



# Andover Town Council

To note End of Grant Report(s).

Item  
No.

**12b**

**Produced for:** Full Council

**By:** Community Officer

**Date of Report:** 7 June 2023

End of Grant Report:  
Awarded:

**Andover Mens Shed Association**  
£369.88 in March 2023

Dear Andover Town Council,  
 Andover Mens Shed was recently awarded a generous grant towards purchasing equipment to help us collect dust and create a healthy environment to our members, visitors and the general public using the Chantry Centre in Andover - our new home and workshop!  
 This grant went towards the purchase of dedicated dust collection apparatus for use when we are using tools that create dust and sawdust etc. We originally quoted 3 units from a well-known tool store in Basingstoke.



After we were awarded the grant we ordered the new units, paid for them and were told a few days later that they had recently run out of stock and had discontinued this item from their range. An alternative item was more than double the amount of our grant, so we looked elsewhere and found an equivalent item of which we were able to purchase 4 units instead of the budgeted 3 units. These units are proving to be an excellent purchase, the features on each machine far exceed the features on the original items and so we are very pleased with them.

If you happen to walk by our new workshop, you will see the empty boxes decorating our window! If we are there, which is usually Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00 am until our stomachs tell us it's lunchtime around 1..-1.30pm!

Please call in and introduce yourselves, have a chat, a cuppa and biscuits are always available and we will show you our new machines, and explain what we do and how we have got to this point. We are always looking for keen new members, (our age is a sad terminator of our members), we make items on our lathe such as : pens, bowls and other turned items, sometimes to order, We have a range of bird nesting boxes, bird tables, garden planters and around Christmas we produce seasonal item such as log reindeers, candle holders and Christmas themed decorations.

We are often asked to repair broken items from home which most of the time have been successful! One lady brought a broken side table in for repair which we achieved, a couple of weeks later the table returned - broken in another place! To help raise our funds - rent, energy costs, new equipment and general running costs we have a set of crazy golf for kiddies, and for the adults we have a set of stocks which at this time of year are always popular! ( perhaps Andover Town Council should invest in a set - permanently installed in the town outside the Guildhall for those that overstep the mark in Andover?) We take these games to fetes, the Carnival and other events in and around Andover. We look forward to seeing you, and again, Thank you very much for approving our request for this recent grant.

Below are a few pictures of our workshop and the new dust collectors.

Roger Evans

Chairman and Maker of Things Andover mens Shed

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