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Scarborough Mates Press Release

On Wednesday 8th September starting at 1000 hrs Scarborough Mates Mens Shed are holding an event to showcase their newly refurbished workshops at Unit 8 66 Londesborough Rd Scarborough. Since their creation in 2018 the Mates have spent the intervening time searching for a place to have exclusive access to develop their facilities and further their charitable objectives. Oh and have some fun and a few laughs on the way too.

The workshops will be open Monday to Thursday 0900 -1600 hrs initially with extended hours to cover some Saturdays and evening sessions according to demand.

The Charity aims to alleviate social isolation amongst the harder to reach members of the Scarborough community who have suffered, illness, unemployment, bereavement are lacking confidence and can now come together in a safe environment to do many practical activities. On offer are woodworking, metalworking, arts & crafts, model railways, ceramics and pottery making are planned for later in the year. But the most important thing to gain is friendship, chat over a cuppa and a biscuit or three can be just as important too. Scarborough is one of the most deprived areas of North Yorkshire.



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The Mates have built relationships with the Pupil Referral Unit and Gladstone Rd School to encourage the pupils to develop some basic practical skills which are not available to them through normal avenues.

All the restoration work has been carried out by the Mates themselves, work includes a new kitchen area, disabled toilet, removal of internal walls to create bigger spaces, new lighting, fire security system and video surveillance, widening doorways for wheelchair access, making new doors and lastly redecorating inside and out.

All this would not have been possible without the support of many individuals, local businesses and organisations including Sirius Minerals Foundation, NYCC Stronger Communities, Proudfoot Super Market, Asda Foundation, The National Lottery, Age UK Scarborough, B&Q, Foster Clay Law. Many individuals have donated tools and we have also received a message of encouragement from Sir Alan Ayckbourn who has followed our progress with interest.

Eskimosoup a Hull based TV production company will be recording material for a documentary we are featuring in about Yorkshire true grit and determination so please come along and meet the Mates @ No. 8 and help us get the message out there.

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