

Spring 2018

Annual General Meeting

We held our second AGM on 1st February 2018 and along with 15 Shedders we were honoured to welcome the Mayor of Winslow – Cllr. Wendy Castle, Cllr. Roy Van De Poll, Peter Cranmer representing the Bucks Masonic Centenary Fund and Jan Roffe from AVDC which has recently provided us with funding. After the formal session we all enjoyed refreshments and cake – and why not, we have something to celebrate after all!



Chairman's Report from our AGM

In the past year the Shed has grown in number from around 35 members to approx. 50 and we are still looking to expand this number during 2018.

The overall aim of the Shed "to bring together men who have time on their hands or are bored or lonely" has also been expanded into the field of Dementia Friends and this has been supported by Prevention Matters introducing new members to the Shed. We hope that this will continue as we welcome all to the Shed no matter how large or small a part they play.

The level of equipment has also risen considerably to the point that instead of making mainly rustic articles we have been able to turn out some quite sophisticated pieces of work. This equipment has also meant that some existing and new members will need to be trained on the use of new machinery for Health and Safety reasons and to comply with the insurance certificate. Training schedules and sign-off sheets are now in place.

During the year we have completed several projects that have been of benefit to the local communities:-

- Thornborough Wood picnic table and benches constructed and planned from tree to furniture.
- Reconstruction of the benches at Winslow football ground.
- Design and construction of a 12 foot table for Waddesden Manor.
- Repairs and repainting of the Winslow Show Caravan

and numerous one off projects to sell at fund-raising events and bespoke bird tables, hedgehog hotels, bird boxes and play equipment for local groups and individuals.

The addition of a kiln during the year has also meant that working with clay is another avenue that some members have tried and can be developed accordingly.

The shed has seen a surplus of around £1,800 (full details in Treasurer's Report) and the current bank balance stands at over £5,000. Besides this, we have applied for several grants from local authorities and have been successful in all of them to date; these grants have been the source of funding for upgrading existing equipment and purchasing new.

The Shed has also expanded in space to now look after the second section of the warehouse; we are now controlling the office block and warehouse sections 1 and 2.

At this present time the future of Men in Sheds Winslow would look to be staying at its current location until 2020/2021. When the unit is required for demolition and the building of new houses, the Shed will need to find alternative accommodation and we are currently looking at this situation with the possibilities open to us.

To sum up the year, I feel we are meeting the needs of our members and encouraging new people to join us, several new members have commented on the great atmosphere within the Shed. We are trying to open up new avenues of interest when possible or when requested. However I believe the most important item in the Shed remains the kettle as it is this that brings the whole shed together.

Dave Saunders - Chairman

Co Op Funding

'Men In Sheds Winslow' has been selected for the next round of the Co-op Local Community Fund. The funding round started on 12 November 2017 and runs for 11 months until the 27 October 2018.



Every time Co-op members shop at the Co-op, 1% of what they spend on selected own-brand products and services goes to the Co-op Local Community Fund.

The Co-op give us and the other causes in our community an equal share of the money they raise from the sale of carrier bags. Co-op Members in our community have been able to choose their cause and give us their 1% since 12 November.

The more you shop, the more we share.

Aviva Community Fund

Although we were not selected as one of the major awards we have been given a runners up award of £300. We thank all those that persevered the voting process and shows it was worth it in the end.

New Funding

We have now purchased and are currently installing the centralized dust extraction system that has been funded from the BCC Local Area Fund (LAF). Significant funding has been given and additional equipment in the form of a new Router with Table and Pillar Sander have been purchased.

Heating's on

We have now re-commissioned the central heating and hot water so no excuses - come on down you can feel your noses now!

Buckinghamshire Shedders Meeting – 17th January

We were able to participate on a tour of the Great Moor Electricity from Waste (EfW) facility near to Waddesdon. Shedders from Winslow, Buckingham and West Bletchley together with our friends from Prevention Matters enjoyed a very informative tour and then we were able to hold our regular meeting sharing ideas amongst our local Sheds.

Christmas Lanterns

We would like to thank all those that purchased complete or 'Kits' from us prior to the Lion's Club 'Carols and Lanterns' event. We were able to raise some funds and help the Lions make their event that little bit more special. We were pleased to have some 'Little Men in Sheds' getting to grips with the big boy's toys!



**The Shed is currently open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00am – 4:00pm.
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