News from Blyth Man Shed Committee!

It's been a strange and testing year for us all and no less so at the shed. Whilst lockdown has been a staple for the majority of us in 2020. It has allowed a few of us to channel newfound spare time into getting the shed turned around and ready for the growing list of people interested in becoming Shedders with us.

Here is a brief update on our shed activities so far this year.

Yard and woodstore – Our yard space has been completely cleared & tidied and we now have a purpose built woodstore. When Springtime arrives next year, we plan to introduce raised planting beds across the yard ready for keen gardening Shedders to sow some magic.

Security – For those eagle eyed among you, you may have noticed a new yard gate. That's one of the two we've had specially made and installed. The shed now also benefits from LED lighting, CCTV and an alarm system, meaning we now have a safe and fully secure premises for Shedders.

Indoors – Workbenches have been fitted, a toilet and small refreshment making area has also been built. And we'll soon to be putting the finishing touches on a completely brand new professionally installed electrical system.

Environmental & Sustainability – Were extremely proud of our achievements with all things environmental & sustainable and initiatives used in the shed so far include. The repurposing of roof insulation which has allowed us to fully insulate the internal space of the shed.
Our rainwater harvesting project is now in place and running, allowing us to remain off grid for all our water needs both indoors and outside for the planned gardening area.
Solar energy capture and storage – We have installed equipment which now allows us to generate and store energy from the sun. The power we generate and store is already being used to keep all our hand power tools fully charged and ready for use.

Logs & Kindling Sales

You can now buy seasoned hardwood & softwood logs as well as kindling and eco-friendly firelighters online from Blyth Man Shed. Logs are sourced from around Northumberland & the Scottish Borders, these logs are even good enough for the Duke of Northumberland! Keep an eye open for our "Winter Warmer" promotion, a great money saving deal which will include everything you need to keep warm and cosy this winter.

All logs & kindling can be purchased online and delivered to your door in a Covid secure way. No contact required with all profits going directly back into the shed enabling our work to continue towards preparations for opening to the local community in 2021.

Recruitment

We are on the lookout for some extra volunteers to start in early 2021. We are looking to fill two volunteer positions, Delivery Driver & Social Media Manager. If you are interested in either opportunity, please get in touch by emailing us at info@blythmanshed.org.uk

So, the big question is, when is the shed opening?

We know many of you are eagerly awaiting the big news. The Committee are just as desperate to get the shed open as you, but it's important that we have all things considered and in place before Shedders come in and begin working on projects. So, for this reason we're still a few months away from being fully operational.

Keep a close eye on our Facebook page as this is where we'll keep you all updated on Shed news, developments and the all-important 'opening information' in 2021.

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