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The Wickham Market Partnership has been facilitating the development of The Wickham Market Shed since 2020 and this has now occupied the two portacabins behind the Village Hall since the summer of 2023 and continues to thrive, with a core group of members attending most weeks and others dropping in and occasionally joining.

The portacabins have been converted into a workshop, social space and store with the help of a Co-operative Community Cares Grant, sourced in the spring of 2024. This has enabled the complete rewiring of the workshop and refreshment room and the laying of suitable flooring.

Members have also recently undertaken First Aid training through the local Community First Responder group, giving them the skills and knowledge to support each other in the event of an emergency.



Projects to date have been refurbishing a vintage bench for the church, community benches for the Parish Council, re-felting the roof of the Parish Council shed, installing a garden tool shed at the Resource Centre, upgrading a Rudolph planter that was donated by the owner to the Primary School for Christmas and the making of birdboxes. The creation of individual workspaces and the sorting of hand tools and testing of larger equipment, all donated, has also kept members busy as well as repairing a lawnmower for the group to use in its outdoor space. However, the social time at the end of the session, with tea and cake, is equally important and looked forward to by all.



The UK Men's Shed Association's vision to give people, and men in particular, a space to 'connect, create and converse' couldn't be more appropriate.

Sessions currently take place on **Monday afternoons** (apart from Bank Holidays) between **2.00 – 4.00pm** when you would be most welcome to drop in. You can find us behind the Village Hall and Football Club in the portacabins.

To find out more about the Shed movement go to www.menssheds.org.uk (of which Wickham Market Shed is a member). Alternatively contact the group directly on wmshedders@gmail.com