

Welcome to the latest edition of the Alton Men's Shed newsletter. Summer has gone and we are fast heading into Autumn.



### Developments

The programme of events during September through to December 2022 has been completed and is set out on the membership cards that will be distributed at the next Shedders' social on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October at All Saints' Church Hall if not before. All members will receive a copy, which will be updated every three months. On the Friday mornings, when the Church Hall is free, a number of events and activities will be available. These were outlined in the August newsletter.

There are a few amendments to the calendar, if yours is not already altered:

- Shedders' breakfasts should read Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November
- The time and venue of the October and November committee meetings have changed to 12.00pm at the Chair's house.

Due to the sterling efforts of Dave, supported by John C., a planning application has been submitted to extend the Shed opening hours to five days a week. permission has been submitted. We should hear the outcome by 17<sup>th</sup> October. So, fingers crossed as this will allow us to grow the membership of the Shed.

Our finances are in a relatively healthy state. We have £14,000 ring-fenced to go towards the financing of future premises and almost £3,000 in the general fund.

### New Activities

The first of our new ventures in the Shedders' Tech series was a look at the technology behind electric vehicles and hybrids. The session was held on 30<sup>th</sup> September and led by Gordon.

This proved to be a very popular event and involved an exploration of the theoretical aspects as well as a chance to look in detail at an electric car (provided by Gordon) and a hybrid alternative (provided by Ray).

All agreed that it was an excellent start to incorporating new ideas and activities for members of Alton Men's Shed. The tea, coffee and cakes also went down well.

## Social Events

The Christmas lunch has been booked at the Hen and Chicken on 9<sup>th</sup> December. Further details to follow



## Visit to Amberley Museum on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2022

This trip was well attended and the day was interesting and informative. It also rekindled many memories of days gone by.



Thanks to Mark Grout for organising this trip and to Community First for providing the transport.

## Projects Update



An elderly resident was delighted when her wardrobe was assembled and fitted by a team from Alton Men's Shed. Well done team!



There are several projects on the horizon and volunteers are needed:

- Helping the Beavers' Group make bug hotels from materials the young children are going to forage for. Volunteers are needed in the early evenings of 26<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022. If you can help out, please contact Mike.
- Making allotment signs for Alton Town Council - someone required to lead the project and a team to help. Contact Dave, in the first instance.
- Making memory boxes for Brandon care home - someone required to lead the project and a team to help. Contact Dave, in the first instance.
- Constructing shelving for the new storage shed for All Saints Church. Contact Mike in the first instance.