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COMBE MILL SOCIETY

WOOD TURNING METHOD STATEMENT

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1. Powered belt-driven lathe

- a) Only authorised members of Combe Mill Society will be permitted to operate the lathe when the premises are open to the public. At all other times use of the lathe is restricted to competent persons or those under supervision by a competent person.
- b) Persons using the lathe (Turners), including authorised demonstrators are responsible for their own health and safety and for those around them.
- c) Turners, when using the lathe, must not wear any loose clothing (sleeves, ties, scarves etc.) in such a manner as to cause danger to themselves or others.
- d) The wearing of protective clothing and eye protection is highly recommended. Face masks are also strongly recommended, particularly when turning or sanding woods, which are known to have irritant or toxic properties.
- e) Visitors must not enter the area behind the safety barrier surrounding the lathe
- f) Climbing on, over, removing or tampering with the barrier by unauthorised persons is expressly forbidden.
- g) No person shall distract anyone operating the lathe whilst the mechanism is in motion
- h) Protective guards fitted to moving parts of the lathe, its accessories and motive mechanism must not be removed whilst the lathe is in operation, nor should any such parts be operated where guards have been removed, damaged or otherwise tampered with.
- i) In the event of it being necessary to access any parts of the lathe or its motive mechanism for example the repair or servicing, motive power must be deactivated before any attempt is made to remove guards or carry out repairs or servicing. Motive power must not be restored until the work has been completed and the guards replaced.
- j) Any servicing of the lathe or its motive mechanism shall only be conducted by approved, competent, persons.
- k) The lathe must not be left running whilst unattended.



- l) The working area around the lathe must be kept clean and tidy, with all shavings and waste materials being removed before the building is vacated.
- m) All hand tools must be replaced in store or removed from the premises when the building is vacated.

2. Treadle Lathe

- (a) Only authorised members of Combe Mill Society will be permitted to operate the lathe when the premises are open to the public
- (b) At all other times use of the lathe is restricted to competent persons or those under supervision by a competent person.
- (c) Persons using the lathe, (Turners), including authorised demonstrators are responsible for their own Health and Safety and those around them.
- (d) Turners, when using the lathe, should not wear any loose clothing (sleeves, ties, scarves etc.) in such a manner as to cause danger to themselves or others.
- (e) The wearing of protective clothing and eye protection is highly recommended. Face masks are also strongly recommended, particularly when turning or sanding woods, which are known to have irritant or toxic properties
- (f) No person shall distract anyone operating the lathe whilst the mechanism is in motion.
- (g) Any servicing of the lathe shall only be conducted by persons approved by *designated person* identified in the Society's Health and Safety Policy
- (h) The working area around the lathe must be kept clean and tidy, with all shavings and waste materials being removed before the building is vacated.
- (i) All hand tools must be replaced in store or removed from the premises when the building is vacated.

3. Modern Motorised Lathe

- (a) This lathe has been fitted with a protective clear screen to permit members of the public to view work in progress.



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- (b) Members of the public may be guided by trained Turners in the turning of wooden handles for pokers made in the forge.
- (c) Full protective gear shall be worn by members of the public when turning on the lathe.
- (d) Only simple wood turning using safe timber shall be demonstrated.
- (e) At all other times use of the lathe is restricted to competent persons or those under supervision by a competent person.
- (f) Persons using the lathe, (Turners), including authorised demonstrators are responsible for their own Health and Safety and those around them.
- (g) Turners, when using the lathe, should not wear any loose clothing (sleeves, ties, scarves etc.) in such a manner as to cause danger to themselves or others.
- (h) The wearing of protective clothing and eye protection is highly recommended. Face masks are also strongly recommended, particularly when turning or sanding woods, which are known to have irritant or toxic properties
- (i) No person shall distract anyone operating the lathe whilst the mechanism is in motion.
- (j) Any servicing of the lathe should only be conducted by persons approved by *designated person* identified in the Society's Health and Safety Policy
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- (l) All hand tools must be replaced in store or removed from the premises when the building is vacated.

4. PPE

It is strongly recommended that the following PPE is worn where stated:

- a) Eye protection
- b) Dust mask