

DALBEATTIE SHEDDERS BUILD TREBUCHET FOR CHILDREN IN NEED



In October 2017 we approached Dalbeattie Men's Shed to support Wiston Lodge with an unusual project. Wiston Lodge is a residential Outdoor Centre which offers a range of outdoor, environmental and creative arts activities. They planned to build an interpretative trail aimed at children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder. The Project – 'Path of the Little People' ties in themes from history, music, nature appreciation and renewable energy, and is funded through BBC Children in Need. One of the structures they wanted to include on the trail was a working trebuchet – a medieval catapult – introducing an element of history whilst creating team building and problem solving opportunities for children. Wiston Lodge had the funding, but needed the skills to design and make the Trebuchet. Working with Wiston Lodge, the Dalbeattie Sheddars designed the 'Wiston Warwolf', based on the Warwolf trebuchet built in Scotland by King Edward I when Stirling Castle came under siege in 1304. The design has been drawn up by Geoff Allison and Mike Sandes using books, Google and a little imagination. Work began on the 'Wiston

Warwolf' trebuchet in December, starting the creation of the structure with resources donated by several local businesses. Geoff said the project appealed to Dalbeattie Shed because it was 'a challenge which fits our purpose – it entails team working in the workshop environment to make something of community value.' Sarah Wyper, Coordinator of the wider project said "The gentlemen from Dalbeattie Men's Shed have been essential in contributing to the success of our BBC Children in Need project: Path of the Little People. Geoff and his team have poured their years of engineering, carpentry and design expertise into the project. This knowledge combined with enthusiasm and a dedication to meet the needs of the children we support at Wiston Lodge has been invaluable to our project." Dalbeattie Men's Shed delivered the completed Trebuchet to Wiston Lodge in February, leaving the Wiston Lodge Team with huge smiles, excitedly taking turns to set up and fire the Warwolf. You can read more details about the Trebuchet on Dalbeattie's blog post [here](#).



Hello to the new chair of UKMSA board of trustees...



Margaret Walker joined the UKMSA Board of Trustees in December 2017 and was elected Chair shortly thereafter. A committed public affairs and association management professional with more than 20 years' experience

in the field, Margaret is keen to support the development of Men's Sheds throughout the UK. In addition to her volunteer role at UKMSA, Margaret is Director of MWCAM Ltd, an association management consultancy which provides services to European umbrella not-for-profit organisations, enabling them to fulfil their mission and vision. In her spare time, Margaret enjoys knitting and playing with her two kittens.

Many of you may have already met Margaret at ShedderFair last year. Should you wish to contact Margaret directly do not hesitate to let us know and we would be happy to put you in touch with her.

The full composition of the UKMSA's Board of Trustees is as follows:

Margaret Walker (Chair)
Brian Cooke
Chris Lee
Mark Lindsey (Treasurer)
Jo Phillips
Nathan Sarea

Look out for the April edition of the newsletter which will have introductions to the full Board of Trustees and Staff

... and a fond farewell to Victoria

UKMSA would like to say a particular Thank You to Victoria Little who has moved on from directing UKMSA. Victoria's passion and enthusiasm for Sheds has encouraged and inspired Sheds and Shedders, and her hard work and dedication for UKMSA has helped develop the charity and opened up new opportunities. We wish Victoria every success in her new adventures and endeavours.

The recruitment process is in progress, and information will be available on the UKMSA website soon.

The Find-a-Shed tool on our website is the most popular page and requests to add Sheds to the map is one of the most common we receive. The map is a great way to get your Shed noticed, to get new members and attract support from individuals, companies and organisations in the community. It is also a vital tool for men across the UK to easily find and



www.findashed.org.uk

Make sure you're on the map and your contact details are up to date so people can find you to join your Shed or give support.

