

# Community & Recreation Committee

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22/06/2021 19:00 - 20:00 ((UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London)

## AGENDA

### Topic


**1 7.00pm QUESTION TIME OPEN TO THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (not to exceed 30 minutes)** The public are welcome to ask questions on matters that are on the agenda and other matters at the Chairman's discretion.

*The question should not be a statement and limited to no more than 5 minutes.*

**2 Apologies To accept any apologies**

**3 Minutes**

*To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on the 25th February 2020.*

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**4 Matters arising (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)**

**5 Declarations of interest**

*To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 made under Section 30 (3) of the Localism Act 2011 and under the Code of Conduct adopted by the Town Council*

**6 Election of Vice-Chairman**

*To accept nominations for Vice-Chairman of Community & Recreation Committee.*

**7 Youth Strategy**

*(i) Community Family Care to give an update.*

*(ii) Director of Operations to give an update on the contract.*

 BoA Youth End of Contract Report.pdf

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**8 Police up-date**


*Police to give the latest report.*

**9 D.A.A. (Dementia Action Alliance)**

*Chairman to explain booklet and give an update on awareness sessions and friends training available.*

**10 Mens Shed**

*Report attached from volunteer.*

 Men's Shed report Jun 21.pdf

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**11 Grants**

*Grants Advisory Panel recommendations attached for discussion. Grants applied for by Museum, Walkers are Welcome, Preservation Trust, Railway Station Volunteers and Wisdom Space CIC.*

 Officer's Grant Panel 03.06.21.pdf

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**12 Area Board Up-date**

*Unitary Councillors to give an update.*

**13 Date of next meeting**

*The next meeting has been arranged for 14th September 2021.*

## Attendees

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CLlr Alex Kay	Unconfirmed
CLlr Alison Potter	Unconfirmed
CLlr David Garwood	Unconfirmed
CLlr Emma Franklin	Unconfirmed
CLlr Jack Vittles	Unconfirmed
CLlr Jennifer Parker	Unconfirmed
CLlr Kate Bessant	Unconfirmed
CLlr Katie Vigar	Unconfirmed
CLlr Sam Blackwell	Unconfirmed
CLlr Sarah Gibson	Unconfirmed
CLlr Simon Mcneill-Ritchie	Unconfirmed
CLlr Tim Trimble	Unconfirmed
Ian Brown	Unconfirmed



Bradford on Avon  
Town Council



QUALITY  
TOWN  
COUNCIL

Minutes of the Bradford on Avon Town Council

Community & Recreation Committee

Held at Town Council offices, St Margaret's Hall, Bradford on Avon

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7.00 pm

Present:

Cllr E Franklin (Chairman)  
Cllr D Garwood (substituting for Cllr Newton)  
Cllr S McNeill-Ritchie  
Cllr M Roberts  
Ian Brown Director of Operations  
Sandra Bartlett (Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr A Kay, Cllr J Lynch, Cllr D Newton, Cllr J Parker and Cllr D Taylor.

Members of the Public: From the Friends of Palestine, Judith Hammond, John Feane and Penny Welch. Beryl Turner and Anne Roland-Price and 1 other.

106.Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and seconded by Cllr Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

107. Matters arising (none)

108.Declarations of interest

Cllr Roberts declared a non-pecuniary interest in the grant application for the Bath Cancer Unit as he was on the organising committee.

109.Chairman's Report

- (i) Chairman reported that she was grateful to the C.E.V.s for their work during the flooding in the town. She said they were outstanding.
- (ii) Chairman, Cllrs Kay and Parker had attended together with representatives from the Area Board and officers a Youth Strategy meeting reviewing the current contract with Community Foster Care.
- (iii) Cllr McNeill-Ritchie reported that a Volunteers Day would be arranged for the 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2020 for 3 hours to celebrate volunteers' contributions, information for volunteers and to encourage people to volunteer.
- (iv) Chairman will be attending a meeting with the Green Spaces Officer to discuss South West in Bloom.

110.Police update

The November 2019 report was noted. Cllr Roberts reported that a person of interest had moved from the area, so the problems with anti-social behaviour should improve in Lamb Yard.

111. Bradford on Avon Friends of Palestine

Judith Hammond, John Feane and Penny Welch explained their report. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Roberts, seconded by Cllr Garwood and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To recommend to Full Council that the Town Council discuss endorsing this new Friendship Link between Bradford on Avon and Tubas.

