



Swanwick Men's Shed

What is a Men's Shed?

Men's Sheds are a larger version of the typical garden shed, a community leisure space where people come together and pursue practical interests and activities or just chat and drink tea.

"Shedders" work on their own or community projects at their own pace, in a safe and friendly and inclusive environment. They are places of skill sharing, social interaction and leisure with tea and cake!



Swanwick Men's Shed is based at Charity Farm, Turner's Lane, Swanwick DE55 1AS, [off Crays Hill] Set in 48 acres, the farm dates from 1740 and is a listed building but from Spring 2017 shedders have occupied a new shed and equipped it with benches, cabinets, machinery, tools and workspaces.

Open Thursdays from 3.30pm and Saturdays 9.30 till 3. We are a woodworking and hobby workshop but have developed a wide range of products. We restyle and paint old furniture, garden

benches, trellis, planters and obelisks, make picture and mirror frames, lamps, garden trugs and much more. We made planters for the village and Rowthorne Care Home & memorial benches for the Methodist Church.

In our well-equipped workshop, members share tools and resources to work on projects of their own choosing, help others, community and school projects. Or they may simply want to be there for friendship, companionship, fun and cake. It is this combination that makes Men's Sheds popular with men who are retired or not working.

Skill sharing - Nobody is "too skilled". Your skills are valued by less-able members.

Who can join the shed? - The Shed is aimed mostly at men, who often find isolation in retirement but membership is open to men and women 18 years and over.

What does the shed need? - New members, skilled or unskilled, Security equipment, Woodworking & woodturning tools and workshop machinery, Materials - we aim to recycle as much as possible, Commissions, Donations.

Have a look at our website just Google Swanwick Men's Shed and if you want to know more then contact Charles Parkes via email swanwickmensshed@gmail.com for a chat.

