

Landguard & Felixstowe Conservation Trust
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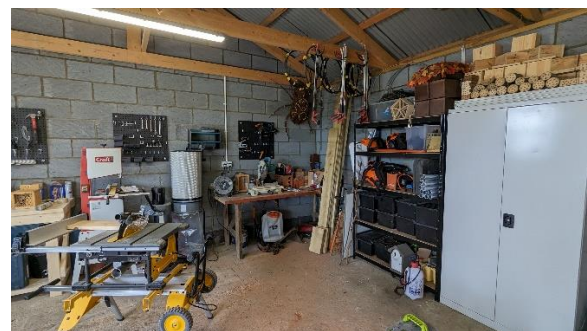


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Felixstowe Town Council Occasional Grant Award 2022 – Volunteer Workshop

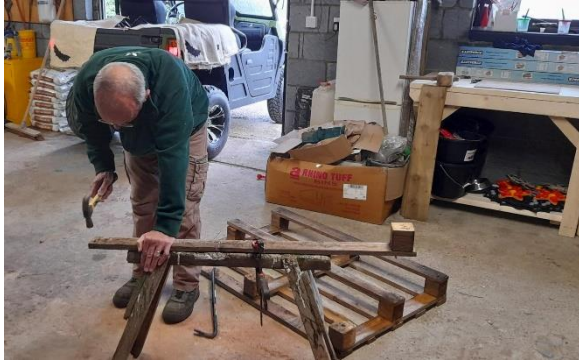
Prior to being awarded funds from Felixstowe Town Council, Landguard Nature Reserve volunteers had been restricted to working outdoors only, as there was no suitably equipped space to facilitate indoor tasks. This resulted in working party cancellations when the weather was unfavourable and prevented volunteers participating in the preparation of materials for tasks prior to organised working parties.

The FTC Occasional Grant award facilitated the purchase of workshop items such as workstations, shelving, and storage. With these new items, the Ranger has been able to furnish part of the garage to create a safe indoor workshop space, that enables volunteers to join the Ranger in task preparations, work under cover and participate in additional volunteer opportunities.



Since receiving the grant and creating the space, volunteers have assisted with activities and special projects such as building bat roost features to create a hibernacula on site, working on art projects, processing timber, build bug box carcasses, maintaining tools and preparing signage for bird cordons.

Charity Registration number: 1198844



The new space has been much utilised, especially during November 2022, which proved to be a very wet month. During this time volunteers were still able to assist with the Reserve's activities, rather than being advised of last-minute cancellations as has happened in previous wet periods.

The provision of an indoor workspace will greatly assist with the retention of volunteers as we are now able to offer opportunities throughout the year as well as enabling volunteers to participate in more varied tasks and provides a space that allows the Ranger to work more efficiently.

Future projects that will utilise the new space include, timber processing to construct bat boxes, Shelduck boxes, wildlife camera housing, barriers and railings and notice board refurbishment.

The support of the Felixstowe Town Council and the granted award to further enable the Nature Reserve's engagement with volunteers and continued conservation work is greatly appreciated.