### 111. Youth Strategy

The November 2019 update was noted. Chairman advised that at the next Area Board meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020 would be discussing youth activities.

### 112. Grants

(i) Grant Advisory panel's recommendations were accepted: -

	Project title	Amount £	Decision
1	Walkers are Welcome	£648	£648
2	German Twinning	Nil	Agree no award. Town Council hosts an event when visiting Bradford on Avon from Norden.
3	Rowing Club	Nil	Agree no award, as Area Board suggested they apply there.
4	The Hub@BA15	£5,000	£5,000
5	Carers Support Wiltshire	£686	Agree to match fund with Area Board for carer's choir.
6	Wiltshire Music Centre	£293.77	£293.77 To match fund with Area Board to support a pilot project with Selwood Housing to deliver a creative arts project.
7	Bath Cancer Unit Support Group	£600	£600 fundraising for a 2-day music festival 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2020.

After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Garwood seconded by Cllr McNeill-Ritchie and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To award grants amounting to £7,277.77 in line with the Grant Advisory Panel's recommendations.

### 113. Mens Shed

Chairman advised that the Mens Shed was on Twitter.

### 114. Proposed Skateboard Park

Director of Operations' report was considered with three locations for a proposed skateboard park. He explained the consultant's comments. Ann Roland-Price wondered how many of the population would use it. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Garwood, seconded by Cllr Roberts and with all in favour it was **RESOLVED**: To accept the Poulton site as the preferred site for a skateboard park design. Director of Operations to arrange with councillors who wish to be on the Working Group

### 115. D.A.A (Dementia Action Alliance)

Penny Welch explained about the Party in the Park Event. She said that [www.dementiafriendlyboa.org](http://www.dementiafriendlyboa.org) website had two or three activities every day.

### 116. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

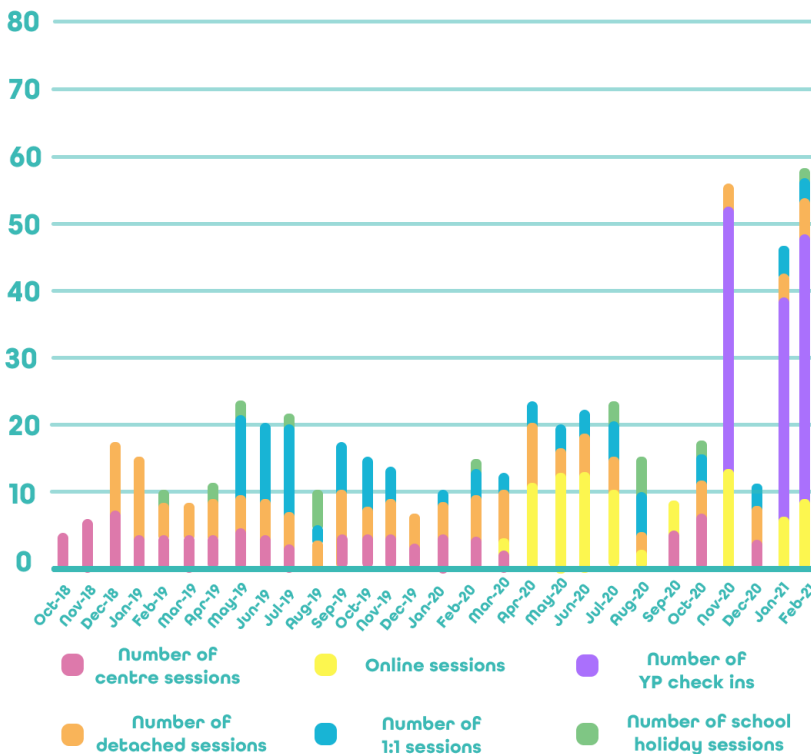
The meeting closed at 8.20pm

## End of Contract Report (Oct 2018 – March 2021)

### What has been delivered?

Throughout the current contracted period BoA Youth have delivered a mix of universal centre based/online sessions, detached youth work in the community, targeted 1:1 support, and school holiday sessions. The graphs below show the number of session activity and engagement numbers of children and young people.

