

Chair's Report for Aldridge Shed for year ending June 2019

Hello and welcome to our 3rd Aldridge Shed AGM

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for their continued involvement with the group. There are obvious shared interests between the members, which is demonstrated by the help members give to each other with the interchange of ideas and skills. This is something we always aim to encourage.

We have seen some great projects appearing through the last year and our member John continues to make great use of the cnc router on a wide range of objects, assisting one and all with individual projects along the way. Many others do the same. We now open five days a week and membership continues to grow steadily.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those on the committee for their help and support, both those who have been with us from the start of the group and those who have joined more recently, and of course all who do a great deal behind the scenes, both in fundraising via grants and applications, and in other capacities. I would like to thank Ivor our chair of Trustees for his continued zeal and enthusiasm and Mark as a very competent Treasurer, both heavily involved in fundraising activities. I would like to thank too Ian as Secretary/Admin. for keeping the members up to date, Barry Vice chair and responsibility for Health and safety. Trevor also who is involved in following up the members and receiving feedback and ideas. Derek too has been a great support through the year with his social skills among the members. I would like also to thank Jude and Gail for their great work around the clean room, upcycling furniture and their re- upholstery work. A big thank you to all!

We have, during the last year, been involved in some community projects and look forward to continuing this aspect to generate links with other groups and organisations in the wider area.

The Open days were successful and generated interest and new members. The Shed has been represented by various members at the Co-op, the Santander bank, local council networking meetings and village shows.

This has been another successful year, our group is now getting well- known through the wider community and we look forward to the year ahead.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Alan Grice Chair of Aldridge Shed