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Following yesterday's government advice, with great reluctance and regret the Management Committee has taken the decision to close the Shed with effect from 17.00 tomorrow (Wednesday) until further notice.

If you wish to attend the Shed tomorrow to collect any personal items please do so, and follow the normal rules with regard to social distancing, hand washing etc.

This decision has been taken in the light of the risk posed to our many older members and those with health conditions, together with the need to minimise the spread of the disease in the community. We are at the same time mindful of the important role that the Shed plays for many in their physical and mental health. We must seek to continue to support each other by whatever means possible, short of social gatherings. We'll be issuing further advice on how this might be achieved shortly.

During the closure period we will operate a rota of visits by keyholders to check on the security of the premises. We hope that those who are currently donating to the Shed through Local Giving will continue to do so and that others not yet donating in this way might consider doing so at whatever level they can afford, as many of our costs, such as rent and insurance, will not go away during the closure period.

If you have any queries arising from this message please email [info@meninshedsmk.org.uk](mailto:info@meninshedsmk.org.uk). Further information will follow in the Spring Newsletter, which is due out shortly.

Best wishes to all, and please do everything you can to stay healthy in the coming months.

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