



## Felixstowe Men's Shed (FMS)

### Report: Felixstowe Town Council Annual Meeting 2022

Today we find ourselves in a spacious barn that is undergoing a transformation with the internal building of a meeting room measuring 16 feet square, Ample room for a kitchen area, office requirements with table and chairs.

The change from planned containers to the barn has come courtesy of Robin Hill at Bidwell's acting on behalf of Trinity College Cambridge who has allowed use of a vacant barn at Great Street Farm, High Road, Trimley St. Mary. Opposite the barn a plot of land has been made available to develop a wellness garden and land clearance is underway. All augurs well for Shed and projects continue to be carried out while all this internal work is underway. Grants have been forthcoming to allow the barn to be fitted to a good but basic layout. As I write we are waiting for mains electrics to be connected, fortunately all is now in hand. Our generator has stood us in good stead.



Shed Meeting Room taking shape: Rainbow Project being completed at Wadgate Road Community Hub.

Nothing is possible without the hard work behind the scenes by members of the committee who have given time and effort to permit the progress you now find with FMS.

Grants from various sources have enabled a professional workshop to develop. Special thanks go to Felixstowe Town Council for a grant that has provided the funds for of a £3k professional table saw with a cast metal top and sliding carriageway. This is positioned centrally as it is the most essential piece of the workshop as we move forward.

The new professionally produced brochure and our exhibition stand is on display at the Annual Town Council Meeting. We look forward meeting new members at our Shed. The brochure explains the ethos behind 'Men's Shed's'. Currently we are open every Tuesday and Thursday 10.00am until lunchtime and details can be found at [www.felixstowemensshed.org.uk](http://www.felixstowemensshed.org.uk)

The future of FMS is assured with a number of projects in the pipeline and membership that increases together with internal works moving rapidly given our open hours.

Finally, my thanks to members for continued support and enthusiasm that make our Shed possible.

Tony Allen Chairman Felixstowe Men's Shed