



Constitution

Name:

Our group is named **Westbury Shed**

Westbury Shed will be a workshop and social environment based upon the 'UK Men's Shed Association' model which is primarily aimed at Men over the age of 55. Westbury Shed, will not be gender or age specific however although prospective members must be over 18 to apply.

Aims and purposes:

To provide a base or bases for its members to connect with others while participating in group, community or individual projects and provide opportunities for socialising in safe, friendly environments while at the same time endeavoring to provide the space, expertise and facilities for its members to pursue hobbies, crafts and creative activities.

To undertake projects that are acceptable to the group, and which are of benefit to the individuals involved and the wider community.

To endeavour to assist its members to maintain or improve their health and well-being as a result of participation alone, while hopefully making new friends and enjoying working on a range of projects. It is hoped that this in-turn will have positive 'Knock-on' benefits to relationships with 'nearest and dearest' and the wider community at large.

Trustees:

Westbury Shed will be managed by a committee of trustees appointed at the group 'Annual general meeting' (AGM) Westbury Shed will be organised and run by its members via a 'Board of trustees' representing its members. It will be managed by its trustees in a democratic, good-humoured and open way, as set out in this constitution.

Carrying out the purposes: The trustees will have powers to:
Raise funds, receive grants and donations.
Apply funds to carry out the work of the group.
Co-operate with and support other groups and charities with similar purposes.
Do anything lawful and necessary to achieve the aims and purposes of Westbury Shed.

Membership: All members will be required to fill in an application form & read and sign the constitution, agreeing to be bound by the rules there in.

People can apply to become members and once accepted, may, at some later time, be required to add-to or amend application information and personal details.

A registration fee of £5.00 is required to become a member of Westbury Shed and a suggested contribution of £3.00 is payable upon each visit. You only pay when you come!

If a member wishes to make a voluntary donation of any kind, it will be entirely up to the individual and almost certainly most gratefully received by the Shed.

Trustees may remove a person's membership if they believe it is in the best interests of the group. The member has the right to be heard by the trustees and to be accompanied by another person if required.

Trustees Committee:

The trustees committee will be made up of not less than three (3) people.

Members of the trustees committee will be elected from the general membership from time to time as required.

The trustees committee will be responsible for the financial and social well-being of the group.

Invitees may attend trustee's committee meetings from time to time as required. Invitees are not allowed to vote.

The committee will keep all other members of the group informed of the decisions they make and the work they do by any of the following methods: letter, phone, notice board, group email, group text, social media, word of mouth etc..

The treasurer via a specific bank account will manage all financial activity with two signatures.

Any changes or additions to this constitution will be discussed and decided upon 'majority decision' by the trustees committee.

Committee cannot sit with less than three (3) trustees.

Accounts must be kept and made available upon request.

Any conflict of interest in committee must be declared.

Rules:

In addition to our basic ground rules which are:

Try not to hurt yourself or anyone else 😊

Try to be nice to people 😊

Try not to damage the equipment or environment 😊

The following basic rules must also be observed:

No gambling, smoking or alcohol is allowed at any time.

Bullying, harassment and intimidation of members will not be tolerated.

All members will be responsible for implementing health and safety requirements and ensuring they are adhered to at all times.

Each member is responsible for their own safety and the safety of his fellow members.

This means that 'Everyone is a safety officer'

All members will be responsible for maintaining the groups' property in a tidy, usable and safe condition.

Termination:

Should Westbury Shed wish to terminate its operation, a special general meeting will be called / held to address the winding up of the group and how to disperse of final funds after all debt has been paid. If the group is wound up, any money or property remaining after payment of debts must be given to a group or charity with similar purposes

Declaration:

By signing this document I agree to abide by the rules herein:

Signed

Print name & address
