

UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA)

Promoting and supporting Men's Sheds

UKMSA promotes the Shed concept to men everywhere through all the mainstream media (TV, radio, press, magazines) social media (Facebook, Twitter), the internet (500+ hits a day on our website), networking (email, phone), by arranging local introductory meetings and events and by public speaking at conferences.

This leads to more than 300 enquiries a month which are responded to by our administrator with over 90% of them being closed within 24 hrs.

In addition we have supported the growth of partnerships that help develop the movement such as that with RVS who employ their own full-time Shed development worker, with Triton Precision Tools who have provided discounts and sponsorship and with other national and international Shed Associations. Overall this has pushed up the rate at which Sheds open in the UK to 3.2 per week.

We plan to continue this work by increasing our capacity to support Sheds, enhancing the website, gaining further publicity and bringing Sheddors together to celebrate all things 'Sheds'. This work is governed by an elected committee of Sheddors.

We invite you to come and join in.

Please complete the form on Page 3 and send by email, or post as below:-

By Email:

admin@ukmsa.org.uk

By Post to:

UK Men's Sheds Association(UKMSA) c/o Henleaze Business Centre, Henleaze House, 13 Harbury Road, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4PN

Please ensure that your group meets the eligibility criteria, and also completes the form in full. When we receive payment we will send you an invoice and certificate by email.

Thank you for your support!

The UKMSA Team

Full Membership - Eligibility

Full membership of UKMSA is available to any open Shed or Shed Planning Group. The organisation or group should be planning to or already meeting these criteria:-

Short definition - Men's Sheds are inclusive groups of men with practical interests doing what they want, when they wish, in a safe and friendly environment.

Defining characteristics

- The primary focus of activity must be practical, using tools of any kind to make, create, repair, craft or grow
- Aims to have a variety of activities on offer (when starting up having one activity may be all that is possible)
- Activities are chosen by the men
- Working at their own pace
- When they choose
- Extends the activities men have undertaken in domestic sheds

The culture should aspire to be:

- Welcoming
- Outward-looking
- Sociable
- Linked to the local community
- Accessible to all men of all ages (18+) and abilities
- Collaborative and constructive (achieving more together than alone),
- Unprogrammed

A Shed is not about men being volunteers in specific roles.

The involvement of women in any aspect of a Shed is a Shed's own decision

Sheds Planning Group

To be registered with us as a Shed Planning Group then the Group should be more than one person, to have met more than once and to be planning to meet the criteria above. We would like to be confident that the group is serious before posting the details. You might for example have asked us for local contacts of interested people, sent out invitations, got something in the local paper, appointed a public meeting, held talks with the local authority. We hope that by posting up your contact details more people and resources may come your way.

Membership - Term

Membership terms are for one year from payment of fees.

Any Member, due for renewal who has not paid their renewal fee within a month of the due date will cease to be a member.

Member/Supporter Form

Membership is open to Sheds or Shed Planning Groups who have paid a subscription. Members are able to nominate someone for the Management Committee and have one vote on behalf of their Shed at General Meetings.

Supporters are individuals or organisations who have made a donation. They may attend any General Meeting at the committee's discretion but have no voting rights.

Shed or Planning Group name (if applicable)

Please tick one:-

Shed membership

Individual membership

Organisational membership

Location (nearest town, and County)

Named person

Email (to be shared with other members)

Phone (not shared without your permission)

The minimum subscription is £15 from Sheds in planning, up to £50 for larger well-funded Sheds and any amount from individuals. If necessary we will invoice organisations.

Payment arrangements and contact details in event of query:

Please make payments to UK Men's Sheds Association

Cheques to be addressed to UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) c/o Henleaze Business Centre, Henleaze House, 13 Harbury Road, Henleaze, Bristol, BS9 4PN

Direct payment via BACS: Sort Code: 08-92-99 Account No. 65780828, ***quoting Shed Name and/or Invoice Number***

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