

Nursling Men's Shed

Nursling Men's Shed is a charity set up in May 2019 to provide a workspace for local men to connect, converse and create. We cover both Nursling and Rownhams and although Sheds are not just for older people most of the men that attend are retired. Life after retirement can be difficult and men often feel they have lost their sense of purpose and place in the world, missing the routine and camaraderie between colleagues that often comes with working life. Sheds help to overcome the possible loneliness and isolation that many men feel and also encourage sharing of skills, informal learning and enjoyment/support of community activities.

Nursling Men's Shed is a member of the UK Men's Shed Association (www.menssheds.org.uk) which has more than 500 associated Sheds across the UK. Our own website is www.hugofox.com/community/nursling-men-s-shed-15309/home/

We are currently putting the St Boniface Church Hall in Church Lane, Nursling, SO16 0YB back into useable condition after many years of neglect. We have removed 50 years of stored scenery, miscellaneous items and rubbish from the hall, repaired the floors and windows, completed the basic redecoration and installed kitchen facilities. Once we have completed the redecoration and repair of the hall we will be able to run our workshop and hopefully carry out work for the village and the local community.

We are applying for grants from Test Valley Borough Council and other local funders to continue the refurbishment and provide workshop facilities for us and a community hall facility for Nursling & Rownhams. We have the support of our local councillors in this work.

We are holding an **Open morning on Saturday 19th October from 10 – 12** so come along for tea or coffee and cake and see the progress we have made and our plans for the future.