

## Light at the End of the Tunnel?

Dear Shedders,

We hope this message finds you safe and well. As lockdown measures start to ease we felt the time was right to think about how and when Winslow Shed might be able to re-open. We will have to tread carefully. Getting back to 'Shedding' (as we have come to know it) is some time away but we think we can take some steps towards it in a safe and responsible way.

At a suitably-distanced committee meeting this week, we were clear that gathering in our social area and any sort of food and drink sharing (even boiling the kettle) was off-limits for the moment. Some workshop access does, however, seem possible for members who can be independent in their work and able to make progress while adhering to strict distancing and hygiene routines - similar to those now in place for commercial workplaces. It seems that the Covid virus will be a fact of life for some time but lockdown cannot last forever – regaining our freedoms and opportunities will have to be about managing and mitigating risk rather than waiting for risk to be eliminated. Mitigating risks starts with personal responsibility and a personal risk assessment.

### Do not visit The Shed .....

- If you or a member of your household feels at all unwell or has any Covid-like symptoms.
- If you have been recently exposed to high risk environments e.g: public transport or hospitals.
- If you are particularly vulnerable or have been advised to 'shield' during lockdown.

### If you do visit The Shed .....

- You must book your place in advance – see below.
- Enter and Exit by the large roller shutter doors. The front door will remain locked.
- You must wear a face covering at all times when inside the Shed.
- Follow floor and other signage to maintain a 2m minimum social distance at all times.
- Be alert to your own and fellow Shedders movements to preserve the 2m distance.
- Numbers will be limited to 6.
- 2 workplaces will be in the small 'inside' workshop, 4 places will be in the machine / warehouse area.
- Hands must be washed on entering and before leaving The Shed.
- Sanitizing stations for regular use will be set up in both workshop areas.
- The kitchen is available only for hand-washing. The toilet will be available as usual.
- Shedders must make others aware when using either facility to avoid contact in narrow corridors.
- Shedders must make their presence known when about to enter or leave through a doorway.
- Shared tools and machines must be cleaned and sanitized before and after use.
- Sanitizing sprays/wipes will be provided. Do not use sanitizing sprays around electrical switches etc.
- **The toilet must be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly before and after every use.**
- Contact points in corridors, on the stairs and on the stairlift must be wiped-down after use.
- Food and drink is not to be consumed inside – distanced picnics outside are fine!

Sessions will be from 10:00 – 13:00 and from 13:00 – 16:00 on Tuesday and Thursday.

To manage numbers, Shedders will need to book in to sessions by phoning Dr Tony Watson or (better still) making contact via our new MISW WhatsApp group. To have your name added to the group please call or message Tony on 07808 583335 or tonywatson423@gmail.com and let him have your email address and mobile number.

The usual session fee is waived but a contribution towards electricity and sanitizer etc. will be welcome via an honesty box – change will not be possible. Signing-in will not be needed – the booking in process will take care of this.

This is not a tablet of stone but, hopefully, a safe starting point. We'll be buying-in supplies of sanitizer etc over the next few days with a view to starting on Thursday July 2nd. We'll keep you posted.

With best wishes,  
Tim Elderton

MISW Committee