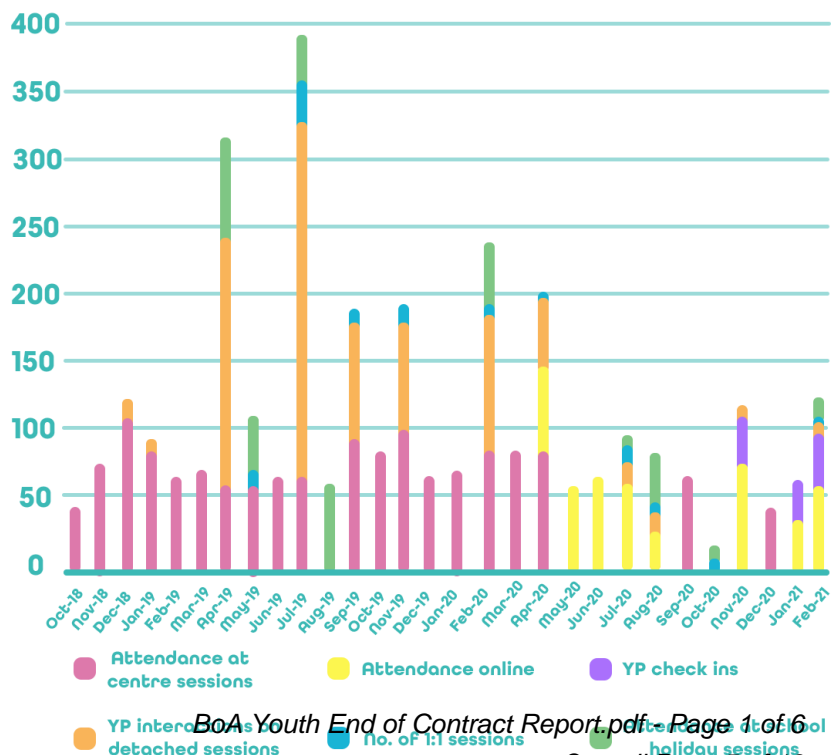
Sessions Provided by Type per Month



BoA Youth has faced many challenges during the pandemic, and we have had to constantly learn and adapt our universal services to best meet the needs of young people in line with Government guidance, and advice from the National Youth Agency.

The number of young people able to engage with face-to-face activities has been restricted, and not all young people have wanted to engage online or have more screen time after a day of remote learning.

Children & Young People Engagement Across Activity





Universal (centre/online based provision)

Our universal sessions have been delivered at the Youth Centre (and online where restricted) as well as across village locations during school holidays. We have worked with young people to develop termly activity plans covering a diverse range of interests and linking in with local priorities. Our sessions have provided informal advice and guidance around issues on healthy relationships, substance misuse, identity, and sexual health, as well enabling a safe space for discussion and challenge around local and national movements such as Black Lives Matter.

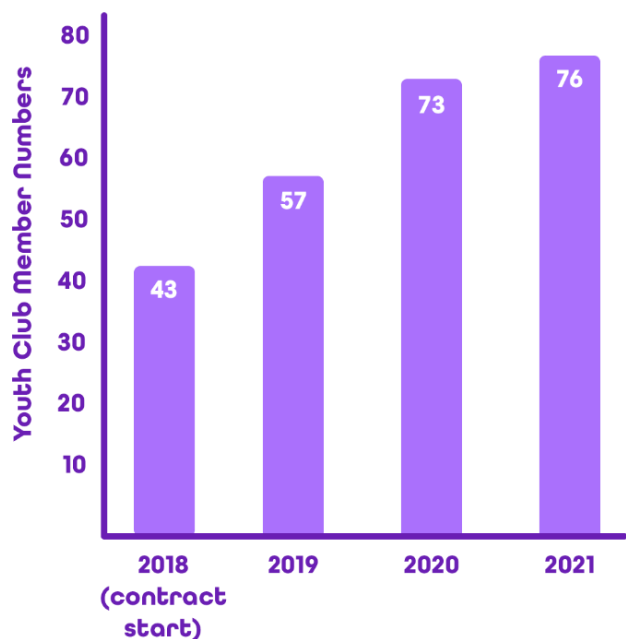
**142**  
**&** **78**  
face to face  
online universal  
youth work sessions  
delivered



**1466**  
face to face  
**&**  
**413**  
online  
attendances  
from  
young people  
at our  
universal  
provision

Self-Defence Classes  
**Arts & Crafts**  
 Cooking(inc. bread on an outdoor firepit!)  
**Multi Sports**  
 Informal Advice & Guidance  
**PCSO & PC Visits**  
 Climate Change Projects  
 Ecological Projects

We have increased our membership each year....



