

Easy websites for Shed

For those what want a website for their Shed but don't want to do much to get it.

Fewer than half the region's sheds have "Proper" websites, some have none at all.

Setting a site up, whether DIY or get someone to do it can be hard, time-consuming, costly or all three.

Finding somewhere to put it on the internet and dealing with them can be very difficult (talking technical gobble-de-gook).

A possible solution, but we need input/advice from you....

Benefits of having a website

- Promotes your Shed
- Lets people find out about you, what you are up to and where you are
- Reference point (e.g. Health & Safety manual, Constitution, AGM and committee meeting minutes).
- Expected by some

But can be a daunting prospect to get one.

ONLY USE THIS SLIDE IF THEY DON'T KNOW WHY THEY MIGHT NOT WANT ONE (Ask a question: Who thinks they don't need a website?)

Bullet point meaning I think is obvious.

Last one: OK if you know how to do it, otherwise, lots of gotchas, a learning curve, and usually more technical gobble-de-gook.

So we came up with this....

Concept

- A website that is pre-built (template website)
- Easy to set up
- Low cost
- Already loaded up with standard documents
- You/we edit it to make it your own
 - A little (Shed name, contact details)
 - A lot (use template as a base)

Essentially, we build a general template that can be copied and tailored to an individual's needs.

Must be easy for the Shed and not cost a lot (If asked, see what they are prepared to pay, but I see guide price as £1 to £5/month including hosting dependant on take up).

Standard docs – policies, CIO constitution, etc. (The other topic in this agenda item)

You can just give basic details (name, who to contact, tel no) and, if and when ready, extend the site. (BTW this will be built in Wordpress, a very common way of creating websites with lots of knowledge about it)

Also note, that it is much easier to change something than do it from scratch!

Back up answers:

- No worry about where to put it (hosting/ISP)
- Selectable features
- Wordpress-based
 - Only need to know that if you want to customise a lot)
 - Using feature called multisite

Questions

- Who is interested in this?
- Anyone want to be a Pilot site?
- Anyone want to influence what we build?

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These are the questions. Would like the answers recorded, please!! I.e.

1. How many people interested?
2. How many want to be influencers (people we will ask for opinions on things, as we develop, and who we'll show prototypes to)?>
3. Any volunteers for a pilot in 2 or 3 months (can defer this question if no immediate takers "we'll ask again later")?
4. Who to keep informed/ask questions about what to build?