

Cornwall Association of Woodturners

Club formed in 1992. Registered as a charity in July 2024.

Registered Charity Number: 1209704



Cornwall Association of Woodturners (CAW) is dedicated to promoting the art and heritage skill of woodturning in Cornwall. The largest Association of Woodturners in Cornwall (and probably the country), CAW is one of only three in the UK with its own permanent clubhouse. The club is attended by all ages and demographics from across the county and is run completely by volunteers who are members of the club.

CAW provides a supportive community for woodturners of all abilities, offering workshops, demonstrations and resources to enhance their craft. The charity aims to inspire creativity, foster learning and preserve the tradition of woodturning for future generations, promoting woodturning and associated crafts for public benefit and in doing so raising appreciation of woodturning to advance awareness.



Whilst nearly all other woodturning clubs throughout the UK meet in rented community spaces, with just two or three lathes available once a week/fortnight/month, CAW's dedicated workshop boasts 14 lathes permanently set up, together with facilities to host demonstrations and club social events. Here CAW holds regular evening turning sessions with qualified tutors on hand to support and further members' skills. CAW also provides teaching sessions on Saturdays, as well as monthly club night meetings with demonstrations by other CAW members and lectures by visiting guests on all manner of topics related to woodturning.

Cornwall Association of Woodturners has nearly 100 members across all abilities and backgrounds, including people with limited mobility and wheelchair users, spanning from 11 to 90 years of age. Currently the majority of members are retired men, 60+ years of age; although there has been a marked increase of women (below retirement age) joining the club over the past few years and children visit with parents, sometimes for DofE, or a Guide badge.

Members attend weekly from towns and villages across Cornwall. Most would be socially isolated if not for the activities of CAW, many living in areas of deprivation and isolation. All benefit from the physical activity and social interaction that CAW provides. It gives many a sense of purpose and interest, through to developing and preserving heritage skills - some becoming professionals.

NEW CLUBHOUSE: CAW must replace its existing dilapidated clubhouse which is no longer fit for purpose, with asbestos and water ingress. A new clubhouse will enable CAW to provide significantly improved facilities for current members, with increased space enabling many new members to join, as well as other community benefits which include:

- A bigger clubhouse will make the environment much easier for current members to work in, as well as enable new members - with CAW driving awareness to new and underrepresented groups.
- The new clubhouse will incorporate improved air filtration, significantly improving CAW's health and safety provision.
- Partnerships will be possible with a wide range of community organisations throughout Cornwall who will benefit from using the new facilities with their audiences.
- Activities will improve physical and mental health, reduce isolation, promote inter-generational connectivity, and the learning/development of new skills – many transferrable.
- The skill and art of woodturning and associated crafts will achieve a higher profile in Cornwall and beyond, preserving a heritage craft.
- Woodturners of all skill levels will be part of a supportive community benefitting from workshops, demonstrations, and resources to enhance their craft, as well as fostering fellowship and camaraderie.
- Creativity will be inspired, learning will be enhanced and the heritage skill of woodturning will be preserved for future generations.



CAW'S CAPITAL CLUBHOUSE APPEAL:

CAW must undergo a major capital development to plan, build and equip a new clubhouse on land adjacent to the charity's current base at Wheal Jane, costing £333,900 with £273,533 remaining to raise.

CAW is extremely grateful to members who are donating their skills to help design and develop this new building - including a retired quantity surveyor, alongside Wheal Jane who are kindly supporting works to the value of £20,000, enabling labour savings of over £43,000.

The charity has raised £16,578 and hopes to raise a further £16,500 through various club/community initiatives within the next 12-18 months as capital works progress. CAW is now focused on making grant applications to trusts and foundations to reach its target.

INCEPTION STAGE	
Project Management	£12,000
Planning	£800
Professional Fees (including planning/building regs)	£15,000
Fundraising (grant support applying/managing/reporti	£10,000
TOTAL COST INCEPTION PHASE 1: 37,800	
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Demolition and clearing site	£12,728
Excavations	£7,273
Substructures	£54,603
TOTAL COST PHASE 1: 74,603	
PHASE 2	
Steel Frame building Insulated, with External Doors an	75,000.00
Plumbing & Drainage	£4,315
Electrical	25,000.00
Solar Panels & Battery Storage	20,000.00
TOTAL COST PHASE 2: 124,315	
PHASE 3	
Internal Walls, Doors & Windows	£30,993
Dust extraction system	10,320.00
Floor, wall & Ceiling finishes	15,099.00
Second fix & Sanitary Ware	6,815.00
External Works & Occupation	3,600.00
TOTAL COST PHASE 3: 57,843.80	
Contingency (based on 10% of project costs)	£30,355
TOTAL COSTS	333,900

INCOME	FIRMLY PLEDGED/RAISED
Donated Services:	
Project management	£12,000
Demolition and clearing site	£12,728
Excavations	£7,273
Internal Doors & Windows Labour	£4,200
Floor, wall & Ceiling finishes Labour	£1,350
Second fix Labour	£1,250
Plumbing & Drainage Labour	£3,000
External Works & Occupation Labour	£2,000
Total value of donated services: 43,801	
Funds Raised / Awarded:	
Unrestricted funds raised by CAW and allocated:	16578
Grant Funds	
TOTAL INCOME	£60,379

TOTALS	
Expenditure	£333,900
Income	£60,379
FUNDING GAP	£273,522

Separate core budget with operating costs of £19,000 per annum available on request.

If you felt able to support CAW's capital appeal the charity would be extremely grateful for any contribution. Members would be pleased to tell you more, or to show you around the current facilities.

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