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Fireworks 2017 - A cracking time of the year

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The Shed has made an ambitious bid to secure some serious money for improving its heating. But we need your help to do this. We have submitted a bid to the Aviva Community Fund but are up against stiff competition. We need you to register your votes, and hopefully those of friends and family, in support of our bid. Go to [this link](#) to start the process. It takes less than 5 minutes to register and cast your votes. No excuses help us to help ourselves. **And pass on the link to your friend and family.**



News in Brief

UK Men's Sheds Association SHEDDERFAIR



Thursday 23 November in Northampton Guildhall UKMSA will hold its AGM in the morning at 10am and an event will follow in the Great Hall and Court Room from 12pm. The free event will take place to celebrate a fantastic year of Shedding and to launch some exciting new products and services from UK Men's Sheds Association. You will be welcomed with a buffet lunch and will be able to meet and mingle with Shedders from across the UK. For booking arrangements and go to the latest [Shoulder to Shoulder newsletter](#).



A Great Visit

Milton Keynes Community foundation along with a number of their financial supporters visited the Shed in

September. They were well impressed with the Shed thanks to a good turnout of Shedders on the day. They recently funded us over £1000 to enable the training of four members who in turn can instruct Shedders on the safe operation of the wood machinery.

Your Chance to Help the Community

The Shed currently has a number of community projects on the go or in the pipeline. This is your chance to do a little to help others. These include:

- A notice board for the MacIntyre charity, for siting on their allotment. Bernie, with some help, is well under way with that.
- Planters for Wolverton & Greenleys Town Council. This will be an ongoing project.
- Equipment painting for the Play Association, another charity sited just over the back from the Shed.

You are encouraged to get involved on these projects. Talk or send an email to [Peter](#) about them.

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