Multi-sports sessions  
**Kayaking**  
 Family Fun Days  
 Craft Days **22** Inflatable Assault Course  
 school holiday activity sessions delivered with  
**321** attendances from YP  
**Paddle Boarding**  
 BoA Bake Off  
 Live Music Night  
 Bournemouth Beach Trip

When the pandemic restricted what we could do in person we swiftly moved our provision online, delivering a virtual Youth Club and online gaming nights. Our learning from the first lockdown further developed our Covid response by ensuring our members had doorstep visits to check in on their wellbeing and hand deliver session activities.

We also increased social media activity on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) to keep young people up to date on activities and available support.

“ The whole team are absolutely incredible! Throughout lockdown they have done everything possible to keep the children communicating with each other over Zoom and provided activities to each home.

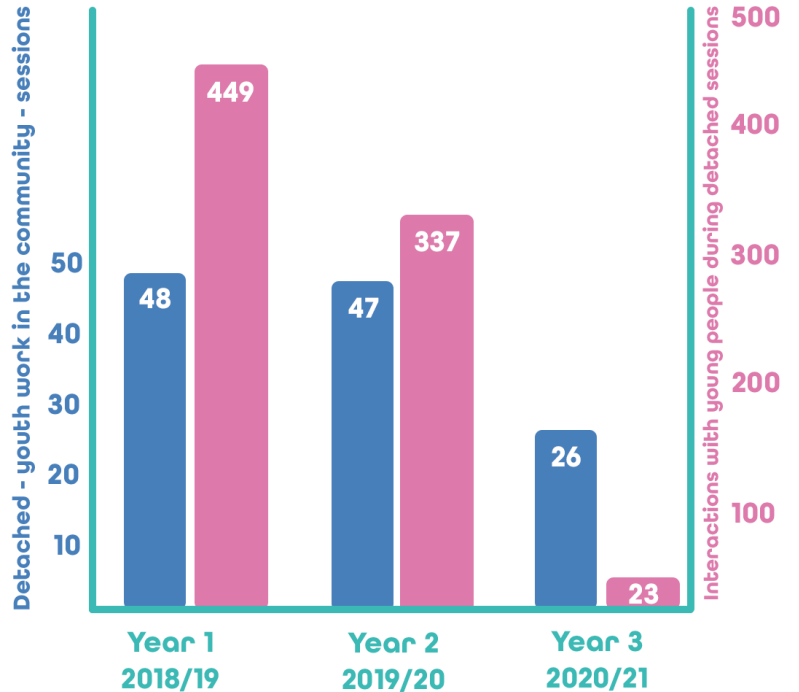
I can't thank them enough for what they have done for my daughter.



## Detached Sessions

We delivered outreach across Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages, meeting young people on their terms in places where they were known to hang out. We have worked in partnership with the Police to target areas where there have been concerns, taking a proactive approach to supporting young people on their own terms. We have successfully built relationships with young people during detached sessions that has enabled effective communication and engagement from young people who have previously been harder to reach. For example, seeking their views for the development of the new skatepark and enabling them to have a say on the new designs. Due to restrictions we saw fewer young people during lockdown and detached sessions in 2020/21.

**121**  
detached youth work  
sessions delivered with  
**809**  
interactions with  
young people



## Targeted 1:1 work

We have worked in partnership with education and the police, to establish referral routes for targeted support as well as self-referral from young people or their parents.

We have successfully supported young people to progress and achieve positive outcomes in different aspects of their lives. We measure outcomes for our targeted 1:1 work using our outcomes framework to evidence distance travelled across 5 core aspects of young people’s lives. This enables us to assess, measure, and report against individual outcomes for direct work with young people. Our impact is detailed below.



**97**  
targeted  
**1:1** sessions  
with  
young people  
delivered

## Our Impact

We measure our impact across qualitative and quantitative measures, measuring distance travelled via our outcomes tracker tool, and seeking feedback from young people, parents, and professionals.

