



# Portsmouth Men's Shed

(Copnor Shed and Old Portsmouth Shed)

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## Southern Men's Shed Network

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Dear Shed Representatives,

At the Portsmouth Men's Shed Annual General Meeting (Oct 2015), members raised a point suggesting that there may be some merit in creating a Southern Men's Shed Network.

The suggestion was that this forum would consist of representatives (i.e. Chairs plus one) from each shed which could meet on a quarterly basis.

The proposed initial aim of the forum could include: -

- Communication Forum for Sheds to Share  
E.G. Resources, Joint Activities, Skills / Training, Publicity
- Help to support and encourage new sheds
- Share Shed Progress and Challenges
- Look for mutual benefits (e.g. Group Insurance, Discounts)
- Generally share Ideas and Experiences to support each other.

Obviously, the group will decide its own function, frequency, venue(s) and membership. All we are trying to do is put forward the idea and see how many sheds would be interested in exploring such a possibility.

With this aim, we are proposing an initial meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 2016 for 1pm at the Copnor Shed which is at the Stacey Community Centre, Walsall Road, Portsmouth PO3 6HT.

Please let us know if you are interested and any suggestions you may have for improvement. Do let us know if you need transport from ferries or stations and we'll meet you.

Best Regards,

Steve Redrup and Andy Pottinger.

# Agenda

**1:00 pm Light Buffet**

**1:30 pm Start Meeting**

- **Welcome**  
General opening of the meeting  
Safety Announcements etc.
- **Introductions**  
Each Shed to offer a brief introduction and summary
- **Purpose of Forum**  
Discus and agree the purpose and usefulness of such a forum
- **Discus and Agree Areas of Interest for the Group**
  - **Sharing Ideas**  
Communicating and sharing ideas which could benefit other sheds
  - **Sharing Skills**  
Means of sharing skills between sheds
  - **Promotion / Publicity**  
Forming promotion and publicity campaigns as a group
  - **Financial Benefits (Group Insurance, Discounts etc.)**  
Finding ways of saving money by obtaining discounts as a group
  - **Promote and Support New Sheds**  
Formulate ways that the group can help promote and support new sheds within the Southern Region
  - **Website / Document Templates**  
Develop a Southern Region Website to help promote the area's sheds and provide templates for common necessary documents
  - **Other Suggestions from the Floor**  
Open to floor to suggest other areas of interest for the group
- **Forum Structure / Officers**  
Decide on Forum Structure and what officers are needed
- **Future Meetings**  
Agree on a frequency of meetings and venues
- **Any Other Business**  
Time to raise any other items not covered by the agenda
- **Meeting Close (Approx 4:00 pm)**

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