

## **Somerset Levels and Moors Shed**

### **October 2019 newsletter**

Welcome to the October 2019 members newsletter. Following the hectic summer I've had driving coaches I stepped back from producing the newsletters due to my lack of time coming along to sessions. I have changed employers again in October, so whilst things had gotten onto an even keel something has come along to throw it all back up in the air again.....

So I'll aim to produce a newsletter every couple of months from now on. I had sufficient material from September ( I managed to make shedfest this year) to produce this edition but I'm very much in everyone's hands when it comes to material. Photos are especially welcome, with a little bit of information to go with them. I can fill in the rest!

If I've missed anything out that's been going on in the last few weeks then my apologies.

There are a couple of 'things' to make everyone aware of:

**Liaison with West Somerset railway:** Members will be pleased to learn that we have been approached by WSR as part of their "Community Engagement:" seeking for us to assist with some of their lighter maintenance and development tasks. - all voluntary of course and it may result in some modest funds for the Shed. To kick this off we are invited to see the **WSR Maintenance Sheds at Bishops Lydeard Station on MONDAY October 28th.**

The visit will look at what they do in terms of station and other maintenance, a chance to see their workshops, chat about opportunities for assisting them, and probably a visit to the Engine Sheds. Live Steam that week as it is School Hols. However members **MUST** wear protective footwear else you will not be allowed into the workshops or Engine Sheds. No exceptions. Longer term there is every opportunity for free train rides as and when the cooperation between WSR and SLAMS develops. So get involved early and earn your seat!

For those interested in going, advise Tom or Colin in good time and also whether you are prepared to take others in your car. The more drivers the more can go. We will probably be leaving the Shed around 09:30 on that Monday for a 10:00-10:30 arrival time. Return around lunch time unless the visit develops beyond what is currently expected.

**Community and commissioned projects in the Shed** - there are a number of projects on the go at the moment. A full list is on the wall in the Snug but here are some of them.

Nelson Trust - set of garden patio benches - Bert is busy on these.

Magna Homes - Bird boxes, bat boxes & insect hotels

Burrowbridge Parish Council- finger post renovation is upcoming - see Colin for details

Burtle Parish Council- more finger post renovations - again see Colin for details.



*Photo above:*

*Two pairs of steps recently constructed in the shed during September.*

*Photo to right:*

*Two garden patio benches for the Nelson Trust – constructed by Bert during September 2019.*



### **Kilve Parish Council benches**

During May, 11 members enjoyed a day out at Kilve Beach, courtesy of Kilve Parish Council and Kilve Cricket Club. The 5 picnic benches commissioned by Kilve PC and constructed predominantly under Bert's expert guidance and huge personal effort, were assembled on site at Kilve Beach - three on the grass adjacent the beach and 2 in the car park. Members were treated to a sumptuous cream tea courtesy of Kilve CC. Later in the afternoon we gathered with Kilve Parish Councillors for a photo shoot at one of the benches, only to find that it was already in use by a family enjoying a barbecue. Kilve PC is really thrilled with these benches and Kilve CC was so impressed that we are likely to get an order for another two. Top Job, Bert! Top Job SLaMS!



**New Shed Opening Hours from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10.00-1500.**

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