

Case study Q4 – Jan 24 - March 24

Tony Page, trustee of East Preston Men in Sheds referral:

Nina worked with Tony Page on their referral, February 2024:

“We are about to enter year 3 of our set up and moving onto the build of our premises in the village centre. Money for the capital build and equipping of our workshop / shed minnow our prime focus. We have approx £18,000 but need significantly more asap before the aforementioned monies become time lapsed because of their conditionality. Need to raise operating costs and primarily some capital for the build our or workshop / shed.”

Nina worked with Tony Page of East Preston Men in Sheds (EPMS) discussing future strategic options. These included conversations around: community engagement, sponsorship, partnership, acquiring more trustees, speaking to other Men in Sheds etc.

VAAC also provided a bespoke funding search for them listing a number of local and national funds to consider applying to.

They were encouraged to attend to attend VAAC’s Meet the Funder event - face-to-face with the National Lottery Community Fund on 28 February.

Adrian Miller of EPMS said when asked, what difference will attending this make to your organisation? *“Face to face opportunity enables us to focus on aspects of applications that will hopefully lead to success in the future. It was extremely useful”.*

Nina also encouraged them to attend Ernest Kleinwort Charitable Trust’s Meet the Funder event. They have submitted a funding application and waiting to hear.

As of May 2024, the EPMS build has started. VAAC has been invited to their opening event on 2 August and Nina/Sharon will attend.