NEW SHEDS ON THE BLOCK

MAP

We're wishing the following Sheds the best of luck in their development:

Wareham Area Men's Shed
Lifeline Men's Shed
Cloebury Mortimer Men's Shed
Malmesbury Shed
Stamford Shed
Shedders and Fixers
Hive Woodwork Group
Kings Lynn Men's Shed
Dereham Men's Shed
Wotton Under Edge Shed
Plymouth Community Homes Men's Shed
Ross on Wye Men's Shed
Staithes Area Sheds

and welcoming the following Sheds, now open on the map:

Senior Citizens Enterprise Woodworking Group
The Garden House Workshop
Moffatt and District Men's Shed
Hounslow Men's Shed
Bishop's Itchington Men's Shed
Brading Men's Shed
The People's Shed—Peterborough
Woking ISL Surrey (WISLS)
Churn Men's Shed Cirencester
Long Ashton Men's Shed
Age UK Hythe

A SHEDDERS DAY OUT

Southbourne Shedders visited Sunseeker International Yachts and were VIPs for the day



Sheds are brilliant for socialising, getting out and doing something creative.

Actually, we think we're the best thing ever, but it's still good to get out sometimes and do something a bit different. Last November six Shedders from the Southbourne Men's Shed did just that. The Shedders headed west for a day as VIP guests of Sunseeker International Yachts at Poole, Dorset. They were welcomed into a very plush meeting room with coffee and pastries and shown a short film about the company and its range of world beating luxury yachts by Sunseeker's Colin Nowles, the guide for the day. How the other half live, eh? It was then 'all aboard' the chauffeur driven Merc' for the official tour of the manufacturing facilities, stopping first at a large factory where they were shown how the furniture for each boat is constructed using mainly plywood, MDF and HDF boards. Able to stop and chat with the skilled woodworkers they learned a lot about modern lightweight construction techniques. The workforce was friendly and

were pleased to stop and ensure the Shedders were enjoying the VIP visit.

They saw vast machines for laminating boards with the beautiful finishes we associate with 'up market' décor. On then to the upholsterers to see the production of soft furnishings, using the finest leather and durable materials, for the outside sundecks as well as the interiors lounges and cabins.

Finally, before being taken to an excellent Christmas hot buffet lunch at one of Poole's top restaurants there was time to see the design team at work building a mock up of a new yacht destined for a large boat show in February next year and the vast electronics division which was busy making switchboards and cable looms with miles of various coloured wires. The afternoon was spent at the main factory on the waterside at Poole. In one of several buildings, a massive hangar, is a giant overhead crane for moving the huge yacht hulls during stages of

construction. The well-fed VIPs were led around the vast hulls and then upstairs to view, from above, the construction, almost from scratch, of huge 95ft long luxury yachts. Sunseeker work on four of these boats at a time and they are in various stages of construction. The first hull shell was being formed from fibreglass by a fast working team of specialists who are working to strict time limits to ensure the fibreglass for the hull skin, up to two inches thick in places, is laid before the resin 'goes off' and becomes too hard to work with. Next to this hull is another in an advanced stage with the internal bulkhead walls, to strengthen the outer shell, in place along with the engine room and cabins. The next one has decks, most of the wall panels and stairs and miles of exposed pipes and wires in place. The final boat of the four in this building has most parts fitted and is almost ready to be moved outside and prepared for final fixing and testing. The Shedders described it as 'just a perfect day'. Treated as true VIPs their day was completed by climbing aboard a finished yacht to explore and receiving a 'goodies bag' of mementoes of the visit. The Shedders said that Colin from Sunseeker was a perfect gentleman, who delivered the full VIP treatment and made the day pleasant, interesting and memorable.

Where could you visit with your fellow Shedders to explore local history? Keep us up to date with your adventures.

VOLUNTEER IT YOURSELF

Need repairs or materials for your Shed? Want to become a mentor?

Volunteer it Yourself (VIY) is a social enterprise that finds community spaces in need of repair and mentors young people to complete the repairs themselves. They help improve community spaces, teach young people skills and bring communities together in the process.

They are currently looking to work with Men's Sheds across the UK along with their major partner Wickes, who help by providing their projects with free materials and tools.

Please get in touch with them if:

- You would like help with a repair or improvement project at your Shed

- You would like help with the practical work of setting up a Shed and think their model might suit you.

- You share facilities with a community building and think they would like help with repairs or improvements

- You are interested in setting up a project and would be interested in some free materials or tools

In return, you and your Shed get the opportunity to be DIY mentors for young people and pass on your skills to the next generation.

Being a mentor is a rewarding and highly flexible opportunity to make a difference in your area.

If you'd be interested in what Volunteer it Yourself have to offer or have any questions, please contact Tom via email to tom@teamviy.com, or give him a call on 07813 141035 from Monday to Friday 9am-5.30pm.

