

## Frome Women's Shed opens its doors

**FROME'S** new Women's Shed had a successful public meeting, which was attended by over 80 people, and the group has canvassed people's comments about timing and interests.

The Frome Women's Shed will commence running weekly, starting on Monday 21st May in the Remakery, Welshmill Hub.

Ros Whitehouse said, "Anyone wanting, just for example, to build, saw, hammer, paint, sew, chat, drink tea and/or make friends is welcome!

"This Shed is for every woman, whatever your level of skill, or lack of it; it's about working together, pooling skills to work things out, and relaxing with a cuppa whenever that's what's needed.

"The annual membership is £5, and the session fee is £3, (though this can be waived where necessary).

"We plan to follow the Men's Shed's fine example, and also be useful in the community, so if any community group needs a job doing, do call on us and we'll call on the talents of our members to do what's needed, whether it's painting, sewing, upholstery, making benches, sign making, repairs etc. All community tasks considered - there's nothing lost by asking!

"Monday mornings from 9.00am - 1.00pm are the session times, but there is a desire to get evening sessions going in due course, so if that's what you need, then get in touch, as we'll need your support to make this happen.

"Keep an eye on the Frome Women's Shed Facebook page for the time being, for more details and any date changes.

"Looking forward to meeting you!"

# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE AT IMPROVE DON'T MOVE

**FROME** Town Council is getting ready to host the first "Improve, Don't Move" show at the Town Hall.

There will be an opportunity to speak to architects, designers and contractors who specialize in home renovation, redesign and improvements, so you can improve your home rather than selling up and buying elsewhere. There will also be sessions on opportunities to reduce energy bills in rented properties and activities for children.

Exhibitors include local architects, eco-carpenters, renewable energy experts, locally-made thermal

blinds, Edventure's 'tiny home' and Frome's new Women's Shed. There will also be tours of the town hall, electric bike and car hire, as well as talks on home energy efficiency, draught excluder workshops and a new directory of local green services. The green directory will look at suppliers of energy efficient products or materials from sustainable sources in Frome and the surrounding areas.

Cllr Ali Barclay said, "This is a great opportunity to talk to local experts about how to adapt your home to cut costs and carbon. Do pop along if you can."

The event is free, with opportunities to meet one-to-one with architects and designers (booking advised) as well as check out products and installers who have been involved in some of Frome's home eco renovation projects.

Sessions with an archi-

tect are nearly booked up so go to [www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/improve-dont-move](http://www.frometowncouncil.gov.uk/improve-dont-move) to book your slot. And if you'd like to be included in the green directory please contact Anna Francis at [info@frometowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:info@frometowncouncil.gov.uk)