

# Summary of Banbridge Mens Shed 2024/2025

2024 was a slow year for us as we had few funds and no premises. Everyone was getting frustrated with the lack of progress and a few nerves were getting frayed.

We had the pleasure of spending the donation of £1000 by ABC council and a Laptop and 3d printer was purchased with these funds.

In October we got Charity status which definitely heeled lift everyone's spirits.

No committee meetings were scheduled in November or December as people couldn't attend.

In January we were granted £19 000 by the National Lottery for equipment.

Then later that month we were offered the old shed in Seapattrick Church car park. This is a massive shed covering a floorspace of 18m<sup>s</sup> having two floors. Giving us a possible 32m<sup>s</sup> of effective floorspace.

In our March committee meeting we were able to have constructive discussions on moving forward and planning a possible opening night. Locks were authorised to be purchased. The list of equipment was agreed on and the opening hours were confirmed. Also a keyholder book was opened.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of June we had our A.G.M and the following things were passed.

- Our achievements over the previous year were read out.
- Giles Conlon and Ernie Cooke stood down as committee members.
- Philip Jackson, Neil Maginn and Kevin Close were voted in as new members of the committee.
- Insurance was taken out for personal liability.
- Looking into renting out rooms.
- Toilets to be built.
- Opening hours discussed.

Our next committee meeting was held in situ at the shed and we discussed how to spend this years Tak£500 grant of £1000 which we had won again for the purchase of a fire-door.. We also made a commitment to get the banking more streamlined. That the owners of the cars parking on our property be contacted and asked to remove them. A to-do list to be put up. John Maxwell was added to the committee

Church secretary to be contacted about boundary

We met in August and the Axminster tools had arrived and fitting of machinery was underway. A safeguarding policy was added to our constitution. David Craig was removed from the committee due to lack of attendance and contact.

During the second half of the month a First Aid lecture was given and we had a good attendance for that and it was certificated. On the first week of September we had a safe tool lecture and we were tested on that and certificated again.

At September's meeting held at the shed on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> of September the following things were reported

Paul McKitterick spent approximately £1600 on machinery

Boundary to be confirmed

Paul McKitterick to receive stats from PSNI

ABC Tak£500 received

PSNI lecture to be confirmed

Gouges ordered arrived

chucks ordered

Sorby sharing system ordered

Bobbin sander to be donated by Dave

Screw drivers ordered.

Boulevard Management giving shop offcuts

CPH to give us access to trailer

Insurance checked by Paul Scappaticci. At £8 per month.

Paul Scappaticci to book Craft Fair.

Thank you cards made by Phil Jackson

open night to promote Xmas project Next Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October with 19:30 start

look into card reader

We then had our open night on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of October and it was a roaring success and was reported on in the Banbridge Chronicle. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=banbridge%20chronicle%20mens%20shed>.

We are now preparing for the Christmas season and hope to have lots to sell.