

Havant Men's Shed - Prospectus

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- *A formal summary of a proposed venture or project.*
- *A document describing the chief features of something, such as a business, an educational program, or especially a stock offering or mutual fund, for prospective buyers, investors, or participants.*

The Havant Men's Shed is intended to be an association in the form of a charity affiliated to the UK Men's Shed Association. Its purpose is to establish one or more community workshops and meeting places in the Havant area where people can gather to share tools, share skills, share enthusiasm, share projects, or just share time. It is likely that the principal users of the Havant Men's Shed may be retired and unemployed men.

A Steering Committee of volunteers will be recruited with these aims:

1. To call a public meeting to announce the launching of a Havant Shed Association, to recruit members and to expand the strength and abilities of the Steering Committee
2. To prepare a constitution that will satisfy the Charity Commission when the time comes for formal registration as a charity. (The determination to achieve charitable status is likely to be important for Havant Borough Council and other potential supporting institutions)
3. To recruit members to the Havant Shed Association and discover what skills and interests they possess
4. To seek and bid for premises in Havant thought suitable for the establishment of a Men's Shed
5. To form a Management Committee charged with planning and undertaking whatever work is required to make the chosen building secure, safe and satisfactory for the activities proposed to be undertaken in it, to the satisfaction of the owner. To ensure that the building is equipped, inspected, insured and managed for the safety of all who use or visit it
6. To seek funding from business and other sources sufficient to permit the Association to achieve its charitable aims
7. To ensure that all assets of the Association, real or financial, belong to the charity and not to its members. On any winding up of the charity the assets after debts are paid must be passed to another charity with similar aims
8. A committee will be charged with deciding what activities, tools and equipment are appropriate for the interests of the members currently belonging to the Association and to arrange for their acquisition, deployment and safe use
9. An objective of the Association will be to achieve the maximum community use of any community owned building and its facilities compatible with the growing demands of the Association's members

10. An objective of the Association will be to engage with the community and other associations and institutions to secure the widest recognition and knowledge of the Havant Shed, both to ensure that those who might benefit from membership know of its existence and location, and to secure continued goodwill and support of local institutions and businesses
11. To ensure that membership and attendance fees do not become a barrier to the neediest members
12. To ensure that the Association avoids the temptation to become a private club but will reach out to those most likely to benefit from attendance at the Shed
13. To avoid so far as possible invoking gender barriers while encouraging those for whom a mixed environment may present a problem
14. To encourage sharing of experience with neighbouring Sheds and the creation of other Sheds in the Havant area as needs and opportunities reveal themselves
15. To support the UK Men's Shed Association and its objectives