



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 along to our Open Day on the 19th and thanks too if you were able to take away a furniture bargain or two. You can't have failed to notice that we do have quite an extensive stock (!) and it set me wondering why this might be?

Most of us at The Shed remember setting up home for the first time and furnishing it with hand-me-downs or scouring free-ads for suitable bargains. Most of what we got, of course, is now widely dismissed as 'brown furniture' and deeply unfashionable. But we knew that beneath the treacly varnish and ring-marked tops was solid oak or mahogany carefully jointed and strongly constructed to last several lifetimes. We still know this which is why we can't bear to throw it away when we no longer need it - and why we end up having so much of it donated to us at The Shed.

Fashion has a lot to answer for in current debates about how we use the Earth's resources so it is good to see how ideas such as 'up-cycling', 're-purposing', 'vintage' and 'retro' have taken root as a business imperatives rather than temporary fads. You don't need to wait until our next Open Day if you know anyone in need of some furniture or if you fancy an 'up-cycling' project of your own. Pop in any Tuesday or Thursday or get in touch to arrange a meeting. If we've got something that will suit you but it needs some TLC, then we can probably help there too.

'Probably' in the last sentence is mostly because we can only do what manpower will let us. We always welcome new members so if you've got time on your hands we'd be delighted to see you. There's always plenty to be getting on with if you fancy it and - good heavens - you could be doing your bit to save the planet too!

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