



Welcome to the First Street Men's Shed Newsletter of 2018

Special Interest Articles:

- Shed opening times
- Shed security
- AGM & Membership fees.

I hope that all our readers have had a very Happy Christmas and will have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

A lot has changed over the past two months since my last newsletter, the building work is nearly complete, plumbing, toilet, kitchen and electrical work have all been done. The main tasks now are painting and installing a dust extraction system.

We have also purchased a lathe from the Levels and Moors shed who are currently in the midst of moving from Burrowbridge to a new home in Bridgwater. We wish them luck with their new home.

McCarthy & Stone, our builders, and their sub-contractors have done a great job, as have our regular members who have painted everything that didn't move, erected a new entrance and drunk loads of tea...

If you haven't been down for a while why not come down when we are open, the times are below.

Please take time to read the rest of the newsletter as it contains important information about the membership subs and when they need to be paid by.

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Shed opening times

Opening times are very dependent on the availability of a competent person to supervise the session, to comply with our insurance, we must have a first aid trained person in attendance whenever the shed is open. We hope to get more people trained as soon as we can but it all takes time and planning, as well as finding someone to train us!

Please check the web site for any changes, emails will also be sent out if anything changes.

The opening times for 2018 are:

Tuesdays 09:00 till 13:00

Thursdays 12:30 till 16:30





SEASONAL ADVICE FROM THE A&S POLICE CRIME REDUCTION OFFICER

With Spring hopefully 'around the corner', many of us will be thinking about getting back into our gardens. So have a look at the security of your shed or outbuildings.

- Before upgrading locks or fitting alarms have a look at the shed structure first. Is it sound or are parts a bit rotten? Is the roof secure? Is the door and door frame still sound?
- There's no point upgrading locks or fitting alarms if the thief can kick through a weakened door panel or lift an insecure roof.
- When upgrading your locks and hinges use 'clutch screws' or coach bolts as fixings as these cannot be undone.
- Double up on the door shackle and hasp with one fitted a third of the way up and the second a third of the way down from the top of the door. The hinges can then be reinforced with hinge pins.
- Choose closed shackle padlocks preferably with a 'Sold Secure' rating. These are more resistant to attack than conventional padlocks.
- If your shed or outbuilding has a window, be sure to cover the inside so that the thief cannot see in and see what's available to steal. Opaque film applied to the inside works well here, it also makes the window more difficult to break. Consider fitting laminated glass or steel security mesh – or both.

Membership

The membership is looking healthy with around 50 names on our contact list, what we need from the membership now is the first year's

The Subs are set at £24 a year which will be confirmed at our first AGM.

From the AGM all members who have not yet completed a membership form and paid their subs for the year March 2018 to March 2019 will need to do so by the 31st March 2018.

Those who have not done so by this date will be removed from the unpaid members list and will stop receiving Emails from the shed. The prompt payment of the subscription is to ensure that we meet our monthly outgoings, rent, utilities etc.

This does not apply to those regular members who paid their subs in September their membership will run until September 2018



If someone does manage to gain access to your shed, make life difficult for them by:

- Chaining everything together with a heavy duty chain and padlock.
- If the shed has a concrete base, consider a ground anchor and chain your mower and bikes to this. You can now get wall anchors; they strengthen the structure of the shed considerably.
- Mark everything with your post code. 'Damage' mark if necessary – make it less attractive to the thief.
- Always consider registering any property that has a serial number with

www.immobilise.com

Session Charges

The session charge of £3 for a 4 hour session will be collected at the start of the session and donations are asked for to go towards tea/coffee etc.

BE SMART – LOVE YOUR LOO
...to protect your home

Every day a number of homes are affected by blocked sewer pipes – yet many of these could have been avoided.

13,000 blockages in our area every year

It's easy to protect your pipes from blocking and causing sewage flooding by simply putting items such as wet wipes, and so-called "flushable" wipes, in the bin.

Baby wipes, facial wipes, hygiene wipes and surface wipes don't break down in the same way as toilet paper. And sanitary products and nappies can cause problems too if they are flushed.

It can lead to sewage backing up into your home and could also pollute streams, rivers and beaches.

Not only is it unpleasant for the homeowner and harmful for the environment, but the clean-up costs after a blockage can be huge.

So, our advice is to 'love your loo' by only flushing the three Ps:

- paper
- poo and
- pee

to keep your pipes blockage free.

£5m a year spent on clearing local blockages

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The not so distant future...

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We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.streetmensshed.btck.co.uk

Local papers



The continuing success of our shed will depend on the membership participating and using the shed we have worked hard to make what it is today.

The Kitchen is now complete as is the Disabled toilet, complete with hot & cold running water, lowered ceiling and new lighting.

There have also been 12 new power points fitted so there will be plenty of sockets to use.

Between the Kitchen & Workshop areas we have built a large work table which will be available for projects that don't require power

tools such as crafts etc.

Members have built an excellent new entrance to help keep the workshop warmer and the rain out and except for the need to install a dust extraction system; the workshop area is also nearly complete.

We hope to have all the work done by mid-February and to be fully open by the 1st March, our first anniversary as a shed.

Lottery

The 'Shape Mendip' lottery is run to raise funds for charities and associations like us. We have a page on their web site or from the link on our web site, where you can purchase tickets at £1 each. You could win the top prize of £25,000 or one of the many other prizes,

SHAPE MENDIP LOTTERY



Some of you may have seen the article in this month's Mendip Times on page 65,

If you have not, free copies can be found at the Tourist information office in Clarks Village.

The Mendip Times is a monthly magazine with lots of features and interesting articles like walks and events around the Mendip area.

There will be copies available in the shed each month.

We will also be placing articles in the Basis and Localreach free papers and in the 'what's on' section of the Central Somerset gazette.

You can sign up by using the 'LINK' on our web site or by going to:
www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk

And searching for **MEN'S SHED STREET**

Great Show at the Merlin Theatre Frome on the 15th April 2018