

Hollands Hut _ Hanging Hill Orchard



Donor shed to be re-purposed, with the Hi-cost of timber, post Covid, it makes sense to re-use the solid 3-4inch frame, roof & floor supports and some of the cladding. Rear side above right, suffering from a lot of wood worm.



The inside view confirmed to me how substantial the frame work timbers were, 3-4inches thick, reclaimed timber outlets are charging £3.50-£4.50 per metre, to buy one of the long frame/joist it would cost: at 3m x £4.00 =£12 each and there were 6 of them =£72, the shorter frame joists Uprights/roof would cost approx. 2m x £4 =£8.00 each and there were 10 of those that I could re-use/reclaim cost £72 + £80=£152, so the £50 outlay was considered well worth it and that doesn't include the good planks of Cedar cladding that I was able to re-purpose....(that would be the ones without an infestation of woodworm) .

Speaking of which, I was able to clad most of the front and rear sides of shed and both ends, but had to be selective in trying to use where possible the shorter planks keeping longer ones for the front and back panels. Only possible by using reclaimed French doors at each end and re-claimed Double-glazed windows front and rear. (In essence, a complete redesign of a new shed layout.)

At one stage I had hoped that I could use some of the larger spiders (see size of webs above) to help transport the timber to the carbut wouldn't have wanted them in the car journey to the Orchard.

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Donor was; 12feet long, 6feet wide and 6feet 6inch high. The Timber frame used had very solid timbers and had been built plank by plank, disassembly took 5 days, it was a little consuming to de-nail the planks before loading inside and on the roof of Rover. Transported from Frieth to Orchard 3pm every day, just the unloading and multi-wheelbarrow trips up to the Orchard took 40-60 mins Phew!!!!.....

I should have made use of the spiders!!



Looks a lot less when it is stacked, rather than as an assembled item.

Did I already say out loud, " those long timbers are very heavy."

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The new shed Base needed soil to be dug out and Framework supported on Legs to offset the Slope of Orchard. used mix of reclaimed roof timbers and donor floor joists. Base also used 4ft x4ft 4ft x 2ft Glass Fibre glass panels to clad and weather-proof base.



Timber frame looks very solid & yes, those long timbers are still very heavy.



I must have spent many a happy hour wrapping and unwrapping the shed to start work and then prepare for anticipated wet overnight weatheryep Spring 2022, was very "Wet n Windy".

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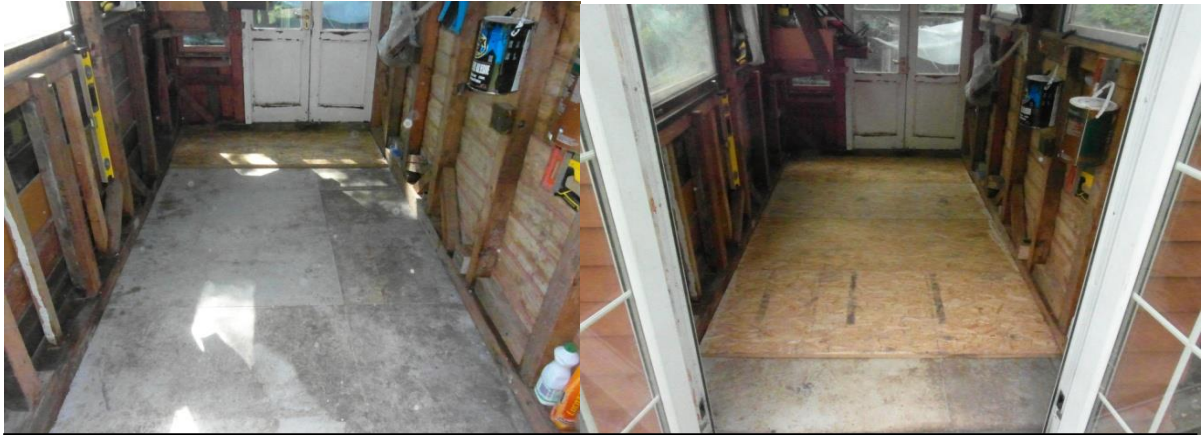


The cladding is going onto the frame, sanding the old wood stain ahead of giving 2-3 coats of Acorn Gold and Slate Grey....purchased from Hunts closing down sale.



Now it was starting to take shape, Acorn Gold and Grey seem to suit it, the windows and doors making it almost watertight.....rear windows could be fitted from inside and outside under tarpaulin when weather changed.

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Inside of shed floor: Fibre Glass panels (very Flexy despite being 1cm thick) ...I decided to cover in 22mm OSB Board from Reclaimed Timber (Maidenhead) qty five needed.
(each board 6ft x 29inches wide to cover 12ft x 6 ft floor area, consequently additional cost is 5 x £5:00 each (6ft long x 29inches wide) = £25.00



The shed is now in a Happy Place at the Orchard and it has been used to host at least one MAA Meeting since its completion, as a result of the Naming Competition..... the winning suggestion by a large majority of members:

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