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Humber Men in Sheds Alliance Newsletter

April 2023 Edition 15



**A few April facts to kick off this month’s newsletter.**

**The Romans called the month of April, Aprillus. It is believed to come from the verb aperire, which means to bloom or open.**

**Famous people born in the month of April include Charlie Chaplin, Leonardo da Vinci, Hans Christian Anderson and Shirley Temple.**

**It was on 15 April 1912 that the Titanic hit an iceberg in the Atlantic Ocean and sank. Only 700 of the 2,224 passengers were rescued.**

**Those born in the month of April have a diamond as their birthstone and the birth flower is either a daisy or a sweet pea.**

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[Older People - Charles Hayward Foundation](http://www.charleshaywardfoundation.org.uk/older-people/)

**Magic Little Grants – localgiving & People’s Postcode Lottery**

After successfully distributing £500 grants to 2,650 charitable organisations in 2022, applications are now open for 2023. The deadline for applications is 31st October 2023.

With a simple 20-minute application process for a £500 grant and an outcome within six weeks, the Magic Little Grants fund reduces the work required for grass-roots organisations to access the funding they need to launch or strengthen their services. The following criteria apply:

* Organisations must either be in their first year of operation or have an annual income under £250,000.
* Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work.
* Organisations and the projects for which they apply must be located within England, Scotland, or Wales,

Please note that schools are eligible to apply if they are a registered charity. Groups may only apply once in 2023 for a grant.

[Magic Little Grants | Localgiving](https://localgiving.org/magic-little-grants/)

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[Small Grants Programme | Sport England](https://www.sportengland.org/funds-and-campaigns/our-funds/small-grants-programme)

**Big Energy Saving Loans – Big Issue Invest**

Big Issue Invest is offering loan finance between £20,000 to £150,000 to social enterprises and charities in England, for energy efficiency and renewable energy installation.

This lending programme is aimed at enabling social enterprises and charities to access loan funding to help save money on energy during the unprecedented cost of living crisis. Investment can be used for a variety of projects, including:

* Insulation
* Buying and installing renewable energy equipment
* Heat exchangers and heat pumps
* LED light installations
* Replacing old gas fired boiler systems with new efficient ones
* Property improvements, such as extra single glazing on existing windows, double glazing improvements, systematic draught improvements
* Energy efficiency survey and technical assistance costs

The loans can be structured to your individual needs.  They can be unsecured which means they will not require you to put any personal guarantees in place, or interfere with other financing arrangements that require security.

[Big Energy Saving Loans - The Big Issue](https://www.bigissue.com/invest/big-energy-saving-loans/)

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**Climate Action Fund – The National Lottery Community Fund**

This funding aims to help communities across the UK to address climate change.

They’re looking for projects that focus on the link between nature and climate. They want to fund projects that use nature to encourage more community-led climate action. The Fund expect these projects to bring other important social and economic benefits such as the creation of strong, resilient and healthy communities or the development of ‘green’ skills and jobs.

They are interested in projects that can do at least one of the following:

* show how creating a deeper connection with nature will lead to changing people’s behaviours and greater care for the environment.
* show how by bringing nature back into the places we live and work, we can help communities to reduce or adapt to the impacts of climate change.

They’re looking to fund between 12 and 15 projects with up to £1.5 million over 2 to 5 years, with most projects between £300,000 and £500,000. Development grants of £50,000 to £150,000 over 12 to 18 months are also available.

You can also apply for ‘Energy and Climate’ funding. They want to fund projects that:

* encourage communities to use energy in an environmentally friendly way
* bring communities together so that they can explore ways to promote energy efficiency
* enable communities to understand and engage with opportunities for clean energy generation, which do not use fossil fuels.

Projects can apply for up to £1.5 million over 2 to 5 years, with most projects over £500,000. Minimum grant £500,000. They aim to fund around 8-12 projects.

[Climate Action Fund | The National Lottery Community Fund (tnlcommunityfund.org.uk)](https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/programmes/climate-action-fund-programme)

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| **Free funding? Now that’s unexpected** |
| Recent times have told us to expect the unexpected, and in the current climate, what is more unexpected than free funding?  7,500 online retailers – including Sainsbury’s, M&S, trainline, eBay, Argos, Tesco and Booking.com – will donate money to your voluntary organisation, charity, or CIC when your supporters shop with them.  It’s simple - a proportion of what they spend online is shared with your organisation, **at no extra cost to them**. It includes everyday online purchases and a couple of unexpected ways too.  **Receive over £200**  Over a year, just one person could raise over £200 for you by doing their weekly food shop online at Asda, Tesco, Sainsbury’s, Waitrose, and many other supermarkets.  **Receive up to £40**  When your supporters switch their broadband, TV package, and other household bills, they could raise up to £40.  **Receive up to £30**  Booking holidays and travel can also raise up to £30 each time, and so can renewing annual insurances like home, car, or pet.  To start raising money in unexpected ways, sign your organisation up to easyfundraising today: [easyfundraising.ervas.org.uk](https://ervas.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=fe02115e8d4855126e495bed6&id=dd1e09e42d&e=c4d3e6f5fc) |
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[**Cost of Living Crisis Fund**](https://ddlnk.net/1Z67-88G7M-GNGLCX-53CHUS-1/c.aspx)

The Cost of Living Crisis Fund remains open for grants of up to £10,000 to support key community hubs (including for core overheads), as well as smaller grants to provide emergency support for local people. Please read the guidelines.

