



# Hayling Island Men's Shed



## HAYLING ISLAND MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

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### THE STORY SO FAR...

Having started the idea of a Men's Shed on Hayling Island, 21 men turned up to a public meeting in November 2015, and now over 3 years later we have more than 80 members on our books (60 of whom have paid a membership subscription).

Until we get our own workshop building, we currently meet every Thursday afternoon in the United Reformed Church small hall, to keep members updated on progress, and enjoy a tea or coffee.

We received charity status from the Charity Commission in 2016.

We have found a suitable site in Mengham, obtained planning permission, agreed the building details, and are about to start groundworks.

We have already raised an amazing £27,000, and have just been awarded a major grant of £30,000, but we do need a further £5,000 to complete the building project and fit out our workshop.

In the meantime, as well as developing plans for our workshop building, we have been doing various projects in the community and to help local residents.

- We are a group of mainly retired men with a common aim but from very diverse backgrounds, and with a range of abilities and disabilities.
- The shed will be a place to share tools and resources, learn new skills, or just to enjoy a chat and a cuppa. Members will be able to work on their own or with others, on personal projects or on activities which benefit the Hayling community.
- We want to be able to help local people through the provision of facilities where they can meet to undertake creative, physical or recreational activities, learn or pass on skills and knowledge, and support each other socially.
- Both of the Men's Sheds in Havant were able to move into pre-existing buildings - but on Hayling Island extensive searches did not find anywhere suitable, so we had to start from scratch.
- Any help you can provide through donations, grants or sponsorship will take us a step closer on this "Final Push" towards building a Men's Shed on Hayling Island. **THANK YOU!**
  - You can donate at [www.himsa.co.uk](http://www.himsa.co.uk) or call 07802 989943. Thank you!

