

## A Men's Shed for Lockerbie and Lochmaben

LMS currently operates from a small portacabin provided on an 'all found' basis by the owner of the property, Billy Edwards of Rostrum Print, Lochmaben.

On moving to the Kirk Lane property on either an interim peppercorn rent or following a successful below market value Community Asset Transfer, LMS understand that they will qualify for an exemption of rates (being by that time a SCIO) and that their only major, ongoing expense is likely to be a bill for the electricity supply, currently estimated at approximately £1000 pa.

All lights installed will be energy efficient or replaced with low wattage LED units where practicable. An energy conservation policy will be developed and, looking to the future, the possibilities for installation of solar panels, thermal capture, overall installation of insulation etc will be investigated.

LMS has received approximately £1500 per year in funding over the past two years while operating from the Lochmaben unit. This has come from, in 2014/15, from SHAP, Annan and in 2015/16 from Age Scotland.

Together with donations from the public, contributions from members, etc. this has met the needs of the members, purchasing equipment and materials as needed. Where there is a small residual balance at the end of the year, that is already allocated to ongoing projects.

It is anticipated that, for the first five years of operation at Kirk Lane funding applications will continue to be made to SHAP and Age Scotland. Additional funding will be sought from the Area Fund, Lockerbie Trust, Dumfries and Galloway Arts Fund, etc. These applications will be to fund specific programmes, ie, putting on 'introduction to craft' sessions which will help publicise the Shed and its activities while generating additional funds in the shape of per session charges.