UK Men’s Sheds Awards 2026 finalists announced

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Sheds, projects and individuals from across the UK recognised for making a difference in their communities.

The UK Men’s Sheds Association (UKMSA) has announced the finalists for the UK Men’s Sheds Awards 2026, celebrating the Sheds, projects, partnerships and individuals making a real difference in communities across the UK.

The finalists represent the breadth of work taking place across the Men’s Sheds movement, from supporting health and wellbeing and the Armed Forces Community to protecting the environment, preserving local heritage, supporting young people and bringing communities together.

The finalists will come together for the Awards ceremony on Thursday 19 November 2026, International Men’s Day, at Baskerville House in Birmingham, where this year’s winners will be announced.

The 2026 finalists

Community Project Award

Bridlington Community Shed
Chippenham Shed
Rossendale Men’s Shed

The Community Project Award recognises Sheds making a positive impact beyond their own membership. This year’s finalists have delivered projects ranging from community planters and outdoor learning spaces to projects supporting schools, young people and vulnerable adults.

Partnership Award

Aberaeron Men’s Shed
Burnham-on-Sea and Highbridge Men’s Shed
Men in Sheds Cheltenham and Gloucester
Men in Sheds Milton Keynes

The Partnership Award celebrates successful collaborations between Sheds and organisations, businesses, schools, charities and community groups. The 2026 finalists demonstrate how sharing skills, resources and expertise can create lasting benefits for both Shedders and their wider communities.

Health and Wellbeing Award

Downham Men’s Group
Rossendale Men’s Shed
Southam Men’s Shed at Galanos House

The Health and Wellbeing Award recognises Sheds and groups using connection, practical activity, friendship and community to improve physical, mental and social wellbeing.

Armed Forces Award

Axminster Community Shed
Chertsey Men’s Shed
Southam Men’s Shed at Galanos House

The Armed Forces Award recognises the contribution of Armed Forces Accredited Sheds supporting veterans, serving personnel and their families. The finalists have demonstrated their commitment through outreach, remembrance activities, practical support, community events and links with Armed Forces organisations.

Green Shed Award

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Romsey Men's Shed
St Andrews Men's Shed
Wendover Shed

The Green Shed Award is new for 2026 and recognises outstanding contributions to environmental sustainability, conservation and wildlife preservation. The finalists demonstrate the many ways Sheds are putting practical environmental action into practice, from repair and reuse to renewable energy and creating habitats for wildlife.

Heritage & History Award

Aln Valley Railway Trust
Dalbeattie Men's Shed
Men in Hangar

Also new for 2026, the Heritage & History Award celebrates Sheds helping to preserve and promote local and regional history and heritage. The finalists have been involved in restoring historic railway stock, machinery and buildings, preserving local stories and supporting museums and heritage organisations.

Shedder of the Year

Paul Allen (RCV - The Barn, Ryehill)
Christopher Davies (Caerau Men's Shed)
Ezma Zhao (Newtown Men's Shed)

The Shedder of the Year Award recognises an individual who has gone above and beyond for their Shed and fellow members. This year's finalists have each made an exceptional contribution to friendship, wellbeing, skills-sharing and community connection.

Special Recognition Award

Dr Chris Manning – In Memoriam
Don Thomas
University of East London Men's Shed

The Special Recognition Award is selected by the UKMSA team and recognises achievements that fall outside, or across, the specific award categories. This year's recipients include a lasting legacy following the death of Dr Chris Manning who was instrumental in steering early health and wellbeing work in UKMSA, Don Thomas who has made long-standing contributions to the Men's Sheds movement in Wales, and the innovative development of the UK's first university-based Men's Shed.

DRINKiQ Award

South Wigston Shedders
The goodShed
Winterslow Men's Shed

Diageo's responsible drinking platform DRINKiQ partnered with the UK Men's Sheds Association (UKMSA) on the Mission: Shoulder to Shoulder campaign to build 100 buddy benches across the UK. This award celebrates the amazing seats created by Men's Sheds across the UK as part of this project.

Shed of the Year

Church Crookham and Fleet Men's Shed
Men in Sheds Gorran and Mevagissey
Rostrevor Men's Shed

The overall UK Men's Shed of the Year 2026 recognises a Shed making a significant and lasting difference to its members and wider community.

"The UK Men's Sheds Awards are about championing the extraordinary stories of ordinary people – the volunteers, the friendships, and the projects that are changing lives and building better communities," said Caroline Ellis, CEO of UKMSA.

"This year we received more than 140 nominations, and the quality and range of the entries made

judging incredibly difficult. The finalists represent just some of the brilliant work happening in Sheds across the UK.

From supporting health and wellbeing and creating stronger communities, protecting the environment and preserving local history, to supporting young people and our Armed Forces community, the breadth of what Sheds achieve is remarkable. Every finalist should be incredibly proud of their contribution."

The Awards ceremony will take place on 19 November 2026 at Baskerville House, Birmingham, on International Men's Day. The event will bring together finalists, Shedders, volunteers, partners and supporters from across the UK to celebrate the achievements of the Men's Sheds movement.

The UK Men's Sheds Awards 2026 are sponsored by Diageo/DRINKiQ. alongside Carveco, Titefix and Whitespace.

For more information about the UK Men's Sheds Awards 2026, visit:
https://menssheds.org.uk/events/uk-mens-sheds-awards-2026/

For the full list of finalists and their stories, visit:
https://menssheds.org.uk/events/introducing-the-finalists/

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