

Men's Sheds

I attended a meeting of 'A Shed for Hart' held in Hook on 8th November.
Copy of 'minutes' attached.

Jane has been looking into the idea of a 'Men's Shed' within Yateley for a while.
The concept basically provides a place where men (the name does not exclude women from joining) can go and 'do as a group' what they would normally do in their own shed.
There are no exclusions to what can be done in the shed, but some activities may be limited by available space, such as car mechanics.
Typical examples of activities would be woodwork, metalwork, electrical repair, electronics etc.

The 'Men's Shed' provides an opportunity for retired or people with spare time to indulge in their hobbies either for their own end or in community projects.
It provides an opportunity for members to learn skills from others, as well as passing on their own skills.
It provides contact with like-minded people.

An opportunity arose with the 'shed' adjacent to Yateley Village Hall, which has been accumulating rubbish for the past decade.
2 weeks ago Cllr Spencer (Chair Village Hall), Peter Millson (Vice Chair Village Hall) and myself set about emptying the shed, with everything collected and disposed of free of charge by Collards.
The shed is now empty, and whilst not in perfect condition is a platform to work from.

Next Steps:

- Village Hall Management Committee to agree transfer of 'shed' to Yateley Town Council
- Recommend YTC apply for S106 funds from Hart DC for refurbishment of 'shed' under leisure heading
- YTC / Jane to produce flyer to 'spark interest' and attract members
- YTC / Jane to act as 'hub' for initial set up of 'Yateley Men's Shed' group
- Committee to be formed by interested members
- Recommend YTC hand over building on 'peppercorn rent agreement'
- VHMC (subject to approval) to allow use of kitchen & toilets at Village Hall by members
- Men's Shed Committee take over set up and running of 'Yateley Men's Shed'

Regards
Cllr Chris Barnes