

About Whitchurch Shed

Whitchurch Men in Sheds (Shropshire)

Registered Charity No. 1179267

What is a "Shed"?

A welcoming community space where people come together to drink tea, chat, work on projects, and share skills. It's a place to get out of the house, learn new things, make friends, and contribute to your community.

What We Do

The Whitchurch Shed is a friendly place with a variety of facilities:

- **Woodwork:** Build furniture, toys, or whatever you can dream up
- **Computers:** Get tech help, learn new software, or explore electronics
- **3D Design and Printing:** Bring your ideas to life with our 3D printer
- **Repairs:** We help those in need with repairs
- **and more?** We're always open to new activities suggested by members

But it's not just about the projects – it's about the friendships, laughter, and having a place to belong.

When & Where

Opening Hours: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10am-4pm

Location: Mezzanine floor, back of Watergate Centre, Castle Hill, Whitchurch SY13 1DW

Why Join Us?

- **Learn and Grow:** Tap into the knowledge of fellow shedders and explore new hobbies
- **Community Spirit:** Build things that benefit our town and get involved in community projects
- **Camaraderie:** Make new friends with great stories and diverse backgrounds
- **Just Relax:** Sometimes, simply hanging out over a cup of tea is all you need

Our Story

The Whitchurch Men in Sheds has been around since 2017, and we're now in our second home having started out in the Centre North East Youth Centre (now demolished to make way for the new Whitchurch Swimming Pool). In 2021 we moved into the mezzanine floor at the back of the Watergate Centre.

We're always looking for new members to join us! We've been lucky to receive generous donations of tools and equipment, so even if you don't have your own, you can still learn and create, or help with one of our projects.

Find Out More

Website: www.whitchurchmeninsheds.uk

Facebook: Search for "WhitchurchShed" group

Men's Sheds UK: www.menssheds.org.uk

Come Visit Us!

We'd love to meet you! Drop by the workshop for a friendly cuppa in our warm room. We'll happily show you around and answer any questions you have.

We hope to see you at the Shed soon! All are welcome.

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An Ode to The Shed

Our Secretary's had a bright idea
That at our AGM this year
He feels it worthwhile for us to mention
Matters that gain the Town's attention
Proudly showing the Shed's progress
With due reference to this year's success
So I thought I'd chip in and have my say
With a few words in rhyme today
A bunch of chums meet each week
Making things out of oak and teak
(Well, pallets mostly but that doesn't rhyme)
Mostly retired but still in their prime
They really make a fantastic team
All volunteers for a brilliant scheme
Spending their time for the general good
Making stuff from reclaimed wood
Working conditions are all top drawer
Start at 9.30 and finish at four
We're not allowed to go on strike
But take a holiday whenever we like
And although there is no staff canteen
We're free to bring our own cuisine
At lunch, it's time to eat our bites
Chat and put the world to rights
Some have salad – it's low on calorie
And saves on cost 'cos there is no salary
If we're lucky, someone brings a cake
For us to share at afternoon break
Woodwork's the mainstay of the Shed
So it's lucky our membership includes Fred
His skill is endless, he's quite a lad
The finest carpenter since Jesus Christ's
Dad!
Being old doesn't mean you're not clever
But learning new stuff can go on forever
If you've never picked up a chisel or saw
John Morris will show you what it's for
Or if it's a matter electronic
We have a guy who's supersonic
At renovation, there's no-one greater
Alan's just finished a flight simulator.

The boys at Whitchurch Air Cadets
Now sit in comfort flying their jets
On the lathe, Allan's our apprentice
In his nineties but still *compos mentis*
Fred's spent time showing him the ropes
But you'd be amazed how well he copes
Each week his efforts are getting bolder
Turning bowls and the odd candle holder
The stuff we make is all the rage
Just check us out on our Facebook page
Membership's not just limited to men
Ladies are welcome to come to our den
Not just Tom, Dick, Harry and his mate
We have lady members like Jean and Kate

This year we lost a founding member
Brian Fox, a man we'll all remember
Farmer, craftsman and fine woodturner
His skill resulting in quite an earner
The beautiful bowls that Brian makes
Sell every year like hot cakes
At Weston's annual country show
Filling our coffers with lots of dough
He did so much to help our cause
And rightly deserves our rich applause
A nicer a guy you've never met
We remain forever in his debt
It would be remiss if I omitted
To mention two guys who were committed
To ensure their dreams steamed ahead
And so began the Whitchurch Shed
Some years ago at Centre North East
So a vote of thanks at the very least
For David & Geoff, two pioneers
Who've taken The Shed through the gears
There's little more that I can say
They made The Shed what it is today
Just being old doesn't mean you're dead
So get yourself down to the Whitchurch Shed!

Maurice Quinn