VIY have been speaking with a number of Sheds about how they can work together to support this project and the development of Sheds. It is a great opportunity to improve your Shed and give back to the community at the same time.



Win an iPad!

We're giving one lucky Shedder a brand new Apple iPad for filling out our national Shedder survey. All you have to do to be in with a chance is fill out the survey at the link below. Once we reach 500 responses from UK Sheddors, we'll pick a winner at random. Please circulate to all of your fellow Sheddors and Shed leaders.

What's more, your responses will help us to shape our services for Men's Sheds across the UK. **We only need 250 more responses**

If you haven't already completed it, it only takes five minutes!



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/UKMSAShedderSurvey2017/>

Entrants must be members of a Men's Shed in the UK, complete the survey in full and be contactable after the draw.

ARE YOU READY FOR GDPR?

New General Data Protection Regulation takes effect 25th May 2018



The GDPR - the General Data Protection Regulation - is the new EU-wide law governing data protection. It will supersede the longstanding Data Protection Act 1998 as of Friday 25th May this year. The new law sets out requirements for how organisations will need to handle personal data. All Sheds will be in some way effected. It is therefore paramount that your management committee or trustees are aware of the new law and know what they need to do, to prepare for, and be compliant with it.

The new regulation does not introduce significant changes to existing data protection law, so if your procedures are compliant with existing data protection law, then much of what you do will remain the same. However, there are a few new elements to the GDPR and some significant enhancements which must be taken seriously. Not least because the GDPR increases penalties for non-compliance.

The GDPR is relevant to any organisation - including voluntary groups - who keep and process personal data. This includes information on employees, volunteers, services users, members, supporters and donors. That means it will be relevant to every Men's Shed.

The Information Commissioner's Office - the UK's independent authority to uphold information rights in the interest of the public - is the regulator for data protection in the UK.

Key points to note about the new regulation include:

- The GDPR governs the handling and processing of all personal data and sensitive personal data, including that for volunteers, for example, your Shed's management committee, and service users (Shedders).
- There is a requirement for all organisations who process personal data to record their methods, purposes and lawful bases for processing the data.
- The GDPR allows individuals to request to see the personal data that you hold about them. If you haven't already, you need to start preparing for the GDPR now.

You may not have to change much of your approach to personal data handling, but working through the requirements now will save a lot of stress than leaving it until the regulation kicks in. You will be affected.

For more information on the GDPR and the requirements under the new legislation, see the guides and templates in our member's resource library, tailored specifically for Sheds, [here](#).

Alternatively, give us a call.



FUNDING ROUND-UP

The latest grant or funding stream that may help your Shed.

Relying entirely on grant funding is rarely the best approach to sustaining your Shed, but sometimes it can serve as a little boost. You might have your eye on tools, need to add a toilet or want to hold an event to attract members. We take a look at the latest fund that you may just be eligible for.

APPLY TO BE A CO-OP LOCAL CAUSE

The Co-op Local Community Fund gives money to local causes, helping to bring people together and make a difference. [Find out more about how the fund works](#)

To apply to be a Co-op cause you must have a project or event in mind that:

- takes place in the UK or Isle of Man
- doesn't have religious or political aims (although you can still apply if you're a religious organisation)
- meets the Co-op's values
- takes place or will still be running after October 2019
- benefits your local community

Co-op state they'll 'give preference to projects run by small, local organisations that make a real difference to people in their community.' If you're unsure about your organisation's status [check what types of organisations can apply](#).

Applications close on Sunday 8 April 2018.

Have you applied before and been unsuccessful?

Co-op have changed some of their criteria so are considering supporting a wider range of causes beyond charities to include community organisations, co-ops and social enterprises. So apply again, you might be eligible this time around.



