

## How to start a shed

### Number One- who is the shed for?

Find the people who want to start a shed. *It doesn't have to be many, a couple of people interested can get a shed running*



Think about what it is you want to do. Sheds vary greatly and can be whatever you are interested in



Where would you want it? it doesn't have to be in a shed! Could be out in the community, meeting at the park



When will you meet? Needs to be regular and consistent, so people become aware of it

### Number Two- Do you know about sheds?

Have a read about men's sheds association at [www.menssheds.org.uk](http://www.menssheds.org.uk)

Find some already running sheds at [www.kentsheds.org.uk](http://www.kentsheds.org.uk)

Maybe visit an existing shed, speak to some shedders



### Number Three- starting the shed



**Arrange a day and time and start meeting** - You may not be actually doing, but the consistency will help to build the shed idea



**Discuss what you might need**- You may need tools or materials, be resourceful ask local builders merchants/scrap yards. You may need to bring tools from home to start



**Get support from the Kent sheds Network** - The established sheds are happy to support new sheds



### Number Four- Growing your shed

**Connect with the community**- Being visible whether its out in the community or attending events

**Advertise**- Use lots of ways, social media and Facebook is great, but think of more local advertising, at GP surgeries, bus stops, in shops, social clubs, betting shops.

**Link with Charities and organisations** - They can signpost people to your shed if they know about it

