



# Men in Sheds Haltemprice Newsletter June 2020

We are sending you this newsletter because you expressed an interest in The Men in Sheds Group for Haltemprice. We have made some progress with getting the group started, but the corona virus has stopped any face to face meetings and slowed down our progress. Even so, enough has happened to let you know what's going on.

## What has been happening

### Charity

We have received a lot of help and guidance from Humber and Wolds Rural Action. Carole Johnson, the Community Development Officer from HWRA, helped us set up a charity called Men in Sheds Haltemprice (no. 1188076) which was founded in February 2020. Our activities are listed with the Charity Commission as:

WE ARE A CHARITY THAT ENABLES MEN TO WORK TOGETHER IN A PRACTICAL AND SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT. WE MAKE ITEMS AND JOIN IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THIS DECREASES LONELINESS IN PREDOMINANTLY MEN AND IMPROVES THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. WE WORK UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF MEN IN SHEDS UK

We have seven trustees and you can see more about them below.

### Premises

Right from the beginning we knew we needed somewhere to meet. We need a space to set up equipment and leave it set up. That needs to be secure to protect the equipment but also to prevent anyone else getting hurt by the equipment – we can't risk a child turning on a bandsaw. Have been looking for premises, though the process has been a little slow because meeting has been restricted by the pandemic rules.

We have looked at the building in Anlaby owned by the Anlaby Community Care Association. It is a large building with a lot of potential and discussions are still underway.

We looked at the hall beside St Mark's church in Anlaby. It is a marvelous hall with lots of potential, but we couldn't have any part of it for exclusive use. This means we could not set up any permanent equipment. The only secure storage area we could use is under the stage, which has limited access and limited head height. This would mean moving any equipment in and out of a restricted space at the beginning and end of each session, which seems to be not feasible.

We looked at the scout hall behind St Marks in Anlaby. A room was offered which is currently a fairly full store room. Following discussions it seems that not everything in the

store room could be removed, so the space left for us would be quite small. We could have exclusive use of part of the store so permanent equipment could be left out but the space was not big enough.

A building in Pryme Street in Anlaby was offered for rent. It has good access and good parking. The space is tidy but really quite small. The rent seemed quite high and the space didn't seem to be big enough for more than a handful of people to work together. It would be difficult to have an area separate from any noisy, dirty or dusty work so it didn't seem to fit our needs.

We have been offered a space behind the offices in Hessle in Peeler House, principally as a storage space. More about that below.

## Donations

We put out a few requests on social media for any tools, equipment or supplies that people may want to donate to us. It has been really heartening how much support there has been with a lot of useful stuff given to us. More offers are still arriving.

Currently most of these tools are in trustees' garages waiting for a permanent home. Here's a few photos of the range of donations:



## Other local groups

The HWRA team have worked with other localities, supporting them to set Men in Sheds groups in their area. Together we have formed the Humber Men in Sheds Alliance. This has and will continue to enable us to link with other sheds, share skills and best practice ideas and in the longer term facilitate joint working on projects. All the sheds are at different stages of development and further on than we are with finding premises. The pandemic rules have stopped most activities of course, but people are keen to meet up again. We have invitations to visit these other groups and there's lots to learn from what they have done already.

## What are we doing now

The donations of equipment keeps rolling in. We need to collect it all and store it. We have a simple system to record all the equipment and donations are listed on our website with photos.

We have been very kindly offered some secure storage at Peeler House in Hessle. We have needed to move some of the existing stored materials there to make enough space for our stuff and the first couple of items have arrived in the store. There is still some extra work needed to make more space. When we get our own premises we will move all this there, but in the short term we are very grateful to Jim at Raymond James for their help.

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Some members have, of course, been enjoying making things at home during this lockdown.

One thing that's possible to do at home is create a website. Chris has designed a website to share information amongst all the membership. You can see the site here <https://mis-haltemprice.uk/wp/>

Our treasurer, Ian, has been making animated birthday cards from spare parts and old toys. You can see a video of one of his creations on our website here: <https://mis-haltemprice.uk/wp/blog/animated-birthday-card/> . He has promised to make more.

Don, one of our members, was visiting Australia when the virus swept across the world and has remained there since. He helped to make respirators based on some work he did

many years ago in South Africa. You can see more here:  
<https://mis-haltemprice.uk/wp/blog/building-ventilators/>

## **Who's who**

The trustees of our new charity are:

Pete Bristow, chairman

Ian Jones, treasurer

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## **How to contact us**

If you want to contact us you can send an email to: [contact@mis-haltemprice.uk](mailto:contact@mis-haltemprice.uk)

You can use the contact page on the website to say hello and let us know what you think.

You can find that here: <https://mis-haltemprice.uk/wp/contact-us/>