



Men in Sheds Haltemprice Newsletter September 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 running, but the corona virus has slowed down our progress. Even so, enough has happened to let you know what's going on.

What has been happening

Meetings

The trustees have been making regular internet meetings using Zoom. We have got past the usual greeting of someone saying 'can you hear me', and people have got the hang of it now.

Premises

We have narrowed our choice of premises down and we're now persuing a building in Anlaby. The problems with face-to-face meetings are slowing things down, but progress is now being made. We now understand the issues and costs of the building and what we need to do in the short term and ongoing. We ultimately want to take ownership of the building, but in the short term we're hoping to get permission to use the building as we want.

We have been doing some work tidying around the premises to help the current owners keep it in good order and there is more to do there. The building needs some minor outside maintenance too. We will hope to modify the building internally when we take it over, principally to set up a workshop space and a clean space.

We will announce much more about the premises when we have proper use of the place.

We are still using the storage space behind the offices in Hessle at Peeler House, which continues to be very helpful. We also have a small trailer stored there.

Funding

We now have a bank account for the charity. It took a huge amount of work from Bob chasing the banks – yes banks, we gave up on one. Having a bank account is essential in applying for funding. Sadly the other requirement for most donors is premises, so we will have to wait.

We originally received seed funding to get started from the East Riding Council, which we have used some of it, for example getting keys and locks for the storage space.

We have received a grant from Anlaby with Anlaby Common parish council. This will help with a variety of things we need to do, especially with conversion and maintenance of future premises.

We received a donation from Raymond James in return for helping repair their fence.

We have applied for some Lottery funding for some technology, such as a laptop and printer. We're waiting to hear about that.

Donations

We have received some more donations of tools and equipment. It is all stored at Hessele at the moment.

Video

We have been asked to make a short video to introduce ourselves, you might like to take a look here: <https://mis-haltemprice.uk/wp/blog/introductory-video/>

How to contact us

We would like to hear from you about anything we are doing or any ideas you might have.

If you want to contact us you can send an email to: 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/>