

STALBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Name of Organization	THE UK MEN'S SHED ASSOCIATION
Registered Charity No. (if applicable)	
Contact name	DEANNA TREMLETT
Address	GUGGLETON FARM ARTS STATION RD STALBRIDGE DORSET DT10 2RQ
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Purpose of organization	To offer social opportunities primarily to older men, mainly retired who feel socially distanced without regular social interaction
How many members/clients are Stalbridge residents?	10
Amount requested	£1200-00
Purpose request	TO FIT OUT OUR NEWLY ^{ACQUIRED} BRICK-BUILT PREMISES @ GUGGLETON FARM with work benches, storage cupboards shelving & racking. MAKE + install new entrance doors + to install lighting + power points
How many Stalbridge residents will benefit directly?	AS MANY AS WE CAN ATTRACT.
Any further information	FURTHER DETAILS ON ATTACHED WRITTEN APPLICATION

I enclose (delete as applicable)

1. Last set of full audited accounts
2. Project details / business plan
3. Supporting papers

Please return this form together with the attachments to:

The Town Clerk
TheHub@Stalbridge
Station Rd, Stalbridge
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Applicants will be notified of the success of the application in due course.

Application to Stalbridge Town Council for a grant to “The UK Men’s Shed Association” working as an independent Charitable Association within the Guggleton Farm Arts Project 12th January 2022

The “UK Men’s Shed Association” (UKMSA) has been developed across the Globe to offer social opportunities primarily to older men, mainly retired who may feel socially distanced without regular social interaction and with many studies showing that regular physical and mental activities can improve their wellbeing.

The Shed in Stalbridge has had many false starts as a result of Covid shutting down the embryonic start ups together with lack of funds to purchase tools and a very small shed to work from.

We have now been given much larger stone built premises at the Gugg and feel that we can now attract more shedders, having also been loaned a large quantity of woodworking machinery to add to our accumulating number of small tools and donated materials.

We require a grant to purchase materials to fit out our new building with work benches, storage cupboards, shelving and racking for organising the workshop into a safe working environment.

We also require materials to make and fit a set of strong and secure entrance doors.

Also the building will require the installation of lighting and power points.

You will note that there is no mention of labour costs as all the work will be carried out by the Shedders, with final testing and proving of the electrical installation which will be carried out by a certified electrician at a cost to us.

At the present time we will not be charged any rent or other utilities but I would expect in the future in fairness to expect these charges to be levied upon the premises.

Apart from the improvement to quality of life to Stalbridge residents stated above we would highlight the work that we have already carried with our very limited resources and cash returns from sales of repaired items:-

Restoration of a dumb waiter that had been stored at Guggleton Farm after it had been removed from the old Main House on the Stalbridge Estate, now once again put to good use as a display stand in the Gugg shop.

A number of pieces of furniture and artefacts donated to the Men's Shed, now refurbished and either sold on or up for sale in the Gugg shop both giving us a small income for future projects plus being worthwhile endeavours for our Shedders.

The repairing of various items brought into the Men's shed from local residents

Manufacture and sale of over £300.00 worth of bird nesting boxes and other small wooden articles all made from donated new and recycled materials.

Banner frames made from recycled timber, plus installed at the Ring for the British Legion Centenary banners. These were designed such that they can be used over and over to display banners on the Ring for any future village events.

I will not over egg what we have done so far but you can see that there is a constructive purpose for our Shed, but not all days need to be spent working, we are also there to welcome men plus women if they wish for a cup of tea and a chat, which we actually do a lot of, particularly throughout the summer months.

The major work that we have been working on at the Gugg is the installation and structural repairs to the new Ceramic Studio building, for this work we are receiving funds to our Shed, via the CIC, from their fundraising efforts. Plus there is, obviously, some recourse to the de Pelet family for maintenance and improvement to the fabric of the site.

In addition we have been working on the fitting out of the building etc for use as a Ceramic Studio which will greatly enhance the Guggleton Farm Arts Social Enterprise again offering fantastic opportunities for the residence of Stalbridge and the surround communities. So far we have received no remuneration for this work but we have been promised funds through the Gugg, which will again be sourced in the above manner.

We have also carried out various mechanical repairs for residences on tools such as petrol lawn mowers, chain saws etc. we also have a reciprocal arrangement with the Repair Shop at Marnhull who will repairs clocks and small electrical appliances.

As I mentioned above we are able to carry out mechanical repairs as one of our Sheddors is a retired car mechanic/engineer and one a retired RAF aircraft engineer, although do not expect to have any requests for aircraft repairs.

I mention this because this information has reached the ears of “Andy Dike” and he has shown an interest. Since the passing of Don Orchard there has been nobody looking after Williams old vintage vehicles that have a long history with the Dikes Store and with our new premises, looking to the future we could indeed offer a service to refurbish and maintain these vehicles for a donation from Dikes.

Also looking to the future as we grow our venture we would be looking to carry out work in the community doing odd jobs for primarily elder residence around the Town.

We have also been approached by Simon head of our school for a number of projects he would like to do around the school grounds when the Covid pandemic allows.

We are looking for funding for the following materials plus in the future, further funding for any rental costs that we may incur and any other capital expenditure for the more expensive tools and refinements to the workshop, this we would see as a future application.

New doors to workshop, including heavy duty hinges and locks.....	200.00
Fitted work benches (3 in no.)	510.00
Metal rakes/shelving 4sets.....	100.00
6 overhead lights.....	150.00
Cable trunking, cable and sockets.....	240.00
Total grant requested at this time.....	1200.00

We cannot comment as to how many Stalbridge residence our Shed will benefit, but with the new workshop, properly kitted out, plus better use of the Stalbridge website we are anticipating reaching and attracting greater numbers of local residence and hopefully residence from other local communities.