



# Newsletter

## April 2022

Welcome to the new look April 2022 edition of the AMS newsletter. Many thanks to Tony for the new logo

### Important Announcements

#### **Alton Men's Shed Notice of AGM 2022**

The AGM is to be held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.00am in the All Saints Church Hall.

Elections will be held at the AGM for trustees, Committee Chair, Committee Secretary and Treasurer. A form has been put up in the Shed for anyone interested in any of these positions. All nominations must have a proposer and seconder. This form will be available until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

If for any reason, you are unable to get to the shed before the AGM, please email which position you are interested in, along with the names of the members proposing and seconding you, to [alton.mensshed@gmail.com](mailto:alton.mensshed@gmail.com). Please mark your email for the attention of the secretary. The closing date for email nominations is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022.

The names of all those elected will be publicised on the notice board in the Shed and in the May newsletter.

#### **Vacancy for Community Project Assessor**

Dave has indicated that he is standing down from the role of Community Project Assessor on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022. Dave along with Barry have done a fantastic job in developing this role.

It would be helpful if two or three people volunteered. If you are interested, please talk to Dave for further information about what is involved. If you want to take on the role, please let Gordon know.

### **AMS Committee update**

Steady progress is being made on describing the operating principles of Alton Men's Shed, such as opening arrangements, safety rules and signing in arrangements. The idea is that all of these will be put together in a procedures' manual.



Thanks to a team of members, the old wet garage has been cleared and the contents either sold, disposed of or relocated. Thanks to all involved - some are pictured right.



It has been agreed that surplus tools will be disposed of. In the first instance, these will be offered to members. Details from Mike.

The new logo for AMS, chosen by members, was approved by the committee and will grace the website and all publicity material, including the new flyer, which should soon be ready.

One of the issues that the committee looked at was that of insurance and in particular, how visitors and prospective members would be covered. The committee decided that all visitors and prospective members must sign in when they visit the Shed and that all members in the Shed at the time, have a duty to supervise them.

### **Shedders' Meetings**

These are held on the first Friday of each month and have been taking place since November 2021. Attendance has been very positive with 20 members having come along to at least one. Generally, the number attending has fluctuated between 14 and 16. Such consistent popularity shows how much they are valued by members.

### **Projects update**

Shedders were involved in the repair of an elderly neighbour's fence. She was very grateful and made a donation to Shed funds.

The project for Alton Town Council has now been completed with the handover of the last notice board on the wall of the Town Hall to Samantha Brown. Another job well done!



The fence work to help a local resident keep his dog from breaking out of the garden was successfully completed.



He was very grateful and pleased with the work.



The raised planters for the Dementia group were quickly assembled by a team from AMS



The planters for Bedford House Care Home have been delivered and a donation to Shed funds has been received.

Members have also been helping members.



Cloches for John, who kept the workers supplied with teas and coffees as well as adding to Shed funds.

Sharon gaining skills on a lathe to make custom dowels



### Upcoming community projects

- Bushy Leaze School has requested a repair to a sand pit made by AMS several years ago.

### **Social programme**

Mark is now the new social secretary and has joined the AMS committee. He has been busy working on a social programme and is planning to post ideas for social events in the Shed.

The trip to the Museum of Army Flying on 7<sup>th</sup> April has been confirmed and 14 people have signed up. The minibus will be leaving from All Saints Church Hall car park at 9.30 am.

A couple of Mark's other ideas are:

- A Shed BBQ in June - details to follow.
- A social gathering at the Departure Lounge on the third Thursday of the month.

### **Dates for your diary**

- Shedders' social meetings (10.00am to 12.30pm)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 - you would have to be a fool to miss it 😊
  - 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022
- AMS Committee meeting (10.00am to 12.00pm)
  - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - brought forward because of a clash with Good Friday
- Alton Men's Shed AGM
  - 29<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.00am in All Saints' Church Hall