilitating into society).

Or...

To promote social inclusion for the public benefit of men, living in [geographic area], in particular but not exclusively older men, preventing them from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society through the provision of a premises in which men can meet and jointly or individually undertake and share creative, physical, social and recreational activities of their choice. For the purpose of this clause 'socially excluded' means being excluded from society, or parts of society, as a result of one or more of the following factors: unemployment; financial hardship; youth or old age; ill health (physical or mental); substance abuse or dependency including alcohol and drugs; discrimination on the

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The advancement of health or the saving of lives

For the public benefit, the preservation and protection of good health among men in [geographic area] and the surrounding area, including those who are retired, unemployed or have health problems, through the provision of facilities for hobbies, recreation or other leisure time occupations including practical interests, skills sharing, the learning of new skills, and helping with community based projects.

There is more information about the scope of this charitable purpose on the Commission's website [here](#) and help with writing them [here](#).

But, be careful...

In deciding on the purpose or purposes of your Men's Shed charity you will need to evidence the public benefit requirement for each object in both your application to register and in meeting your ongoing public benefit reporting requirements.

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