



A friendly workshop where men can gather, work together, share skills and knowledge or just have a chat over coffee.

Thanks to everyone who came to our AGM where, along with the usual formalities, we were able to mark four years of Shedding in Winslow. Our Chairman, Dave Saunders, reported on healthy finances, growing membership and a busy year with numerous projects completed for community benefit. Contributions from these and some successful grant applications have allowed us to invest in more robust machinery that will stand the test of time and move with us when we, eventually, have to vacate our present site. Good equipment and generous workshop space certainly means Winslow Shed is well-blessed (and possibly unique) among the 550 Men's Sheds now established in the UK. We count our blessings of course but our Chairman emphasised that - above all - Winslow Shed remains a welcoming and supportive place where friendships are made and men can find a relaxed social space to share company, share ideas and (now and then) put the world to rights! Dave's nomination of Brian Green for the Chairman's 'Shedder of the Year' Award was met with enthusiastic support. Brian makes the trip in from Newton Longville twice a week and is always ready to lend a hand, offer his expertise or take a lead when a new project comes in.

Keeping members safe is always a priority and Health and Safety regulations apply to us the same as any organisation. We've made great strides in the last year and now have our own training schedules in place. The next move is to make sure all members are 'signed-off' for any piece of equipment they may wish to use. Luckily, we have the expertise to do this in-house and we're not starting from scratch so it's more a question of formalising things without getting bogged down with paperwork - which can easily happen.

Finally, we were delighted to be asked to put together a kit of woodworking hand-tools for an orphanage project in Malawi. A suitable selection was cleaned-up, sharpened and packaged ready for Vron Corben to take on her forthcoming trip. We wish Vron every success in the venture and hope her luggage allowance holds out!

The Shed is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 - 4:00.
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