Funding up to **£10,000**

North Yorkshire, East Yorkshire, York and Hull

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North Yorkshire, East and Hull Deadline: ongoing

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Barclays Digital Wings have offered us the chance to access their digital training for FREE for network members. The idea is that you would develop the skills to help others whether family, friends, colleagues or service users with digital matters.

I need to know if you are interested, what dates would work for you best and how many people you would like to attend this from your organisation. Barclays are happy to deliver the training to staff, volunteers and/or service users. I also need an indication if you would like a joint session with other network members or one just for your organisation.

There are 3  x 90 minute sessions that give you the skills needed to help others with digital matters plus 3 x 90 online courses that you can do in your own time. There is accreditation once the 6 sessions are completed.

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| **Virtual Sessions (90 mins each)** | **Online Courses (max 90 mins each)** |
| Intro Session  Some of the topics included:   * Intros and building a network * Overview and expectations * Soft-skills: building confidence and teaching others * Intro to e-learning | Communicating:     * + Communicate online   + Basics of email   + Intro to word   + Intro to Facebook   + Intro to WhatsApp |
| Digital Basics  Some of the topics included:   * Internet browsers * Search engines * WiFi * YouTube * Sharing with others | Transacting:     * + Making payments   + Banking online   + Shopping online   + Accessing public services   + Financial wellbeing |
| Fraud and Scams  Some of the topics included:   * Psychology behind fraud and scams * Phishing, vishing and smishing * Common scams * Safety tips * Sharing with others | Safe and legal online:     * + Fraud and Scams   + Managing passwords   + Keeping your device safe   + Using tech to keep you safe   + Protecting your data |

**Additional support offered by local business KEYO AGRICULTURAL SERVICES LTD**

* Support with social media platforms
* Health and safety handbooks and work instructions etc including use of certain tools etc
* Help with any flyers / promo leaflets etc
* Help with any HR related support
* First Aid Training

If any shed would like to receive any of the above support please contact Kerry Chenery [Kerry.Chenery@hwrcc.org.uk](mailto:Kerry.Chenery@hwrcc.org.uk)

**VANL Events & Training**

We have a number of events and training courses taking place (you can click the date or time to book a place):

* **Social Media Training -**[3rd July at 10am – 12pm, 16th November at 10 – 12pm](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=1d2e1fe5b4&e=19180d3933)
* **Fundraising Training -**[3rd July at 1pm – 3pm, 16th November at 1pm – 3pm](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=659ac114de&e=19180d3933)
* **Guide to Governance; Setting up your organisation and trustee roles/responsibilities -**[15th May at 1pm - 3pm](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=0efef835d9&e=19180d3933)

**Guide to Governance; Managing your charity -**[22nd May at 1pm - 3pm](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=a80d8bd789&e=19180d3933)

**CERT Training**

Thursday 4th May 2023 – **How To Set Up A Community Handyman Service**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/540948520587](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=ca4316b25a&e=19180d3933)

 Thursday 11th May 2023 –**Networking For Growth**

[https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/540949202627](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=3f8bf99610&e=19180d3933)

[**Supporting mental health in the workplace**](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=665093e558&e=19180d3933) - Bitesize digital event (1 hour) [16 May](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=bec71e50a0&e=19180d3933) - £30 per delegate  [View details](https://vanl.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=523fc07e1715e9c65bc78bd31&id=d6d6390192&e=19180d3933)

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**LIVE WELL**

**Our Aims and Objectives**

We are here to support and enable the people of North Lincolnshire to take an active part in volunteering within their communities through accessible support and information from our volunteering advisers.

The Volunteer Hub are a central service provided by The Voluntary Community & Social Enterprise Alliance North Lincolnshire. The VCSE Alliance is a group of voluntary and community sector organisations who came together to form the Alliance so that they could work better together and support other voluntary and community groups across North Lincolnshire.

We work in partnership with a wide range of voluntary and community groups and organisations to develop and grow diverse volunteering opportunities across North Lincolnshire. We support grass roots groups to take voluntary action in their communities and remain sustainable.

