

Frome Men's Shed – Activity Report August 14th 2015 to February 14th 2016

Since August 2015 we've had 24 Workshop sessions every Thursday morning at the Welshmill Hub during the year. (Except 24th December 2014 and 31st December 2015) In addition to the weekly rental of the workshop from Edventure, We have undertaken a lease on Unit 10C at the Welshmill Huib from 1st January 2016 (From Micro-Precision instruments)



Average attendees (Members) is 14, with 2-3 guests per session. There are 45 subscribed members (43 men, and two women) (increase of 11 from end of first year)

Contact list – We have 126 potential members, and 330 other contacts, Including organisations, councils, and other supporters on our contact list.

Support to other Men's Sheds – We have provided support to several other Sheds in the area Including to - Somerset levels & Moors Men's Shed (SLAMMS), Melksham, Westbury, Coleford, Westbury, Trowbridge, Wedmore & Corsham.

Participated in outside events:

21st August 2015 – Painting the offices at PAC

23rd September 2015 - Mental Health Networking meeting – Frome Medical Practice

24th September 2015 – Openstory Tellers – Bardic Chair event Rook Lane Chapel

8th October 2015 - Improving Men's mental health in Somerset Conference (Speaker) – Yeovil

11th October 2015 – One Planet Sunday – Cheese & Grain – Exhibitor

20th October 2015 – Launch Meeting Westbury Men's Shed – Westbury (Speakers)

4th November 2015 - Frome Medical Practice Health Day (Exhibitor)

25th January 2016 - Blue Monday celebration (Exhibitor)

26th January 2016 – Wedmore Shed Launch Meeting (Speakers)

29th January 2016 – Somerset levels and Moorlands (SLaMS) Launch (Exhibitor)



Other events:-

18th October 2015 – Meeting with Welsh Men's Sheds - Somerset Food and Drink Fest and Art Fair

10th December 2015 - Mince pies and Drinks for Shedders, partners & Supporters

17th December 2015 – Shedders Christmas Lunch – Woolpack at Beckington

12th January 2016 – Skittles Evening – Melksham Shed - Forest Community Centre, Melksham

23rd January 2016 – A Shedders surprise 70th Party



Repairs for people in the Community:- These include repairs to many chairs, including several re-caned bedroom chairs; re-rushing a stool, spinning wheels; antique stool, kneeler, Victorian slope; wooden ladder, pump, card table, Victorian mirror stand, two windows, We have made a framed tile, wool turntable, cat-house, back-door step, key cabinet



Community projects:- Re-painting the PAC offices, the Bardic Chair for Open Story Tellers, removing the toilet for the Community fridge, Bird boxes for Frome Town Council (With Critchill School), a folding table repair and shelf for Edventure.



Individual Projects: Planters, refurbishing an electric fire

Tools – We have received several tool donations, and have repaired the Lathe which now belongs to the Frome Men’s Shed.

Donations – Average £20 per week

Accounts - See a separate report on accounts. We have a bank account with the NatWest Bank in Frome. We have also recently opened two savings accounts – one instant access, and one with a 90 day withdrawal restriction.

Insurance – The Frome Men’s Shed has a £5m Public Liability Insurance policy (Including coverage on Products and pollution) from Zurich (Via Tennyson Insurance)

Website visits Over 2800 page views (August 2015 to February 2015) Averages 15 pages per day. 11 people have expressed an interest in the Shed via the website during this period.

Press coverage: Since August 2015 we have had 1 article in the Frome Standard and 2 articles in the Frome Times.

Training: We have had no training engaged by Shedders this period.

Membership of other Organisations: The Frome Men’s Shed is a member of the UK Men’s Sheds Association (UKMSA), and Mendip Community Support. We also have a preferred supplier agreement with Triton Tools, which gives us a 49% discount from hand tools and consumables and 25% discount on power tools.

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Thanks to all the supporters of the Frome Men’s Shed !

