



# TOOME MEN'S SHED CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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Another year has passed and I find myself reflecting on the past twelve months.

The Shed continues to provide a premise for a number of men to meet on a daily basis and involve themselves in a selection of skills and activities, e.g. woodworking / computer / community projects.

Production during the year has involved a number of projects :- medium sized outdoor/indoor models of thatched, white washed Irish cottages.

A number of seasonal artifacts e.g. Easter /Halloween / Christmas for sale at local craft fairs or on our facebook site.

A request from us to Kerry Brady ( Antrim & Newtownabbey Council) resulted in a visit to NACN (community organisation) for a tour and demonstration of their laser engraving facilities.

Resulting from NACN visit, we decided to purchase an X-Tool D1 Pro laser engraver. Next was assembly, testing of engraver and use of Creative Space software. The engraver is now in full use in the Shed.

We initiated a project to update a wooden train and wagons (which had become dilapidated) to the side of the Shed premises. Some funding was aquired from the Housing Executive and a local engineering company. We worked in conjunction with the company to realise a new metal train and wagons, which proudly sits on the site of where local steam trains passed many years ago. Great praise from the community. An excellent and very satisfying project.

Looking ahead, the Toome Men's Shed plans to expand it's activities and reach more men in the community. this includes increasing outreach efforts to ensure that those who may benefit from the Shed are aware of its existence.

A couple of weeks before Christmas, we gathered for our annual dinner in the Shed. A very enjoyable evening with food supplied by outside caterers.

Finally, I would like to thank the members for their continued support throughout the year.

*Terry Agnew* 23/1/25