For more information, click on the below link;

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**London Hearts**

London Hearts, the leading heart charity dealing with the funding, procurement and supply of life-saving defibrillators throughout the entire of the UK.

Recent publicised events has highlighted the fact that **Cardiac Arrest does not discriminate and can happen to anyone, of any age, at any time!**

The statistics are alarming - Cardiac Arrest kills over 60,000 people, of all ages, in the UK each year.  If a heart defibrillator is used within 3-5mins of a cardiac arrest, the chances of survival increases from 6% to a huge 74%

We are currently able to offer you Grant Funding towards the cost of each Defibrillator we supply.

With every Defibrillator, we also provide free online CPR/Defibrillator awareness training.

Equipment is available now.

If you have any queries please feel free to contact me either by telephone on 02070432493 or by email reply at:  [cerys@londonhearts.org](mailto:cerys@londonhearts.org)

To receive further information on the Defibrillators we supply along with a non-obligatory quote, simply complete our short online application at:  <https://www.londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib>

If you do have the benefit of a Defibrillator please ensure you check that it is still under manufacturer warranty and that the pads & battery have not expired.

**Investing in spaces and places grants – Asda Foundation**

Investing in Spaces and Places is Asda Foundation’s higher value grant for local groups aimed at improving spaces in the heart of local communities.

The Foundation know small grass roots organisations play a vital role in their community, making positive change and improving people’s lives every day, but the challenge for many is having the appropriate space and place to bring people together to deliver this fantastic work.

Asda Foundation will be investing £500,000+ for this grant in 2023 to support bigger community projects within local communities where local people can be together and thrive.

Grants will be between £10,000 and £25,000 and the application window opened on 6 February and will close on 19 March 2023.

The grant criteria will focus on investing in community spaces and places and projects must fall into at least one of the following categories:

1. Building Repairs
2. Building Development
3. Outdoor Development

[Foundation Grants | Asda Foundation](https://www.asdafoundation.org/foundation-grants)

**Morrisons Foundation**

The Morrisons Foundation awards grant funding for charity projects which make a positive difference in local communities. From support groups to children’s hospitals and homeless shelters to hospices, the grants aim to provide vital funding for good causes across England, Scotland and Wales.

In the main grants are available to fully fund projects up to £25,000.

[Morrison Foundation Making a difference to people's lives (morrisonsfoundation.com)](https://www.morrisonsfoundation.com/)

[Apply for the Heat Network Efficiency Scheme (HNES) Round 1 - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/heat-network-efficiency-scheme-hnes)

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**Biffa Award – Main Grant Scheme**

Biffa Award’s Main Grants Scheme is aimed at community and cultural groups and organisations, situated in the vicinity of landfill sites, that are in need of funding to improve the quality of life in their community or to conserve wildlife.

There are four themes - Community Buildings, Recreation, Cultural Facilities and Rebuilding Biodiversity. Under these themes we provide funding to create or improve community amenities. For example, upgrading kitchens, meeting rooms and toilets in village halls and community facilities; creating new playparks; installing new seating, lighting and exhibitions within theatres and museums; or establishing, protecting and enhancing habitats for biodiversity.

Between £10,000 and £75,000 can be awarded to projects that have a total cost of less than £200,000 including VAT.

Project sites must be within 5 miles of a significant Biffa Operation or active Biffa Landfill Site (15 miles for Rebuilding Biodiversity projects) and within 10 miles of

any licenced landfill site in England and Northern Ireland.

This is a rolling programme and as such there are no deadlines to submit an Expression of Interest in the Main Grants Scheme.

[Home Page - Biffa Award (biffa-award.org)](https://www.biffa-award.org/)

**FCC Community Action Fund**

The FCC Community Action Fund provides grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 to not-for-profit organisations for amenity projects eligible under Object D of the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

The following types or organisation can apply:

* Registered Charity which operates a community facility
* A Church or Parochial Church Council
* A Parish or Town Council or a Management Committee or User Association acting on behalf of a Parish or Town Council
* A Local Authority
* A CASC Registered Sports Club

Only applications for projects sited within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment waste facility can be accepted, you can check if you are located near an eligible site on their website.

The current round of applications closes on 8 March 2023. The next round opens on 22 March and closes on 7 June 2023.

[FCC Community Action Fund / FCC (fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk)](https://fcccommunitiesfoundation.org.uk/funds/fcc-community-action-fund)

**Landfill Communities Fund – SUEZ Communities Trust**

SUEZ Communities Trust (formerly SITA) provides funding awards of up to £50,000 to not-for-profit organisations to undertake work that is eligible under the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF). Applications are considered for three areas of work which qualify for funding through the LCF. These include:

* Public Amenities
* Historic Buildings, Structures or Sites
* Biodiversity

Projects can be supported that make physical improvements at sites located in any of 100 funding zones around qualifying sites owned by SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK.

