

Get together with men in their sheds

A MEETING to launch the community Men's Shed in Frome was held at the Cheese and Grain and attended by 30 people, who heard from some inspirational guest speakers.

Attendees decided that future activities would include woodwork, electronics and computing, restoration and recycling, working with young people and responding to community initiatives.

A presentation was given by Annette Yoosefinejad from the Wincanton Shed and Steve Hewson from Triton Tools who detailed how they could help with providing tools, as well as telling some illuminating stories from other sheds.

There was also a 3D printing demonstration and presentation from Graeme Turner and Ben Bradley from Transfer Press, based near Honiton.

After the meeting, David Warburton, one of the attendees, said: "Frome has so much to offer for so many people, but I think in the past there has been a bit of a gap in provision for men.

"Allowing men to work together, build together, plan,

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talk and be creative together, will give Frome a superb facility and will be a great resource for our area."

The idea draws on the successful Men's Shed movement in Australia where more than 1,000 Sheds have formed in just over a decade. It is part of a fast growing movement in the UK which now has 60 Sheds open. The Frome Shed plans to offer a workspace where older people can work on practical projects with others.

At the next session there will be a visit from the Holt Men's Group on refurbishing tools for the Third World. Members will also hear about an initiative to place a barn owl nesting box in every parish in Somerset. The Hawk and Owl Trust member and owner of New Forest Owl Studios, Cherry Barlow, will explain the project and introduce one of her owls.

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