The table below details the impact of our individual targeted work with young people in BoA. We undertake a baseline CFC Outcomes Framework assessment with young people at the start of the work with them. When the individual work is completed, we then undertake an assessment of these 17 areas across five themes once again. The numerical assessment is between (1 - High Concerns - 5 Achieving). Please click [here](#) for additional reading on our framework tool.

This table shows the aggregated performance of all the assessments completed for targeted work in BoA:

Outcome	Type	Average score at initial assessment	Average score at final assessment	Average progression
C&YP living in stable loving safe family	1) Relationships	3.5	4	0.5
Expressing myself	1) Relationships	2.17	3.5	1.33
Friendships	1) Relationships	3.83	4.17	0.34
Self-belief	1) Relationships	2.5	3.5	1
Taking appropriate control of my life	1) Relationships	2.5	3.67	1.17
Emotional Wellbeing	2) Health	2.17	3.83	1.66
Personal Risk taking (Sexual health, drugs & alcohol, smoking)	2) Health	3.17	3.83	0.66
Physical Health	2) Health	3.17	3.5	0.33
Freedom from exploitation inc. Sexual, Drug, Gang	3) Safety	3.83	4	0.17
ICT safety	3) Safety	3.5	3.67	0.17
Self protection and freedom from abuse	3) Safety	3.67	3.83	0.16
Engaged in learning (inc training, work-based learning, volunteering)	4) Learning	2.33	4	1.67
Practical life skills	4) Learning	2.67	3.67	1
Transitions (Significant changes in school or home)	4) Learning	2.67	4.17	1.5
Avoiding offending and anti-social behaviour	5) Engagement	2	3.5	1.5
Becoming a citizen	5) Engagement	2.5	3.17	0.67
Positive pursuits (Leisure, sport, clubs, hobbies)	5) Engagement	3	3.33	0.33

## Case Study

### M

I worked with M over a period of several months. At first, he was a shy young man who presented himself as quiet with a great imagination. He would not engage with social activities and stayed at home playing video games with friends. Occasionally he would attend the local skatepark with some friends on weekends.

Our sessions started at the youth club playing games of pool and talking about school/ home life. After a few weeks we moved on to meeting at school and then heading to a café for our session, talking about youth club activities and cooking. We then started some cooking sessions together at youth club and I invited M to



stay on and help in the younger session for a vegan session food night. He was not keen on vegan food but he attended the session and tried all the food.

From the day of trying youth club for the vegan food night, M returned to youth club each week carrying out volunteering with the younger session and joining the older session for himself. He has enjoyed his time making friends and participating in group activities. M has come right out of his shell and interacts with other people. His confidence has boosted dramatically, and his school concentration has improved.

Both his parents and school have said what an amazing achievement it has been for M.



### Service Users Feedback and Surveys

We have regularly surveyed young people accessing our services and their parents for feedback and measurement towards outcomes. Our most recent survey results (Feb 2021) from young people are shown below:

What do you feel you have gained from BoA Youth services?			Response Percent
1	Improved emotional wellbeing		72.73%
2	Developed better life skills		54.55%
3	Improved communication skills		45.45%
4	Reduced challenging behaviour		27.27%
5	Improved school relationships		36.36%
6	Reduced negative behaviour in the community		18.18%
7	Improved confidence		36.36%
8	Improved social skills		54.55%
9	Developed more friendships		63.64%
10	Developed better relationships with the community		45.45%
11	Feeling that they have a voice		45.45%
12	Other* (please specify):		18.18%

\*Other answers included "Have fun" and "Fun activities".

We have completed annual online young people's surveys based on our Outcomes Framework (same as detailed in the 1:1 work above) The surveys were rolled out across the whole cohort of young people in Bradford on Avon and surrounding villages to help measure the distance travelled of the needs of young people across the community.



You can see all of the results and read last year's survey [here](#).



In 2020,  
**62%**  
of young people  
reported feeling confident in having  
their voices heard,  
up from  
**42%**  
in 2019

In 2020,  
**67%**  
of young people  
reported  
that they  
felt like an  
**active  
citizen**  
in their  
community,  
up from  
**55%** in 2019

# **The Bradford on Avon Men's Shed**

## **Progress Report – June 2021**

### **Introduction.**

This report covers the period from the commencement of physical activity of the Men's Shed in November 2019, through initial period of Grant approvals in early 2020 provided to renovate the buildings at the BoA Sports Club / football club to an acceptable standard, – to date. It has not been an easy period during which to establish the Shed with the consequence that early aspirations of being “ready to go” have been beset with delays. Our “presence” within the Community has been sustained through this time with additional projects carried out to the town's benefit, which have also provided an additional income stream. We are members of the National Men's Shed Association, whose documentation and administrative resources are very beneficial.