<http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/>

**NFU Mutual Charitable Trust grants**

The Trust focuses on providing funding to larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.

The Trustees meet twice a year to consider applications received. These meetings are currently held in June and November.

The deadline for applications for the June 2023 meeting is 26 May 2023.

[Applications for Funding | Charitable Trust | NFU Mutual](https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/charitable-trust/applications-for-funding/)

**Masonic Charitable Foundation**

The Foundation now has rolling grant programmes with no deadlines as follows:

* Children and young people: This programme is open to national and local charities helping disadvantaged children and young people to overcome the challenges they face. Small grants are for charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000. These grants are unrestricted. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.

Large grants are for larger charities whose annual income exceeds £500,000. They must be restricted to a project. Large grants usually range from £10,000 to £60,000. They can be awarded over one to three years.

* Later life: This programme is open to local and national charities that are working to reduce loneliness and isolation in later life. Small grants are for smaller charities whose annual income does not exceed £500,000. They are to fund overhead costs. Small grants range from £1,000-£5,000 per year, for up to three years.

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[Grants to charities - The Masonic Charitable Foundation (mcf.org.uk)](https://mcf.org.uk/get-support/grants-to-charities/)

**Energy Redress Scheme – Energy Saving Trust**

Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Ofgem to distribute payments from energy companies who may have breached rules. The funds can pay for anything from making a home more energy efficient, to providing advice that helps consumers keep on top of their bills.

Energy Saving Trust has developed an open application process for charities seeking funding from the Energy Redress Scheme. Successful projects will be selected with input from an independent panel of experts and could cover a range of locations across England, Scotland and Wales.

The amount of funding available through the scheme varies throughout the year and will be reviewed on a quarterly basis in October, January, April and July. Eligible charities that have registered interest in the scheme will be notified when funds become available.

The minimum grant that can be requested is £20,000 and the maximum amount is the lesser of £2 million or the total value of the current fund.

The scheme can fund projects lasting up to two years, can fund 100 per cent of the project cost and can cover revenue and capital measures.

Round 13 of the Energy Redress Scheme is expected to open shortly. The previous round included the following elements:

* The Main Fund aimed at projects seeking grants between £50,000 and £750,000 that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
* The Small Project Fund aimed at projects seeking grants of between £20,000 and £49,999 that will support energy consumers in vulnerable situations.
* Innovation Fund aimed at projects that will develop innovative products or services to benefit energy consumers. Applicants can apply for grants between £50,000 and £500,000.
* Carbon Emissions Reduction Fund is targeted at projects that can help domestic energy consumers participate in the just transition to Net Zero CO2 emissions. The fund awards grants between £50,000 and £500,000.

<https://energyredress.org.uk/apply-funding>

**Garfield Weston Foundation**

The Foundation support a wide range of charities that make a positive difference, working in different sectors in the UK. These include welfare, youth, community, environment, education, health, arts, heritage and faith.

They fund small local organisations and large national institutions. Grants range from £1,000 to several million pounds, depending on each charity’s size and scope of work. The grants can be for your organisation’s running costs, for a specific activity or for capital projects. The Foundation are flexible and fund what charities need the most.

Normally, capital grants are no more than 10% of a total project cost. However, for local community projects (e.g. village halls, community centres, places of worship, etc.), grants are unlikely to be over £30,000 regardless of the project size. If your organisation wants to apply for £100,000 or over, they expect your annual income or project to be over £1 million.

[What we fund - Garfield Weston Foundation](https://garfieldweston.org/what-we-fund/)

**Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme – Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport**

The Government is providing up to £210m worth of voucher funding as immediate help for people suffering from slow broadband speeds in rural areas.

Vouchers worth up to £4,500 for homes and businesses help to cover the costs of installing gigabit broadband to people’s doorsteps.

You can check whether your premises is eligible for a voucher, find a list of registered suppliers, and see those who are active in your area on the website below.

<https://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk/>

**Awards for All, Reaching Communities and Partnerships – The National Lottery Community Fund**

The National Lottery Community Fund is open to all applications that meet their criteria, including support during COVID-19. With the COVID-19 pandemic still with us, they'll continue to support people and communities most adversely impacted by COVID-19. They can support you to:

* continue to deliver activity, whether you're supporting your existing users, responding to the immediate crisis or undertaking recovery activity
* change and adapt, becoming more resilient in order to respond to new and future challenges.

The Awards for All programme can provide between £300 and £10,000 for up to one year. The Reaching Communities programme offers larger amounts of funding (over £10,000) for up to 5 years. The Partnerships programme also offers a larger amount of funding (over £10,000) for organisations that work together with a shared set of goals to help their community thrive – whether that’s a community living in the same area, or people with similar interests or life experiences.

