



## INTRODUCTION TO NAILSEA SHEDDERS AND UKEBOX

### MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION

Nailsea Shedders is affiliated to UKMSA (United Kingdom Men's Shed Association). A monthly newsletter called 'Shoulder to Shoulder' is published by the organisation.

Nailsea Shedders welcomes anyone into their membership and nearly half of our members are women.

There are nearly 1000 Men's Sheds in the UK. The website is <https://menssheds.org.uk>

### OUR HISTORY

Nailsea Shedders was founded in 2013 as 'Nailsea Social Shedders' from a shed on an allotment in Nailsea. As membership grew we moved to a Scout Hut in Nailsea and from there we moved to our current location at the Wraxall Village Hall Club.

### MEETINGS

Please note that Wraxall Village Club is not on a level site, there are access steps outside the building and more steps inside. There is also a steep slope to access a side door or the overflow car park. The hall is hired for two days each week.

We meet every Tuesday from 10am to 3pm. We have use of all the facilities including the car park, and toilet. We adapt the main room to undertake tasks repairing and making items. There is also an outdoor area where work takes place. The items are brought in by members of the public. Local organisations also contact us for commissions or projects that they would like our help with.

We do not charge for repairs; however, the owners cover the costs of any parts required through a donation to Shedders funds.

### UKEBOX

UkeBox is part of Nailsea Shedders. They hold regular practice sessions at Wraxall and perform gigs at many venues in the area and all money raised is donated to local charities.

### MUSIC GROUP

There is also a music group for any members interested in playing a wide variety of musical instruments, from violin, mandolin, percussions, recorder and others. This group meets at Wraxall on the first Tuesday of the month, during normal Shedders sessions.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS GROUP -

There is an Arts & Crafts Group which meets once a fortnight at No 65 in Nailsea High Street. This is fully subscribed at the moment but you may add your name to the waiting list.

#### OUR PURPOSE

Our primary aim is to reduce social isolation. Members are welcome to come and chat over a coffee or get involved with repairs and projects. Many men find it easier to socialise by working together 'Shoulder to Shoulder'.

#### MANAGEMENT TEAM

Nailsea Shedders is a registered charity, number 1187786. There are currently three Trustees who ensure that we are run according to Charity Commission rules, with other members taking on various roles as part of the management team.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to anyone. There is a monthly subscription which is currently £10 (ten pounds) which can be paid by standing order.

#### NEW MEMBERS

We will take new members through a simple induction process just to familiarise you with building layout, safety aspects and who is who.

As a new member you may wish to have another member to act as your 'BUDDY' nominated to assist you in the early weeks to answer any questions and guide you with the various aspects of the organisation.

We have a Members Handbook which contains all relevant documents covering the management and operation of Nailsea Shedders and you are encouraged to familiarise yourself with this.

#### HEALTH AND SAFETY

We recognise that we have a Duty of Care to all members and your safety is of paramount importance to us both whilst moving about the building and when using power tools and hand tools to carry out jobs. Take care when entering the building and inside as there are several flights of stairs.

You should be aware of our Health and Safety Policy and Risk Assessments contained in the Members Handbook.

If you see anything that does not look right or is unsafe, then you should tell another member or raise an alarm if necessary.

## TRAINING

Some activities at Sheddors may require a qualification via a training course. This could be for PAT testing, First Aid, Health and Safety etc. Sheddors may volunteer to attend a course if there is a specific need, costs will be met from Sheddors funds. We will keep a record of qualifications held.

## REFRESHMENTS

Tea and coffee are available throughout the day. There is normally a selection of biscuits and crisps available.

## SHEDDER'S CLOTHING

There are items of clothing that can be purchased with the Nailsea Sheddors logo on. Polo shirts, sweatshirts and caps are available at the subsidised rate of £5 per garment.

## LOCAL EVENTS

Throughout the year various events take place in the Nailsea area which we are invited to attend and, in many cases, help with different events. Volunteers are always required to assist with running these events.

## PUBLICITY

Our website is <https://nailseashedders.org>

Facebook     Nailsea Sheddors

Flyers and business cards are available for distribution in the area. We also attend various local events where we can publicise our activities.

## CONTACT DETAILS

If you require additional information, please contact the following:

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