

Join in sharing tools and skills



St Andrews Community ToolShare has got a new sign! Now it will be even easier to find us at the Kernel, should you wish to borrow any tools for your home projects. We have already had lots of traffic through this year, with the power drill and the food dehydrator leading the score tables so far. If you need any equipment for an occasional DIY project, cooking for an event or for seasonal preserve-making, joining ToolShare library will definitely save you money and storage hassles, as well as helping reduce waste. For joining instructions see: <http://www.transitionsta.org/toolshare/>

Having finessed his sign-making skills, Winks has now made lovely signs for other projects at the Kernel and for St Andrews Transition, including St Andrews ReUse and Edible Campus. He has also been sharing his awesome sign-routing and secateurs sharpening know-how through the Community Skillshares at the Kernel. For the future sessions demonstrating the use the library tools get in touch with Winks at wde@st-andrews.ac.uk.

Weekly sessions at the Kernel

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sunday
12:00 - 14:00 ToolShare loan with Winks	10:00 - 13:00 Men's Shed St Andrews	12:00 - 14:00 ToolShare loan and DIY tool demos with Winks	14:00 - 16:00 Gardening with Elliott and June	10:00 - 13:00 Men's Shed St Andrews	12:00 - 14:00 Gardening with Elliott and June
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Winks shares his tool-sharpening know-how

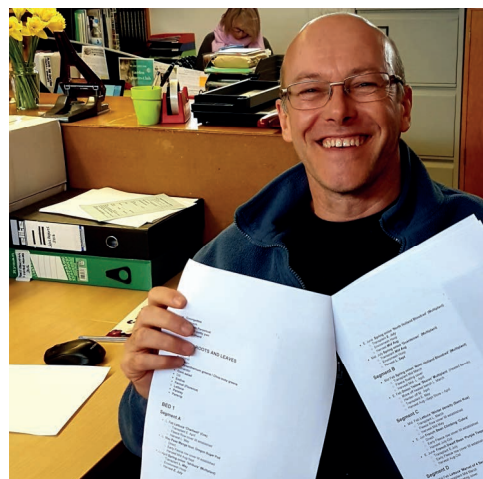
Kernel Location

Find us at the St Andrews Botanics via entrance at the Viaduct Walk



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Elliott's delighted that the cropping plan is done!

Since the new year we have been busy putting together our crop plans for the Community Vegetable garden and the Urban Farm. This year we will be growing a wide range of crops with around 50 different types of vegetables, which will allow us to deliver a wide range of learning experiences, as well as a varied diet!

We have just about finished our sowing and planting schedule and we are particularly excited about the planting plan Jane and I have produced for this year's Ornamental Potager for the Kernel's Community Garden. It is a fun mixture of vegetables and flowers aimed at encouraging pollinators and adding some more informal beauty to the growing space, to complement the highly regimented and productive Kernel Farm plantings. We have also welcomed a

Ready, steady ... grow!

delivery of the long-awaited double polytunnel, to be put up shortly. With our first sowings already done in February, it is going to be a very busy and exciting time over the next few months. So if you can spare some time to volunteer at one of our open sessions, we would very much appreciate the help!

For those of you who fancy some more formal learning about growing vegetables, we have put together a comprehensive set of free workshops for this spring:

Masterclass

Sundays, 11:00-13:00 @ the Kernel

March 31st

April 7th, 21st

May 5th, 19th, 26th

Veg growing month by month

First Tuesday of every month, 10:45 - 12:00

@ Kernel Glasshouse

Microgreens and sprouts

Sunday, 28th of April, 13:00-14:30 @ the Kernel

For booking contact Elliott
eforsyth@standrewsbotanic.org.



Men's Shed to the rescue!



The St Andrews Men's Shed were contacted recently by the granddaughter of an elderly Strathkinness resident who had been left shocked, devastated and substantially out of pocket by unscrupulous comen.

Mary (not her real name) had been approached by a man looking for odd jobs in the area. Mary agreed to pay the man to clear out and remove her late husband's shed and dispose of its waste contents. He also agreed to tidy up the area and fix the shed groundwork as it had collapsed.

With a large sum paid upfront, the man brought in a team, removed the shed and its valuable contents of electrical and garden tools (not agreed upon) and left the garden with all the 'rubbish' strewn around and the groundwork untouched, never to be seen again.

A team of volunteers from St Andrews Men's Shed went to Mary's rescue, removed all the rubbish and scrap from the garden, lifted the old shed paving stones and relayed them, and did a general tidy up of the area.

Mary has lived in the same house for decades and has always felt safe. The disgusting behaviour of one unsavoury individual has left her fearful, very embarrassed and out of pocket. Hopefully the actions of the Men's

Shed volunteers will restore her faith in people, but it is a reminder to never just accept anyone into your home without checks and never handover cash until a service is complete. Speak to a family member or friend before undertaking any financial arrangement with a third party.

In other Men's Shed news, we have various projects on the go and in the planning phase. The solar powered system for the Kernel is on order so

preparations are underway to get the area on the roof ready for the installation. Making stock to sell for the Easter Fare at Craigtoun Country park has also begun and the material for the construction of a giant chair for the Botanical Gardens in St Andrews has arrived. Watch this space!

Travelling towards a zero carbon St Andrews: an open meeting

The Kernel Partnership will be holding the second "Towards a Zero Carbon St Andrews" action planning event on Tuesday 5th March at 5pm in the Arts Lecture Theatre, The Scores. Residents and groups are invited to consider "How can we travel smarter and more sustainably in the future?"

With travel being a major contributor to climate change and also being one of the most resistant to change we will be needing some new big ideas to challenge the status quo. There will be some mini presentations and facilitated discussion that will aim to create plans and priorities for future work that can help us all move about without contributing to dangerous climate change. The Transition St Andrews CIC AGM will be held at the start of this event. Refreshments and food provided. All welcome.



Clear out. Pass on.

Get involved in The Big Declutter for Pass it on Week

passitonweek.com 9-17 March



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Declutter, donate and celebrate

In March, St Andrews Environmental Network is joining in with Pass-It-On Week - Scotland's annual celebration of re-use. Pass-It-On Week takes place between 9 and 17 March and this year's theme is 'The Big Declutter'.

So have a wee bit of a spring clean, declutter and bring your unwanted items to the **Cosmos centre on Saturday 9th March between 1:00 - 3:30 pm**. St Andrews Environmental Network will then pass the items on to someone who wants them. While you're at the Cosmos browse through the items already donated and take away with you anything you need.

By donating items you no longer want for reuse you are helping in the fight to reduce waste in St Andrews as well as helping your local community.

Across Scotland, there over 600 events due to take place during the week from swishing - or swap-shop - events, to repair and upcycling workshops and bike donation drives to pop up shops for preloved goods. For the full list of events see Zero Waste Scotland website: <https://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/declutter-and-help-others-pass-it-week>

Contact StAndEN on 01334659315 or info@standrewsenvironmental.org



Get on your bike this spring!

If you think that your bike could do with a bit of TLC after the winter, St Andrews Bike Pool offers free "fix your own" bike sessions during term-time. Next sessions are: 6 Mar @Cosmos, 7 Mar @DRA, 12 Mar @Union, 14 Mar @ABH. All from 5-6:30pm, except DRA 4:30-6pm. For more see St Andrews Bike Pool Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/standrewsbikedoctor/>.