



WARD MEMBER DECISION  
NUMBER

**WB/20-21/145**

**Decision taken by:** Ward Member for Folkestone East –  
Councillor Michelle Keutenius

**Subject:** Folkestone Baptist Church

**Executive/non-executive decision:** Non-executive

**Date decision taken:** 24 February 2021

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**Name and address of applicant(s):**

Jon Clarke  
Hill Road  
Folkestone  
Kent

**Name and description of project:**

The Workshop – The purchase and installation of a shipping container.

**DECISION:**

**To provide funding of £200 to the above project.**

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**Reason for decision:**

We have a long history of working with young people and adults in the area and know there is a need for a project that encourages adults to pass on skill to children and for trades people to pass on their skills to the next generation. Similar projects to this (The Men's Shed) are run world-wide. There is a similar project run by Kent Coast Volunteering in Hawkinge run by volunteers. Unemployment is on the rise and there are many young people who have done carpentry courses and cannot find work. Other people need to learn new skills and being involved in a project will give them the references they require to find new work. Unemployment is hard to cope with mentally and this project will help people cope. It will also feed into the other work I do of getting people work ready.

**Declarations or disclosable pecuniary interest/any other significant interest:**

None

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The decision set out above was made by me.  
Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Keutenius', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

**Councillor Michelle Keutenius**  
**Ward – Folkestone East**

**24 February 2021**