<https://www.tnlcommunityfund.org.uk/funding/covid-19/learn-about-applying-for-emergency-funding-in-england>

**Small Grants Scheme – Foyle Foundation**

This Small Grants Scheme is designed to support charities registered and operating in the United Kingdom, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Online applications can be accepted from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £150,000 per annum. Larger or national charities will normally not be considered under this scheme.

The focus will be to make one-year grants only to cover core costs or essential equipment, to enable ongoing service provision, homeworking, or delivery of online digital services to charities that can show financial stability.

The priority will be to support local charities still active in their communities which are currently delivering services to the young, vulnerable, elderly, disadvantaged or the general community either directly or through online support if possible.

Grants are available between £2000 and £10,000.

[Small Grants Scheme - (foylefoundation.org.uk)](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/small-grants-scheme/)

**Veterans’ Foundation grants**

If you represent a charity or an organisation that provide assistance to serving and former members of the British Armed Forces who are in need, you can apply for a grant from the Veterans' Foundation. Grants are also available to operationally qualified seafarers and their dependants.

[Apply for a grant | Veterans' Foundation (veteransfoundation.org.uk)](https://www.veteransfoundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/)

**£100m to support charities**

The Spring Budget was announced and support for the sector showed the power of our collective voice. You’ve been helping to influence greater help and recognition from the government. We are delighted the Chancellor recognised the vital role that charities play in supporting communities. He announced £100m to support charities with service delivery and energy efficiency... and more! [Read our reflections](http://links.ncvo.org.).

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| **UK Mens Sheds Funding update for Sheds** |
| As well as national funding pots which Men’s Sheds can apply to, there are a number of smaller funds. They may not seem as large a pot of money, but often the smaller grants can really add up. Community grants are a great place to start. |
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| **Easyfundraising webinar** |
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**GROWING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS See Link below for details**

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| *TIME IS TICKING TO ENTER YOUR CHARITY IN TO OUR £2,000 GIVEAWAY!* |

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| Designed to help charities with their fundraising activities, we know that a little bit can go a long way.    As the UK's leading supplier of charity sportswear and promotional items, our Giveaway offers a helping hand in the purchase of fundraising apparel, promotional items & branded goods.    To enter the 2023 Giveaway, simply complete the actions on the link below.    The more actions you complete, the more chances you have of winning! |

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| For more information contact Lucinda Hurrey on 07890 380 238 or [info@silversunday.org.uk](mailto:info@silversunday.org.uk?subject=null&body=null) |

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| We recognise Sheds and individuals that make a difference in their Sheds and local communities that exemplify the Shed movement. To qualify to be a Shed of the Year in one of the categories, you must be a current member of UKMSA.  This year we will celebrate the tenth year of the UK Men’s Sheds Association, and in recognition of this achievement we will host the Shed of the Year Awards in the **House of Lords at the Palace of Westminster.** Sheds and Volunteers shortlisted for an Award will be invited to the celebration.  The Shed of the Year Awards are being [sponsored by Tite-Fix](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=5b72e9f5fa&e=23ed7ee483) and will take place on 23rd May, 2023.  This year we have five categories and will celebrate the Shed’s contribution to the community, health and wellbeing, partnerships and supporting each other.  [Read more, and download your nomination form, on our website here.](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=91456af2a7&e=23ed7ee483) |

**Can you help give some time to TWAM?**

Tools with a Mission is a Christian Charity that transforms lives across Africa through the gift of skills, training and tools. Our mission statement sums it up:

**We collect usable donated tools, refurbish them, sort them into trade kits and send them to the developing world for livelihood creation.**

This is where you come in. Like all charities, we do ask for money, but not today. Today we are asking for your help recruiting volunteers to give us some of their precious time because the donated tools have to be collected by volunteers.

We send 18 containers packed with over 200 tonnes of tools to Africa annually, all down to volunteers. That amounts to over 450,000 individual tools every year being placed into the hands of people who will use them to transform their lives and communities.

Tywiing Mens Shed has recently joined UKMIS but there are several others, and we would love to engage with more and forge partnerships.

Even if you did not feel that you could become a TWAM collection point or local group, you could consider us for Tools surplus to what you can use or to redirect members of the public if you are getting full.

There are some significant reasons for supporting a charity such as ours in this way.

 You are helping others less fortunate than yourselves.

Helping and giving others an opportunity to earn a living

Environmental benefits as it keeps tools that can be reused out of landfills.

**This is all part of a big and exciting plan!**

There is so much demand for our tools that we need to double in size to have a chance to meet the demand. So we opened a new large Refurbishment Centre in the Midlands late last year. This is why we need many more collectors and refurbishers; we need to collect and refurbish many more tools.

Could you help us by passing on information to your members or other sheds in the area?

Could you become a Collection point or local group for TWAM?

