

West Midlands Woodturners

(a company limited by guarantee)

The Company:

West Midlands Woodturners Ltd (WMWT) is a limited liability company, by guarantee. It was incorporated on 3rd February 2015, under company number 9419165 and registered in England and Wales. WMWT is a "not-for-profit" organisation.

The registered office is:
219 Kensington High Street
Kensington
London
W8 6DB.

Membership:

The members are from various occupations and professions, with a range of expertise, from the non-turner/beginner to the expert. All have a common bond – the love of Wood in general and of woodturning in particular.

Whilst WMWT welcomes young people, due to the risks involved, we are unable to admit young people under the age of 12 years to meetings and membership. (Please see the Safeguarding policy under the club policies section).

Liability of members:

In the event that WMWT is wound up or dissolved, the liability of each member is limited to a sum not exceeding £1.00. (Please see the Club Constitution).

Insurance:

WMWT purchases annual Public Liability and Products liability insurance with policy limits of £5,000,000. The insurance also covers "member to member" liabilities.

Fees:

There is a yearly membership fee and there are "door fees" payable at meetings. The club operates both a "pay as you go" scheme and a discounted single annual payment scheme. The club year commences on 1st November, and new members joining partway through the year are eligible for pro-rata discounts, calculated on a quarterly basis.

Affiliation to the Association of Woodturners Great Britain (AWGB)

WMWT is affiliated to AWGB and this requires that members also join AWGB. There is an annual fee, which WMWT collects from members on behalf of AWGB.

Meetings:

Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the month, except where there are clashes with Easter, Fathers day, etc.

There are two types of meeting; the first is a Hands On day, where members have access to club lathes and tools, and can share experiences and techniques amongst themselves. These meetings start at 9.30am and conclude around 4.30.

The second type of meeting is a demonstrator day where a professional turner demonstrates his/her techniques usually by undertaking a number of projects during the day. These meetings start at 9.15 and conclude around 5.00pm.

Usually there are 6 Hands On days and 6 Demonstrator days each year. The programme is published on our website.

WMWT provide tea/coffee throughout the day, but members bring a mug and their own lunch.

For demonstration days some members prefer to bring their own picnic chair, as an alternative to the chairs provided by the school.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM is held during the November Hands on day meeting.

Committee:

There is one Director, who cedes day to day management of the club to the committee, the members of which are elected annually.

Accounts:

The accounts and audit are prepared annually by a Chartered Accountant, and presented to members at the AGM. The accounts, when approved, are submitted to HMRC (if required) and Companies House, in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act.

A "People with Significant Control" (PSC) Report is filed at Companies House, annually.

Note: West Midlands Woodturners (an unincorporated association) closed on 2nd February 2015. At the time of the closure, there were no known outstanding liabilities, and the minimal assets were donated to a similar organisation in accordance with the stated conditions in its informal constitution.