

YMS Outdoor Meetings

Once the lockdown was relaxed some members of Yate Men's Shed decided that as well as holding zoom meetings once a week some were prepared to meet in a safe outdoors location where they would encounter very few (if any) other people.

We have now met 4 times and the format is reasonably well established.

We park in the ample carpark at the end of Moorland Road (Yate Bowls Club). A private hedge surrounds 3 sides of the car park. We walk around the hedge in the direction of the Bowls Club and setup in the best location for the weather conditions. There is generous shade under 2 established trees and we can also use the hedging to protect us from the wind. Should it rain (so far lucky) we can return to our cars and escape. We are trying to meet weekly but are 'Weather Dependant'.

The rules are few -

Bring your own chair to sit on.

Position it to create a circle (socially distancing).

Bring a snack if you require one.

Leave whenever you want but 2 hours is generally enough.



Discussions are both topical, and shed related and often 2 or 3 will chat amongst themselves.



In this photo the Bowls Club is in the background. Fortunately Yate Town Council keep the grass nicely cut..... but not especially for us.



There was clearly at least 2 conversations in progress when this photograph was taken. Note: 1 member has brought a flask whilst others can wait until they get home for a brew. Optimistic sun hats in the foreground !