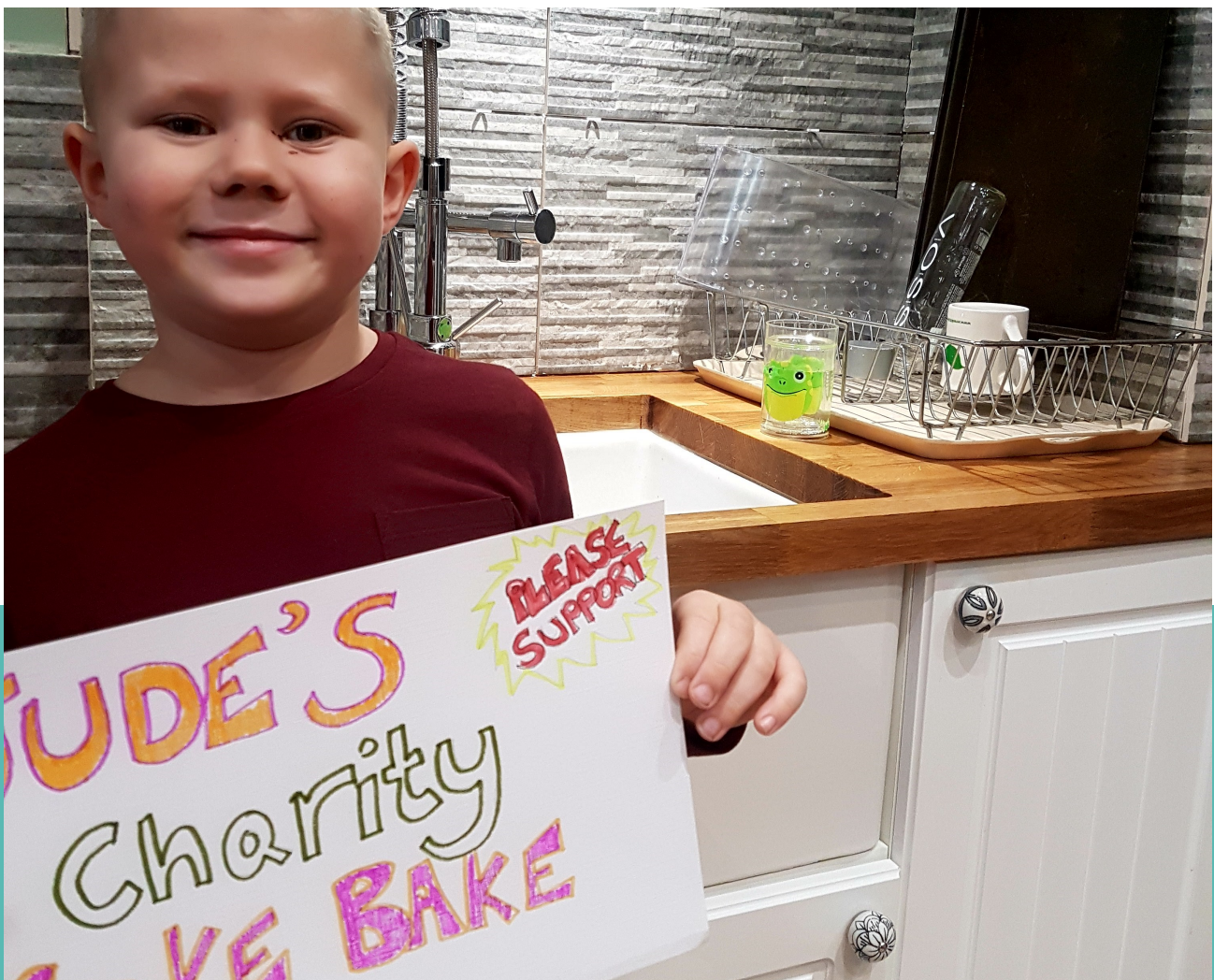
COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR SHEDS

Goffs Oak Masonic Lodge are planning a year of fundraising events to help support their local Sheds and to promote UKMSA.

Lee Cannon, from Goffs Oak Lodge, said Men's Sheds were 'a cause very close to home which have inspired us to pull out all the stops and raise as much as we can. The concept of helping others through Men's Sheds struck a cord with the Lodge as we are passionate about supporting those causes that don't receive masses of attention, but whose work impact on those who need it.'

The fundraising started early with 6 year old Jude running a Christmas coffee morning (pictured) where (with a little help) he baked lots of cakes and with the help of the Christmas Grinch sold raffle tickets, managing to raise £700 to start the fundraising off with great momentum. Thank you, Jude!

Other events being planned this year include a quiz and raffle night, black tie Gala and a casino night. Follow the events on Twitter @GoffsOakLodge.



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