This report covers the progress made on the renovations, the projects and other activities together with a brief financial and “membership” summary, concluding with a look forward.

### **Renovations.**

After a sustained period of group, individual and “socially distanced” work we are in the final (and most challenging) stage of getting the smaller shed fit for purpose. It has been re-lined and insulated, electrically upgraded to produce a number of well lit work stations for members. Work is now focussed on replacing the derelict front garage doors to provide a clean frontage with double doors suitable for disabled access. The aim is for this to provide individual “cleaner” working space for pursuits such as model making, computer / IT hardware, ceramics etc and generally small scale projects.

The larger shed is transforming into an adaptable workspace for carpentry, woodturning and metalwork as well as stock storage. Very little renovation work has been carried out except putting in a safe electrical supply.

### **Projects.**

We were fortunate to be able to repair a broken seat (by the library) for the Town Council which led to a number of further repairs including Wine Street, & Sustainable Bradford's display board. Other projects under consideration have been delayed due to Covid, eg St Margaret's hall (over river) ballustrades, improving the bus shelter seating, & the Riverwalk bench. We are currently involved in making 3 field benches for the charity Avon Needs Trees (ANT), to be placed on their Hazeldans site near Calne. We hope to instal these before the end of June 2021. These projects are costed on a “non-profit” basis with the beneficiaries making a voluntary additional contribution to our funds.

### **Membership.**

From the beginning, we have had a core of about 12 volunteers who have worked solidly in all areas; and whilst they continue to do so we remain frustrated by the external delays impacting our formal launch - where we look forward to reaching out to the wider community. The isolation brought about by Covid, together the other social deprivations more traditionally addressed by the men's shed movement has been keenly felt by the current team during the past 12 months.

### **Finance & Promotion.**

Additional to the grants provided by the Town Council and the Area Board, we have received a further grant from the Preservation Trust. These, together with additional funds arising from our Christmas Bazaar and project contributions will sustain our activities through the summer. The ANT contribution will hopefully enable us to launch a website and other promotional tools which will further enhance awareness within the community. No membership fees have been raised from the core team during the current renovation phase however this will change after the launch, much in line with the National Association's guidelines.



## Looking Ahead.

It is difficult to foretell the precise facilities that the Shed will be able to offer until new members join us and their skills & aspirations are defined. As implied earlier, Covid's "legacy" is and will impact beyond the more customary groups. Consequently some sort of "mature mentoring" (based on lifetime experience) capability could emerge as a key facility offered by the Shed, to sit alongside imparting / exchanging any practical skills. Perhaps here lies a future for the smaller shed? A blank canvass littered with potential awaits.