I’d love to discuss what we do and how you could support our volunteer recruitment and answer your questions.  There are so many benefits for all of us, and it would be great to talk these through with you. If you are interested, please do get in touch with me.



**Volunteers' Week 2023: Celebrate and Inspire**

1-7 June | [find out more](http://links.ncvo.org.--6gw)

Volunteers’ Week is a UK wide campaign that takes place from 1-7 June every year to thank volunteers and celebrate volunteering efforts. This year's theme aims to highlight that our diversity is our strength, show that there is more than one way to volunteer and encourage people to be the change that we want to see.

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| **UK MEN IN SHEDS UPDATE**  recognise Sheds and individuals that make a difference in their Sheds and local communities that exemplify the Shed movement. To qualify to be a Shed of the Year in one of the categories, you must be a current member of UKMSA.  This year we will celebrate the tenth year of the UK Men’s Sheds Association, and in recognition of this achievement we will host the Shed of the Year Awards in the **House of Lords at the Palace of Westminster.** Sheds and Volunteers shortlisted for an Award will be invited to the celebration.  The Shed of the Year Awards are being [sponsored by Tite-Fix](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=5b72e9f5fa&e=23ed7ee483) and will take place on 23rd May, 2023.  This year we have five categories and will celebrate the Shed’s contribution to the community, health and wellbeing, partnerships and supporting each other.  [Read more, and download your nomination form, on our website here.](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=91456af2a7&e=23ed7ee483) |
| **UKMSA Tackle Prostate Cancer 2023** |
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| Ambassadors Ivor Anderson and Paul Egerton represented UKMSA at the Tackle Prostate Cancer conference in Birmingham on the 20th March. Tackle Prostate Cancer is the only patient-led, UK-wide charity representing people with Prostate Cancer and those who care for them.  Prostate Cancer is often a subject that men are reluctant to talk about, but often comes up when Shedders talk “Shoulder-to-Shoulder”. Advice is always the same, if you have doubts or are peeing more often than you ought, get yourself to your GP and get checked out as a simple PSA blood test will measure the level of Prostate Specific Antigen, a protein found mostly in the semen but with small amounts secreted naturally into the blood stream. A PSA test is not a direct test for the presence of Prostate Cancer but is an indicator which if the result comes back high, the patient is often referred for further investigation.  Prostate Cancer is the most common cancer but if caught early enough and confined to the prostate, it is generally curable, so early diagnosis may prevent death from prostate cancer.  Ivor and Paul were kept busy banging the drum for Sheds as there is a general lack of knowledge about the good work that Sheds do and how we in turn support our Shedders, especially at times when they are feeling down or under the weather.  UKMSA’s Health and Wellbeing Advisory Group (HAWAG) have collected together a number of articles on the subject of prostate cancer which are available to all Sheds but are currently held offline pending the development of the new UKMSA website. If you have Shed members who would like to better understand the subject, we would be delighted to share what we have. Please contact us at either [paul.egerton@ukmsa.org.uk](mailto:paul.egerton@ukmsa.org.uk?subject=null&body=null) or [patrick.abrahams@ukmsa.org.uk](mailto:patrick.abrahams@ukmsa.org.uk?subject=null&body=null) for further details. |
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| The PSR is a completely free service, designed to make it easier for those who need a little extra help. Each energy supplier and electricity network operator maintain their own register, meaning that you can register with us and receive essential benefits that will make the management of your energy supply easier. These include:   * Providing you with alternative heating and cooking facilities should your gas be interrupted as part of our works. * The use of a password facility to keep you safe on your doorstep. You can read more about how we strive to protect you from bogus callers by ensuring that out engineers follow a strict process and must allow you to check their credentials should you not be expecting their call. * For the purposes of safety, if you are unable to reach your gas emergency control valve (ECV) due to poor mobility, we may be able to move this for you. To find out if you are eligible for this service, please call us on 0800 0745 788 to talk with one of our team members to discuss it further. * Providing translation services should there be a need for it 24/7, 365 days of the year. |
| **How do I know if I am eligible for the PSR?** |
| Eligibility is dependent on a variety of factors. You and others in your household can join the register if someone:   * has a chronic or serious illness * is dependent on medical equipment including oxygen * has poor mobility, reduced sight, hearing or sense of smell and/or speech difficulties * is not able to communicate in English * is of pensionable age or has living with them children under 5 years old who may benefit from additional support in the event of an interruption to their energy supply. |
| **Join the Priority Services Register now** |
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| It’s that time of year….yes, British Summer Time but also the end of the financial year! Yikes, where does the time go?  Your Treasurer may be chasing you for receipts and they look a little more pre-occupied than usual, but here’s a gentle reminder to be kind to your Treasurer. Maybe make them an extra cup of tea to say thanks for all they do in your Sheds, and to keep them going – we know it can be one of the hardest roles to fill on a committee.  UKMSA has developed a Cash Book to help Men’s Sheds keep accounting records and prepare accounts for their members, funders and (if required) Charity Regulator. This Cash Book and Accounts template is a simple Receipts and Payments Excel spreadsheet and should be suitable for any Men’s Shed in the UK not registered as a Limited Liability or Community Interest Company. The Cash Book and Accounts Template is **FREE** to all UKMSA Shed Members.  It may not be helpful for the 22/23 accounting year, which is almost over, but now would be a good time to look at it to see if it’s a resource that fits with your Shed and would help in the coming financial year so you can start right at the beginning. [You can access the Cash Book in the resource library here.](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=b1e1669eca&e=23ed7ee483) (Don’t forget to use your membership login first). Along with the resource to download, there’s also a guide explaining how it works.  For Sheds who are registered charities, you can find more information about the Accounts you need to prepare as part of your full annual return required by the relevant body. [Follow this link for those who are in England and Wales](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=bf8e4ead80&e=23ed7ee483) and make sure you submit in the next **ten** months (January 2024), and [follow this link for those who are in Scotland](https://menssheds.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=480e179c0e626f9dd902e15bf&id=f752ab9184&e=23ed7ee483) to see what you are required to submit in the next **nine** months (December 2023). |

