

## **Sheffield Woodturning Club – Coronavirus**

Having listened to the Coronavirus briefing earlier I contacted the Committee yesterday evening and advised we may as well accept there will be no further woodturning meetings for some time. Rather than wait for a decision to say they will be closing I'll be contacting Wood Lane today to advise them we won't be using the building at least until the end of June. Similarly, Graham will be contacting the demonstrators to cancel the bookings during the period. Arrangements will be made to amend the website.

In the circumstances it would seem irrational to try and carry on at this stage and despite the lesser numbers attending it would seem equally necessary to cut out Hands On sessions, especially given the club's demographic.

For those people who have paid for the full day already we will be organising refunds shortly.

Equally, as the situation becomes a little clearer, we will be making arrangements to discount subscriptions for the lost period and refunding where already paid.

Additionally, I hope we will be able to ensure contact is maintained during what will be a very difficult period. I appreciate it may not be your first instinct but it would be very helpful if you could advise the club if you become affected so we are able to ensure other members are aware. Jamie is of course the natural 1st point of contact for the club through the [info@sheffieldwoodturningclub.org.uk](mailto:info@sheffieldwoodturningclub.org.uk) email address and has also said he is happy to offer help and assistance, if possible, to anyone finding themselves in isolation etc.

I also want to see what "club" activities we can organise at a distance to keep members involved eg with projects, pictures, q's and a's, updates etc. When we have some more thoughts on that we'll email/post further.

I hope you all stay well over the coming weeks.

Steve Lilley  
Chairman