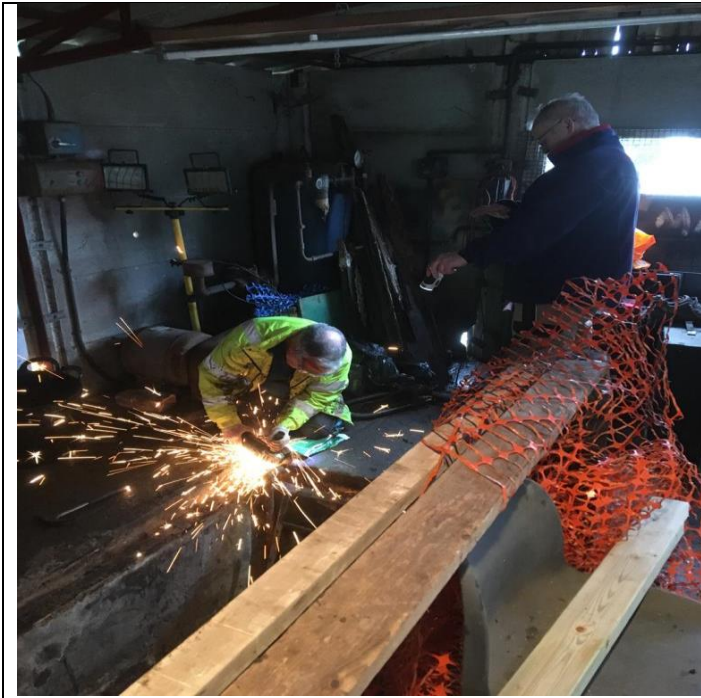


Figure 1 Small shed - before

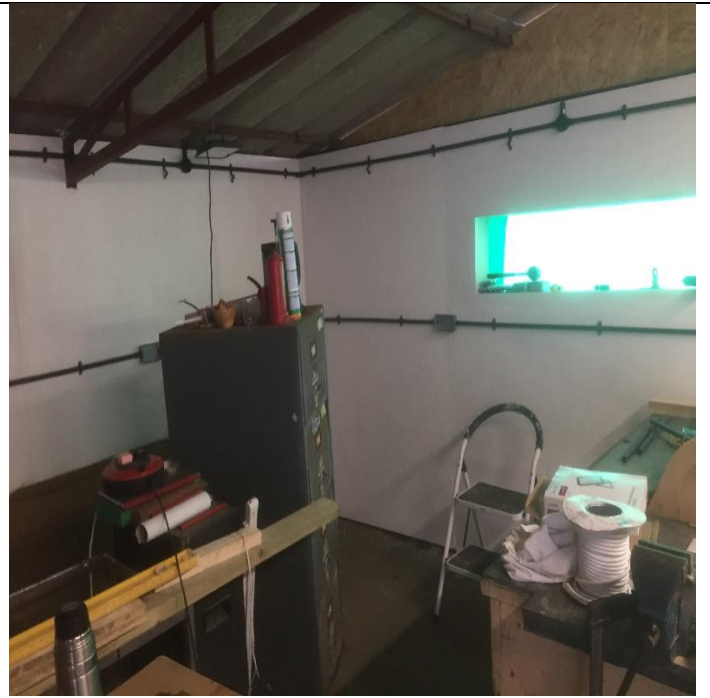


Figure 2 And after renovating



Figure 3 Sharing / swap cabinet for Wine Street



Figure 4 Field bench for ANT

Peter Eveleigh

Chair

Bradford on Avon Men's Shed

Organisation and project title	Rec'd grant before	£ requested	What is grant for and how many Bradford on Avon residents will it help	Year-end bank balance incl reserves	Officer's recommendation	Advisory Group's Recommendation
1 Walkers are Welcome	Yes £295 in 2020 kept. Majority of their grant was returned due to the Walking Festival being cancelled because of the pandemic.	£727	1. Encourage the people of Bradford on Avon to walk more and to explore the local footpaths and surrounding countryside for leisure, health, well-being and companionship. 2. Encourage visitors to use local shops, cafes, accommodation etc. 3. Continue to update, publish and distribute the Walkers Wheel OS maps. 4. Help maintain the Bradford on Avon walking infrastructure including clearing pathways, maintaining path signs and repairing damaged stiles.	£1,942	Award £727	
2 Michelle Hawkins-Collins - Wisdom Space Community Interest Company (CIC)	No	£330	To try and reach hard to reach groups virtually for those with reduced mobility, in a care home or suffering from COVID. The Wisdom Space is a not for profit CIC which aims to bring people together through talks, performances and workshops to create a more compassionate and inclusive community. To purchase audio visual recording equipment start up costs. Wisdom Space is launching in Bradford on Avon but aims to be world wide. Aims to have a more resilient community which would result in reduced usage of health and care services, increased volunteering, reduced loneliness etc.	0	No grant award to be made. Worldwide business.	
3 Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust	2016/17 £2,500	£1,950	Pennant stone to improve tarmac walkway from Barton Orchard to top end of Church Street. Project costs £6156. They have 12 sq yards of pennant stone. There is a shortfall of £3900.		Award £1,950	
4 Railway Station Garden Volunteers	No	£1,500	Improvements to erect secure fencing track side (costing £3,000) with a hedge to be planted in front of it later on to make more impenetrable barrier.		Award £1,500	
5 Bradford on Avon Museum	Yes	£500	Defraying the cost of acquiring and transporting the painting to BoA. £77,600 Painting of a local clothier, John Bailward 1677-1742, who lived in BoA and employed local people in making cloth. Painting cost including transportation £2,046.96.		Award £500	