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**The Digital Skills Helpline – 0800 987 4110**

Free to call from any UK mobile or landline, and is open to everyone, whether they are a Vodafone customer or not.

Specially trained advisors can help callers, especially those nervous and uncertain about the online world, to gain valuable skills, such as setting up a phone or tablet, connecting to the internet, using online banking and money-saving tools, as well as learning to communicate with friends and family using email and messaging services.

**Little snippet from Western Wolds Sheds blog**

**‘The new committee has been voted in and the first meeting was a great success. We are proud to say we have joined modern society by going paperless, a task taken on by Chris. We are using a large screen to display the agenda and other online  documents,  it is available on members smartphones as well. So proud that despite our age range we are getting to grips with technology”**

**New 'Food hubs' grant funding available for Community Fridges**

**More funding available for Community Fridges to develop ‘Food hub’ activities this April**

Community Fridges bring people together around good food. Across the UK they are reducing social isolation, increasing access to skills, sharing knowledge and repurposing fresh (surplus) food.

We know that many groups want to do more, and so in partnership with Starbucks we’re offering £7,000 (per group) in funding for up to 50 Community Fridges to develop additional food initiatives.

These additional activities could be skills workshops, growing initiatives, gardening schemes or cooking (to name a few)! So, if you’re already running an **open**Community Fridge feel free to apply.

**What the funding is for:**

The funding aims to support the development of new activities relating to cooking, growing, budgeting and using surplus food that fit into one of four themes:

**Skills** – To up-skill your community and raise awareness of sustainable, affordable, and heathy living.  E.g. workshops, events, cookbooks, or how-to-guides.

**Affordable food**– To try out new ways to increase access to local and affordable food.  E.g. food cooperatives, food box schemes or food markets.

**Community connection** – To provide opportunity for the community to come together around shared food. E.g. community meals, coffee and chats, youth activities, and recipe shares.

**Growing** – To support community growing and increase the amount of edible food grown and shared locally. E.g. community gardens, greening projects and seed or plant sharing.

**Timings**

Community Fridge groups will be able to apply for funding from 9am 31st of March 2023. Applications close at 11.59pm May 31st.

**For full information please read the below:**

* Application guidance: [Here](https://hubbubfoundation.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/Hubbub-CompanyData/EcS5SLyIaLlBtSoOjDIdRXYBPWw-WQ_9cljUPFohGWTudw?e=1gyQVd)
* Q&A webinar: [Here](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/qa-community-fridge-food-hubs-funding-april-2023-tickets-598264082977)
* Funding Eligibility: [Here](https://www.hubbub.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=89e231d1-dba7-43fd-88b8-f9b32d6f3cbc)
* Terms & conditions: [Here](https://www.hubbub.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=c1ca6cad-da57-4b1e-b830-ac08d1ef151e)
* FAQs: [Here](https://www.hubbub.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=c101ab8d-372f-4a40-8ea1-2d403a6e44bf)
* Preview application questions: [Here](https://www.hubbub.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=77bafcc8-26cb-4739-bbae-4957f223fbcd)

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**Humber Men in Sheds Alliance Meeting 23 May 23 10-12 To be held at Goole Shed and on Zoom**

**Goole address:** Goole Shed Bartholomew Avenue, Goole DN14 6YN (just off Boothferry Road)

See Zoom link below.

