

**Progress Report – Men’s Sheds
Dumfries & Galloway Intergenerational Network Meeting
Thursday 5th June 2014**

<p align="center">Lockerbie Men’s Shed</p>  <p align="center">Ken Harvey 0751 1024394 Lockerbiemensshed@gmail.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a Facebook Page – Lockerbie Mens’ Shed <p>Since January 2014 a Few men meeting regularly and progressing trying to identify premises to develop. Currently the Lockerbie Men’s Shed is still, very much, in the 'planning' stage. Ken Harvey who is leading is finding it difficult to get people on board who are interested in the steering committee/ governance side.</p> <p>Lots of interest, from individuals and various third sector groups, who'd like to come along / have their members come along to take part in activities but nobody as yet has offered to commit to form a committee. Ken says “I know that side of things isn't everyone's idea of "fun" but not having a committee locks us out from most of the funding sources I've identified”</p> <p>On the positive side, the Shed may have an informal arrangement with a local charitable Trust who are willing to allow use of part of their premises for a group to meet, in Lochmaben. It is hoped that once people start seeing actual activity, which the Shed should be able to build up from there.</p>
<p align="center">Glenkens Men’s Shed</p> <p align="center">Brian Jones 01644 420374 brian@catstrand.com</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Jones, Community Projects Officer, the Cat Strand, New Galloway is leading on establishing a Shed in Balmaclellan at the former Smiddy, which was kindly donated by the owner. The ‘space’ is very big, therefore, a local Builder is finalising quotes for partitioning the space to a smaller more compact area. <p>There is great interest and enthusiasm amongst men locally to begin moving forward, with donations of wood turning lathes and various equipment received recently. Brian is confident that there is funding available via the Big Lottery Grant that they have to develop the Shed further once the space is ready.</p>

	<p>There is the offer of tuition on wood carving activities, music and also interest in forming a community bakery, making use of the recently renovated Dalry Community Centre for these purposes, but connected to the Shed. Other ideas that are being considered are a community Jam making group.</p> <p>Brian has arranged, in partnership with the Third Sector First Group who are assisting a group in Dumfries to make a joint visit to the McMerry's Men Shed in East Lothian on the 17th July 2014.</p>
<p>Crichton Garden Project</p> <p>Contact Persons:</p> <p>Margi Miller, CPT 01387 273730 Margaret.Miller@dumgal.gov.uk</p> <p>David Paterson, Social Worker, Older People 01387 260942 David.Paterson@dumgal.gov.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crichton Garden Project involving Social Work/ NHS and Third Sector Organisations - £49K to develop. ADS have recently been appointed as 'Project Lead' to take forward and manage the development of the project. <p>The site at the former Market Garden on the Crichton Site (the old greenhouses area) is currently being cleared and some of the preparation work has started with pegging out. The project are keen to work in collaboration with the men from the Shed which has been established at the Dumfries Town Band Community Hall in the park between Annan Road and Greenbrae Loaning, Dumfries.</p> <p>This is a cross generational project with a "Stay Well" theme and hopes to offer a wide range of activities from gardening/ arts and crafts/ woodwork, with ideas and projects coming from the people who attend, largely targeted at the over 55+ age range but anyone with an interest in becoming involved would be most welcome.</p>
<p>Nithsdale Men's Shed</p> <p>Contact Person:</p> <p>Dyfrig Hywel Dumfries & Nithsdale Health Improvement Team, NHS</p> <p>01387 244410</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of the Shed is currently being led and supported by Dumfries and Nithsdale NHS Health Improvement Team, NHS with involvement from various third sector organisations such as Food Train, Dumfries & Galloway Carers Centre, Putting You First (PYF) Development Officer based within Third Sector First. <p>The Shed has an initial £12,200 to assist with the development of this Shed. The launch was on 19th May 2014 at the Dumfries Town Band Community Hall, Noblehill, Dumfries.</p> <p>The Shed is open every Monday and Wednesday between 11.00 am and 2.00pm.</p>

<p>dyfrighwel@nhs.net</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Love later life</p> <p>So far, there are 4 members. They bring along their own activities including playing the ukulele, dominoes and reading the paper. Three of them are keen to start making nest boxes to give away to schools or/and sell for a profit, and donate some of the proceeds to charity. This wood work would take place on another day of the week at a different venue; all participants will need to attend the Mon/Wed sessions first.</p> <p>The Shed will evolve from the likes and interests from the men who attend and initially there will be no charge to men attending, but donations towards tea and coffee would be welcome.</p> <p>Transport to and from the Shed for those who require it is also being offered free of charge with arrangements considered on a case by case basis. <i>i.e. Taxi or if higher numbers from a particular area the Food Train Minibus may be used.</i></p> <p>Promotion and raising awareness amongst men of the establishment of the Shed is ongoing and any publicity opportunities are welcomed.</p>
<p>Annan Boat Building Project Ernie Turpie 0788 5241930 ernie@salsc.org.uk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boat Building Project supported by Annan Harbour Action Group to build boats for rowing club activities. <p>First boat is finished and the project is currently in limbo due to lack of funding and securing a new premises to build the 2nd boat, it is intended the project will build at least 3 boats for use by those who enjoy rowing.</p> <p>The project lead Ernie, is currently in discussions with the owner of a premises in the Silverlaw area of Annan with a view to leasing a building big enough to accommodate a boat being built, the space required is approx. 18 ft by 30ft.</p> <p>The first boat was mainly built by 3 x expert boat builders, however, it is intended that the next boat will be built by volunteer enthusiasts with an interest in learning new techniques and overseen by the 3 expert boat builders.</p> <p>The cost of the materials required to build the next boat are considerably less than the first because</p>

the first kit purchased included the moulds, therefore the second kit does not require the moulds to be re-purchased.

Morag has advised Ernie of the Day Opportunities Funding, and is also arranging to meet Ernie to discuss grant funding, and to discuss further with the Annandale & Eskdale Health Improvement Team.

A public meeting where the first boat will be showcased is due to take place in the next few weeks.

Any publicity of the existence of this Shed is most welcomed for both funding and volunteers who wish to be involved.

Ernie said “surprisingly it is the women who wish to take up the rowing of the boats, which is quite hard work”!

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