

WOODLEY ALLOTMENT TENANTS ASSOCIATION

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Shed Survey Responses

As we mentioned in the last newsletter and on the Facebook Group page we have been carrying out a survey about the potential for an active Community Shed for the Allotment site.

The committee would like to thank all respondents to the recent Shed Survey; we have received over 60 responses which show an overwhelming support for a Community Shed for the site.

As many of you will realise, we do already have a very old building/shed on site that has fallen into some disrepair over the years and this will be looked at in case it can be fully restored/modified to serve the function as a Community Shed for the site. More on that at the end of this Special Bulletin.

The following pages show the individual questions we asked and the actual response we received from all the responders. We have also included at the end of this document additional comments that the responders added to their response.

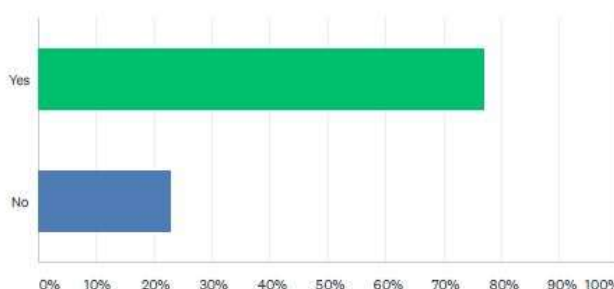
If you missed completing the survey (it closed on 10th July 2020, we would still be interested in your feedback to all of these questions; you can send these to the normal email address at the end of this Special Bulletin.

A community Shed/Hub/Hut - Should our allotment site have one?

SurveyMonkey

Q1 Do you think that you would use a community shed/hub/hut?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.05%	47
No	22.95%	14
Total Respondents: 61		

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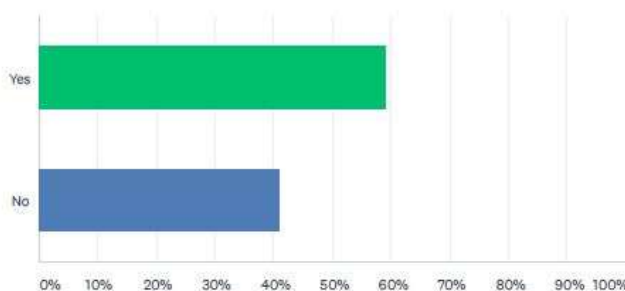


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Q2 Would you be prepared to help clean/maintain the community shed/hub/hut as part of separate shed/hub/hut committee?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



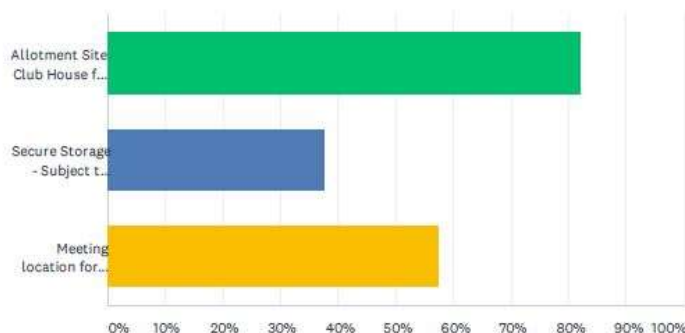
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	59.02% 36
No	40.98% 25
Total Respondents: 61	

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SurveyMonkey

Q3 If there was one, what would you like to see the community shed/hub/hut used for?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Allotment Site Club House for Events - Talks, Seed Swaps etc.	81.97% 50
Meeting location for sharing Gardening Information/Library/Coffee	57.38% 35
Secure Storage - Subject to Gate Lock/Key Updates	37.70% 23
Total Respondents: 61	

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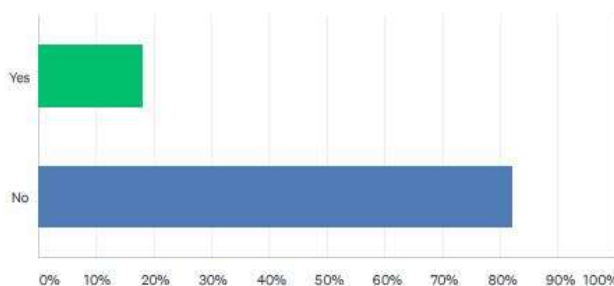


