



Issue 3 - Autumn 2023

Breaking News

- The new shed has been fully insulated and some aspects of the fitting out are underway.
- Setting up WhatsApp groups continues to be a work in progress.
- Outreach projects update.
- Some encouraging results to report on fund raising.

The New Shed

The shed has now been fully insulated and lined with a plywood surface covering. Fitting out for the new Glass/Crafts workspace is underway. Opening date to be advised.

Within the new shed compound we have been given permission to retain our old Bus Shelter wood storage area. This will release more space within all areas of the shed buildings.

Labour maybe in short supply, so this is your chance to get involved. If you feel that you could help in any way, your support would be greatly appreciated. In the first instance contact Saeed, who will be co-ordinating the work.

Community / Outreach Projects

I am pleased to report the pilot outreach project connected to Birmingham Hospice is now up and running, thanks to Steve and Jo. Mosaics projects have been started with a small number of individuals and these have been a great success. Over time, hopefully numbers will increase.

In addition, the Hospice now has its own shed and plans are afoot to expand into Glass work. This will require some Hospice staff training.

A second outreach project which has seen some members of the shed work in conjunction with a local youth group has finally come to fruition. Last week two of the Kings Heath Park benches that have been fully restored were reinstated.

Fund Raising

- 1st July – The CoCo Mad festival, Cotteridge Park.
A stall was shared between Shed and Tools for Africa. Very good turnout. £110 raised.
A big thank you goes out to all members who were involved in this event.

Future events

- All Saints Church, Kings Heath, 8am start. It is hoped to attend a number of regular sales at this venue, which happen, on the 2nd Saturday of each Month.
- 8th September – Martineau Gardens. The Shed and Tools for Africa are planning to hold a joint event.
- Plans are underway to hold a fund-raising event in Kings Heath park, some time before Christmas. Keep an eye open for dates and times.

Volunteers

To enable shed to have a presence at the various craft fairs, boot sales and markets, it would be nice to have a group of shed members who were prepared to help and spread the workload. If you can spare a few hours and would like to help, make yourself known to Steff.

Outside Agencies

A Huge thank you goes out to ASDA for their recent donation of £300 to shed funds.



Reminders

1. Monday mornings are dedicated to both the deep cleaning and maintenance of the shed. For this to be effective, we need members to volunteer their time. If you can offer the odd few hours, it would be greatly appreciated. Talk to your session supervisors in advance.
2. Please make a note in your diaries that the next AGM will be sometime in November. Final date to be confirmed.