

Frome Shed: newsletter February 2026



Children's Festival

We have been approached to see if we want to take part again in the annual Children's Festival this year. The fun event takes place on Saturday 19th July from 10:00 to 14:00 along the river bank and car park from the Cheese and Grain to Welshmill park. We have some giant size games we can use. We do it as a free event and as an opportunity to advertise the Shed.

We would need a number of volunteers to help set up the games and run the games on the day. If you are interested please put your name on the sheet on the noticeboard near the Duty Managers desk as soon as possible as we need to register our interest.



New machines

Some of the large machines in the upstairs workshop are no longer "state of the art" and newer models have better features. The Trustees have ring fenced £2,500.00 to

replace the Lathe and Planer/Thicknesser and asked a team from the Thursday Shedders to identify suitable replacements , and to make a plan for safely removing and disposing of the old machines, right through to potential training for users of the new machines. When the Trustees give the final go-ahead we may sell the old machines so if you know of anyone who might be interested please speak to John .



Opportunities for working together and helping our Community

The Shed has an excellent reputation in the community for making planters, bird boxes and scooter racks, etc. We have now been asked about supplying the following:

- * A large reinforced timber bed for a member of the public.
- * Planters, bird feeders and a noticeboard for the Frome Youth Community Centre.
- * Planters for Critchill School.

This is an excellent opportunity for Shedders to have a go at making something useful for the Community. If you are interested in any of these projects please put your name on the sheet on the noticeboard near the Duty Managers desk.



Money money money

The Shed currently has a healthy bank balance so for some time the Trustees have been researching putting £10,000.00 into an account that will earn interest. A suitable account has now been identified and we are in the process of confirming the interest rate, access arrangements and suitability for us as a charity. All of our money is protected by the appropriate authorities. If anyone is interested in our financial status the latest balance can be found in the Notes from the Trustee meeting on the noticeboard near the Duty Managers desk.



Pancakes!

Frome Town Council (FTC) are hosting a **Pancake Dash on Saturday 14th February** at Boyles Cross in the town centre. The pancakes have been cleverly made by Shedder Anne Jones from fabric and a weight. FTC will pay us for the materials used and make a donation to Shed funds. If you are in the town on the 14th why not stop and cheer on the dashers but its too late to take part as all the spaces are taken

There will be crepes (French pancakes!) for sale and the Litter Warriors will be doing a litter pick before and after the event.

Here you see our jolly Park rangers practising with their heart shaped pans and our custom made pancakes.