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Q4 Bearing in mind the size of our allotment site, would it be better to have more than one community shed/hub/hut?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



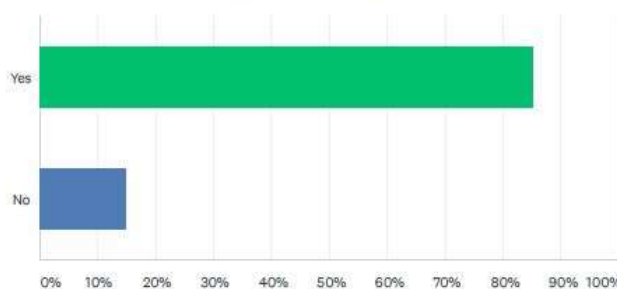
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	18.03%	11
No	81.97%	50
Total Respondents: 61		

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SurveyMonkey

Q5 Would you be happy for Allotment funds to be spent on renovating the Shed?

Answered: 61 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.25%	52
No	14.75%	9
Total Respondents: 61		

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Q6 Do you have any other feedback about this subject?

- great idea as a lot of newbees welcome nut from experienced gardeners. and lso enjoy the social part. i believe.from hearing others views. you could have a rota set up (in stone) re committment to keeping it tidy. as could the toilet if i clean it 10 times it becomes mine!!!!!!
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- The biggest issue would be security - sorry to be negative! Siting is important - somewhere in the 'middle' would be better than the shed's current position.
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- As ever, this depends on people having time/capacity to help out. It does sound a good idea but, as with the Launchpad project, you need plenty of volunteers. We enjoy our allotments, but have a job just keeping on top of them and wouldn't be able to assist.
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- not off the moment thanks
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- Cannot see any personal benefit and this seems like the most inappropriate time to be considering such - remember COVID?
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- We can use the shed for small summer events sharing and just to have small gatherings like summer barbecue or sharing food as a multi culture community
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- No
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- Sounds a great idea.
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- Funds may be better spent in setting up a non-profit making trading shed perhaps (like Huntley & Palmers in Culver Lane)? Would be prepared to help out on such a venture.
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- Equipment loan library
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- To sell seeds and other useful bits, similar to Huntley & Palmers one.
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- When i was chairman I turned it back into a communal meeting place and got the Paint donated by Focus Do-it-All at the time and the walls were painted in the decoration it is today for the use that is shown in my response - how this can be used with social distancing is another matter
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- Let's make it happen
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- Maybe a space to sell things such as plants and compost within the site.
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- A shed used to store and sell products would be more than welcome. We could benefit from better group prices and perhaps group insurance.
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- This is a good idea, unfortunately we're not in a position to assist at the present time. How would the site remain secure? Would this be just for our tenants or others - they could potential get lost on our site due to its size. Should there be an entrance near to the shed from Reading Road for outsiders? Similar to Earley?

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- No

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- It needs to have its own shop too, compost, plants, seeds etc etc. Could be run by those that run other nearby shops

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- To answer question 5 I'd want to know what amounts might be spent.

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Next Steps

The committee have reviewed the results and would now like to open the discussion to all on the allotment site.

With reference to the responses in [Question 2](#) where many showed an interest in helping with this project, the main committee feel that this project would benefit greatly from its own sub-committee who could take over and run the project (with guidance if required from the main committee).

A sub-committee could look at and advise on such items as:

- What work would need to be done to the existing building?
- What costs would be involved with that?
- Comparison of repair/restoration of existing building versus the cost of replacing it with something else.

Once we have established a useable building, the same sub-committee could then take the lead in organising how it is used, cleaned etc. with help from the main committee and other volunteer tenants as needed.

We look forward to your further feedback about this interesting and exciting project.

Many thanks
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