



The Shed is now fully open



We had a great day for the AGM & Open Day; the AGM was very well attended as was the open day. For a time during the early afternoon the shed was packed with around 70 members & visitors with well over 100 people visiting during the day.

The shed was officially opened by Cllr. Val Appleby, the chair of Street Parish council, who gave a short well informed speech before 'cutting the ribbon'. (See photos).

We were visited by several invited guests, including, Laura Winkley of the UK Men's Shed Association, Laura said ***"As Sheds go we see lots of exciting ones, but Street really shines out for their welcoming and supportive nature as a group. It was a pleasure to be able to come and meet everyone. Please pass on my thanks to your members for being so welcoming and kind, it was a great way to start my day"***.

Also Jon, Nathan & James from Constructs South West our builders who brought us a box full of goodies, how did they know we needed tape measures?

Our most honoured guest was Vicky Sullivan, who when she worked for Health Connections Mendip, started the ball rolling to get the shed started back in March 2017.

There were several members who hosted our visitors and demonstrations of our work, as well as an excellent demonstration of stained glass panel making. It was so good, the Chairman's wife bought the final piece!

Changes at Vine Surgery

You may have not have noticed, but there have been some changes at Vine surgery, the two practices have now merged together to form the Vine Partnership. The merge of the two computer systems went without any problems and you probably won't notice that anything has changed.

I would also like to thank the 'partnership' for advertising the shed, not only on their web site, but on the plasma screen in the waiting room and in their newsletters.

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Opening times

Tuesdays
9am – 1pm

Thursdays
12:30 – 4:30pm

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.

First Aid Training

We now have 11 members first aid trained and we would like to look at similar training again next year to ensure that we have an 'overlap' of trained members when the certification runs out in 3 years' time, more about that later.

Membership

The Subs were set at £24 a year at our first AGM.

Anyone who has any questions about the subs please contact the Chairman.

Session Charges

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

Anyone who would like a tour of the shed before deciding if they would like to join, please come down to the shed when it is open, you will be made most welcome.



Displays and information days

Do you know of an event that the Men's Shed could participate in?

If you have a fete, fun day or similar event where the Street Men's Shed could have an information stand, please contact the chairman with the contact details of the organisers.

We have display equipment, gazebo and tables to put on a show about the Street shed or about all sheds in the Mendip area in general.

Dates so far this year:

1st June: Street & Glastonbury U3A. 2pm – 4pm
Walton Village hall.

23rd June: West Mendip Hospital Fete: 2pm – 4pm
at the hospital.

1st September: Merriman Park fun day 1pm – 5pm

Healthy walks or just for fun?

As part of our Health & Wellbeing remit, I am hoping to start walks in June, the walks will be mainly level or very easy to start with, but there could be harder walks if the need arises.

The first walk will be a level canal walk from Maunsel Lock visitor center near North Newton to the Thatcher's Arms at Moorland. At around 7 miles, it takes in a stretch of the Taunton & Bridgwater canal with views over the levels south and east of Bridgwater.

The Thatcher's Arms is a real country pub with reasonably priced good food (including vegetarian) and beer, but especially farmhouse cider...

More info soon!

Thank you to all those who have helped us get where we are today.

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Or via the contacts page on the web site below, where you can also check the diary and latest news.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.streetmensshed.btck.co.uk

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 there is a link on our web site, where you can purchase tickets at £1 each; we get 50% of ticket sales...

There are 5 ticket holders at the moment and because of them we already make £268 a year, the target is 50 tickets, but the more tickets you buy the more funds we will get.

You could win the top prize of £25,000 or one of the many other prizes,



You can sign up by using the 'LINK' on our web site or by going to:

www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk and searching for **STREET MEN'S SHED**

The new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) comes into force on the 25th May 2018,

The new GDPR procedures are now in place, anyone who has not yet completed the Data protection pro-forma, could you do so as soon as possible.

Other 'new' forms include:

- Safeguarding Policy: Adults at Risk
- Health & Safety policy
- Up-dated constitution

All of the above forms are available to read on our web site.

Take the survey and you could win an iPad

* Help the UK MSA to help Sheds and get the chance to win an iPad!*

We've created a survey to measure the impact of the Men's Sheds movement and develop our services in line with what Sheds and individual Shedders feel they need to help Sheds thrive. Please help us help Sheds by filling out our 5-minute survey and share it with everyone you know that attends a Men's Shed.

Once they get 500 responses they will give one lucky winner an iPad, just for completing it.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UKMSAShedderSurvey2017/>

Please take the time to complete our survey. Your feedback is important.

