

Greetings!

After a long, and often cold, period of preparation we're near to announcing the Shed is properly up-and-running. Almost!

We now have an effective gas **heater** and a big PVC **curtain** across the main door to keep heat in. The **workbenches** are built and ample **power** sockets are in place, ready to be signed off. Somerset Care & Repair have made a lot of **hand and power tools** available to us, plus a lockable tool and paint **storeroom**.

The gallery is nearly **repainted** and now includes a **work surface** for computing and other non-woodwork related activity (our upstairs gallery is accessible from outside for those who don't do stairs).

Permanent **direction signs** to the Shed will soon make it easier to find us.

Most important: we're welcoming **new members** every week!



Fitting the gallery work surface

SHED FINANCES We've had our first grant, which will cover more **seats**, some of the above tools, six month's **rent** and a **decent coffee machine!** We have also applied for a Lottery grant and will be making other local applications. With the annual membership at £15 and weekly subs of £3.50 we are slowly becoming more secure.

LOCAL LOTTERY RAISES SHED FUNDS. You can support the Shed, as well as win prizes for yourself, by buying SHAPE Mendip online Lottery tickets online – see www.shapemendiplottery.co.uk for details and select Shepton Area Men's Shed as your chosen local organisation. SAMS will receive half the ticket price! I've done it for three weeks and already won a prize!

SHEPTON MALLET SNOWDROP FESTIVAL

On Saturday 17th February in Shepton Town Square, we'll have a stall selling planters and other wooden items, and making ourselves known by giving out flyers. We have a rota for manning the stall, so let us know if you can help 10.00-12.00, 12-2 or 2-4 on either day.

URGENT NEEDS: someone to do **PAT tests** on our electrical equipment.

All for now - see you Tuesday,

Graham

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See next page for pictures (which will go on the website)

(SOME OF) SHEPTON SHEDDERS IN ACTION



1 Fitting out the tool store



2. Fixing the drafts



3. Painting the gallery



4. The new gallery workbench



5. Fitting the PVC curtain