



In 2018 I took on a restoration of an old shed located at the south end of Northfield allotments. This shed is in area where the No.1 plot was situated when the allotments were first created in 1832. At that time the allotments were on both sides of Northfield avenue and this side was referred to as the “East” which across the road was known as “West & North” sides.



1971 Aerial Photo showing a shed (circled in red) in location of current shed.

This shed is believed to be built before 1971 making it over 45 years old. I kept as many original features as possible and added some new features including a green roof and a display of vintage tools from the 1950's & 1960's that have been found on the allotment.



This shed had been covered in random material including corrugated plastic sheeting, and roofing felt. I had little idea of what was underneath, the front door was an interesting bi-folding door which I was keen to keep.





Unravelling the past

Underneath the external cladding I found an interesting shed, the roof was completely rotten. The side wooden panels were repaired and reused. The front window was missing the majority of its glass and was replaced with another reclaimed window from the allotment.



Unusual finds inside the shed

Inside the shed there was little of value but some areas had been clad with some interesting materials.

The image bottom left shows a tropical style bitumen backed wallpaper from around 1950-60s.

The image bottom right shows a floor lino possibly dating from around early 1960s.

The shed currently displays some vintage tools found on the allotment as well as the lino and wallpaper.

It is possible to visit this shed during our open days in July

