The Acle and district Men’s Shed has finished its first full financial year on the 31st March 2023

and as of the end of March has thirteen paid up members.

The Porta Kabins arrived one year ago and although they were in a sorry state and feedback told us that some of the parishioners were concerned with their appearance, we feel that the past year’s efforts by the members has transformed them.

It was slow progress, but in the early days there were only a handful of members to carry out the work and the shed was open for 3 hours, once a week. As membership numbers grew, we have been able to increase opening times to twice a week, Tuesday & Thursday mornings for 3 hours each session.

During this time, the members have dug a trench to connect to mains power, joined the two Kabins with a corridor, added some more windows for light, built a ramp for disabled access, built emergency exit stairs and totally refurbished the exterior, including a skirt around the base and recently re-seeded the grass, all to improve appearance.

Once the exterior had been completed, we were able to turn our attention to the interior. We have created four separate zones within the Kabins which are; Workshop which is now lined with benches, Machine shop for all of our stand-alone machines, Storage area which includes racking for timber and other pieces of equipment and finally a closed off Social Zone with a kitchenette, computer area, tables and chairs for seating.

Although not entirely finished inside we are definitely on the home straight. We would hope to be finished by the end of May. We can then go to the community to help encourage all people that feel isolated, need companionship, want to continue using their skills or pass them onto to others to come and make use of The Shed.

The Acle & District Men’s Shed is all inclusive and we welcome anybody over the age of eighteen who would like to, once again, belong to something.

Thank you

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