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To whom it may concern

As one of the largest Men's Shed In the UK Fareham Men's Shed would not exist if it was not for the Titchfield Festival Theatre.

The Theatre was approached in January 2016 By Community Action Fareham about the possibility of housing a local men's shed. The following month after a few meetings the Theatre allocated a space within their storage and scenery area and Fareham Men's Shed was born.

With an attendance of 16 at a general meeting the following June our membership has steadily grown and now stands at 79. As we grew we were allocated a bigger space to accommodate a recreational area as well as a workshop.

The shed fully supports Men's Health within the borough of Fareham and helps men adjust their life following retirement, illness or sadly the loss of a partner. Giving them a meeting place 5 days a week they make new friends, share their skills or learn new ones and get involved in community projects giving them a new purpose in life.

We have supported

- 9 local schools making and repairing school equipment
- Local Scout and Guide units
- Various charitable organisations
- Helped numerous Families after a family bereavement clearing sheds and garages
- Attended more than 50 open local community events
- Raised almost £5,500 supporting Macmillan Cancer Support
- Fareham and Portchester Primary Care Network.
- Raised over £2,000 for the Christmas Church appeal to supply and deliver hampers to needy local families

During our Lifetime we have been visited by 3 Fareham Mayors and a total of 12 Local and County Councillors and 3 times by our MP Suella Braverman. They are all in admiration of what we do and what we have achieved but despite several requests the council can not find us an alternative building or site.

As we now enjoy a larger shed within the new Arden Theatre building, if it was to be closed it would be the end of Fareham Men's Shed and all the support we give to the local community.

We sincerely hope that you find in favour of the Titchfield Festival Theatre and we hope that the situation between Fareham Borough Council and the Titchfield Festival Theatre can be resolved .

