



Genius ways people are using Zoom, Whatsapp and Skype video chats while on lockdown¹

People are getting creative to keep in touch and charities - including these examples supported by The Health Lottery - are full of ideas

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'Shed Happens' show for 'Shedders'

Men and women of all ages can access the Men's Shed and She-Shed projects which involve bringing people together for a range of activities that involve conversation, craft and mutual support as well as more unusual activities such as wood turning, use of power equipment, novel crafts and outward community engagement .

Staithe's Shed had to close on 16th March but members have been keeping in touch via live video chats and some have even made their sheds available to help the community in any safe way, including erecting a cover at a surgery to protect those collecting prescriptions through a side window.



Project Co-Ordinator Graham Storer said: "The essence of Sheds is not what is made or done. It is the comradeship and family feel. That must/will continue mainly through our online presence and electronically. We encourage our Shedders to keep on doing what they can at home (birdboxes was a recent call on us) and wave to other locked down souls across the street! Sheds are people."

The UK Men's Shed Association has also started a weekly two hour programme on Wednesdays 10am – noon called "Shed Happens" using Frome 96.6FM which fans can access via the internet.

¹ <https://www.express.co.uk/featured/life-style/science-technology/1263839/Genius-ways-people-are-using-Zoom-Whatsapp-and-Skype-video-chats-while-on-lockdown>