

The Pulham's Men's Shed report to Pulham St Mary Annual Meeting

As background a Men's Shed is like garden shed, a place to pursue practical interests', skills and enjoy making and mending. The difference is that garden sheds and their activities are often solitary in nature while Men's Sheds are the opposite. They're about social connections and friendship building, sharing skills and knowledge, and of hopefully laughter & comradery.

I am pleased to report that following a kick off meeting in late January 2024 and a further meeting in February including an inspiring visit to Poringland's Men Shed 47 people are now signed up to receive regular updates.

The Pulhams Men's Shed domain name has been registered

www.thepulhamsmensshed.org.uk

If you know of other's who would like to sign-up for updates, then forward them this link <http://eepurl.com/i10KW6>

Members of the newly formed Steering Committee met on Thursday 7th March 2024. At that meeting the Steering Committee adopted a constitution and agreed to become a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) which means The Pulham's Men's Shed can function as an entity, open a bank account, recruit members, engage with suppliers and undertake projects.

3 officers (Clayton Hudson (Chair), Anne Cleveland (Secretary) & David Howlett (Treasurer) were appointed at the meeting to enable work to begin on approval of the CIO by the Charity Commission and opening a bank account so that we can start to build up some funds. Additional members can be co-opted as required to fill specific or broader roles to aid the work of the Steering Committee in weeks and months ahead.

Activities in Sheds vary greatly, and it will be for the members (shedders) to decide the sheds direction in the short term we need to establish the shed to allow members the space to collaborate and share skills. Currently we are looking establishing a shed on South Green and will be looking to start discussions with the local authority (South Norfolk planning), Pulham St Mary Parish Council (owner of current Pavilion) and Pulham St Mary Town Estate charity (who own South Green).

We hope to have a further social to engage with the members to be held in The Crown on Good Friday between 12-2pm and hopefully a visit to another local shed this time south of the border in Debenham <https://debenhamshed.org.uk/> who have used shipping containers to create a Men's Shed

Finally, we hope to run some volunteer / action days after Easter (when Spring has Sprung) and it warmer and drier. To solicit feedback, we have survey online.

<https://us14.list-manage.com/survey?u=6ce0267b61b331db86cc5e0d6&id=a874aa46b1&attribution=false>

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