

Report on the development of Thame Shed.

In January 2021 Thame Town Council granted £5,000 to Thame Shed, to kick start a project to develop a community workshop. This report details how that money has been spent.

Not yet open, the workshop when fully kitted with wood and metalwork tools and machinery, will serve all those who wish to create, make, mend, repair or refurbish, working on their own projects or with others. It is hoped that the workshop will serve its community as a place where organisations can bring requests to have things made or mended, depending on the skills of the workforce who use it. It will provide a weekday base for those not in work, retired, redundant or furloughed, some of whom may feel the need to be in the company of others as they often were in work.

For some it will be a place to rediscover their confidence, raise their self-esteem. It will be open to all and could contribute to mental health and well-being.

For others it will be a place to continue to use and share their skills and perhaps continue to contribute to their community.

Thame Shed will be housed in a former storage area at the back of an old agricultural barn on the site of Chinnor Rugby Club, Kingsey Road, Thame. The club has granted a ten year lease to Thame Shed at a cost of £500 per year.

Thame Council's grant has been used to obtain Planning Permission for the change of use of the building (£487) and then for the cost of Building Regulations. (£600).

The existing area has no power so the remainder of the grant has been spent on installing a new electrical supply.

A kiosk has been built to house the connection to the electricity grid (174.42)

UKPower has been paid to connect a new supply. (£1,795.20)

100 metres of three phase cable has been purchased. (£1,875.50)

The cable has been laid in a trench from the kiosk to the barn.

Smartestenergy has been paid to provide the new meter and supply the electricity. (£504)

The total cost of the works outlined above is £5,436.132 of which £5,000 was the grant from Thame Town Council for which the Thame Shed Trustees are extremely grateful and thank you.

Mike Ashford

President

Thame Shed

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