

Dear Shedders - Firstly may we take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU to all of you – our readers and supporters. If you're reading this, then you've taken the time out to find out about the Gateway Shed – and hopefully are already involved with us in some way – or thinking of doing so in early 2016 - as we get closer to opening our doors and welcoming members to join us in sharing and learning skills and making things of all shapes and sizes!



As we approach the end of a productive few months, we have again been kindly donated more items for the Shed – including, a portable / moveable workbench which will be very useful in creating us additional working space; kitchen cupboards which we are adapting to become storage under our handmade workbenches and funds that are helping us in buying the essential screws, paint and insulation that have got us this far.

The Shed is now watertight, insulated, painted on the inside and workbenches are currently being built.

And, if you haven't already heard– the large tree root which was right outside the door has now been completely excavated – thanks to Cliff's patience and the kind manpower of a many men and some rope!

2016 looks like it is going to be a positive year – we have had lots of interest so far in the Shed – and this continues to increase as more people find out about our plans.

We have just heard that we are to be one of the three charities supported by **Waitrose in their Community Matters** green token boxes in the Leek store during **January**. Please pass on this information to anyone you know locally who shops in the store – and ask them to put their green shopping tokens in the Gateway Shed box to support us! All funds raised from the store scheme will enable us to purchase tools and equipment for our Shedders to use in the future.

**Waitrose
Community Matters**

We support good causes.
You decide who gets what.



Don't forget – if you or anyone you know would like to become a Member of Gateway Shed – please call in and see us, (at the rear of the Foxlowe Arts Centre), pick up a Membership Form from the Shed, directly from the Foxlowe Arts Centre Café or you can download the information from our new page on the Foxlowe Arts Centre website: www.foxloweartscentre.org.uk

Our next session will now be on Tuesday 5th January 2016 – and for the following few weeks we will continue to be on site for work-party sessions to work on the practical side of developing the site, equipment and set-up. Please just turn up, meet at the Shed site and join in when you can. Just come with old clothes and gloves. Come and meet your fellow Shedders and get involved:

Every Saturday from 10am to 1pm

Every Tuesday from 10am – 12pm and 2pm to 4pm

If you want to get in touch / have any queries or questions, please email us at- gatewayshed@gmail.com
Or get in touch by the Facebook page – www.facebook.com/gatewayshed . We're keeping this up to date – so please "like" us and share the page to everyone you know

*Wishing you all a peaceful, enjoyable and fun filled festive season –
and we look forward to seeing you in 2016.*

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