[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84769441925?pwd=dVRjK1FCVWoxanh4UWN1Z0x2MVlkdz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84769441925?pwd=dVRjK1FCVWoxanh4UWN1Z0x2MVlkdz09)

**Meeting ID: 847 6944 1925**

**Passcode: 347418**

If you would like to host an Alliance meeting at your shed, please contact Carole Johnson via email to arrange a date [**carole.johnson@hwrcc.org.uk**](mailto:carole.johnson@hwrcc.org.uk)

[**LINCOLNSHIRE.COOP**](https://www.lincolnshire.coop/community-voting/community-champions-vote-april-2023?fbclid=IwAR3FHlAngnQ5dQw2hAWgl5Awqpc6fr4oV-ycuzecWXQSwQhCpJcZXfjk6JU)[**Community Champions Vote April 2023**](https://www.lincolnshire.coop/community-voting/community-champions-vote-april-2023?fbclid=IwAR3FHlAngnQ5dQw2hAWgl5Awqpc6fr4oV-ycuzecWXQSwQhCpJcZXfjk6JU)

We are happy to let you know The Shed on the Isle have been selected for the next stage in the Coop Community Champions. But to move forward to the next stage we need VOTES your votes so if you have a Lincolnshire Coop Dividend card click to this link and Vote for The Shed

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[](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.lincolnshire.coop%2Fcommunity-voting%2Fcommunity-champions-vote-april-2023%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR16MhpmiWGflXch2wvukeCZwy1ELwglh-tmq3MAlmAQsmtAFBhV-buwGWo&h=AT0prHC6YC1FH4TYi0N6Gs3UytyxcSXDV5HAblK3gneETYlYVxn9cKs7uQtTOYuKZCGv1H0VG8l4ao48NGtgQ1GTYYUMS6Evmt9waZpoiQ_GgkT8ZHDjyJR0L8LEfgfdEg&__tn__=H-R&c%5b0%5d=AT0-3UKh7r9oO44BLIOVJdYKftPE-8UbzQxuezae0XP8iYtIlGVlWIZ-WDmblH822FD8u7m8wPqDZK_YRZZwX4Vmg1PHD0-v8B71nzpamr2aeewum7lkiHHbH8MC-_6GZTyIRjxQFcfhbl-8tmn6cPRHlqBOdFzU3VUmfkfV6PHHFsLBgSZRobUmhJc1wXlnyExVniTUZyygzX2Fpc2vPg)

[Lincolnshire Coop (en-GB)](https://www.lincolnshire.coop/community-voting/community-champions-vote-april-2023?fbclid=IwAR3FHlAngnQ5dQw2hAWgl5Awqpc6fr4oV-ycuzecWXQSwQhCpJcZXfjk6JU)

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**Woodworking show in Harrogate on the 10- 12 November 23**

The North of England Woodworking & Power Tool Show " affectionately known as the 'Harrogate Show' " is the longest established, highest attended retail woodworking event in the country. Visitors will see many of the top demonstrators who will be in action throughout each day in the five 'mini' theatres, including Pat Carroll and Les Thorne, plus various hand tools, power tools, carving, turning and furniture making demonstrations on the stands, plus over 80 companies exhibiting on trade stands. The 'Harrogate Show' really is a great day out for all!

**If anyone from your shed is interested in going to this event please email myself on**[**Kerry.Chenery@hwrcc.org.uk**](mailto:Kerry.Chenery@hwrcc.org.uk) **It has been suggested that if there is sufficient interest, there may be a possibility of all interested parties travelling down in a minibus.**

**See link to event details**[**https://harrogatewoodworkingshow.co.uk/**](https://harrogatewoodworkingshow.co.uk/)

**Forget Me Knot, Community Canal Boat trip**

We are looking at running 2 canal boat trips on Forget me Knot, soon to be re named Tilly (due to another boat having the same name). Tilly is the name of the Skippers Dog and she likes to accompany the Skipper on any trips. If anyone attending has a pet allergy, please let me know!

Introducing the ‘Forget-Me-Knot’  - Soon to be re-named Tilly.

Moored at Bluewater Marina in Thorne.

The ‘Forget-Me-Knot’ will accommodate up to 12 passengers (excluding crew members) to travel in style and offers amenities such as:

• Comfortable seating

• Kitchen facilities to cook hot food

• Lift and wheelchair access

• Washroom facilities

The ‘Forget-Me-Knot’ canal boat will provide an enjoyable and rewarding experience, create some wonderful memories and opportunities to chat with others in a safe and relaxed environment. All voyages will be facilitated by fully trained crew members.

**As we have quite a few names already for the canal boat trip, we are now looking at running a second trip. So if anyone else is interested please let me know. I hope to have some dates soon! Please email me if you are interested on** [**kerry.chenery@hwrcc.org.uk**](mailto:kerry.chenery@hwrcc.org.uk)

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