

# The shed that James (and Bruce) built

**A FREEZING COLD - BUT MERCIFULLY DRY - MORNING AND IT'S TIME TO CREATE SOME MORE CLASSIC MOTORCYCLE STORAGE SPACE...**

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There is little I enjoy about DIY and I must admit I'm not a 'natural' at it – in fact, a mate who used to be my lodger once described elements of my house as '...looking like they were done by Jack's less able brother...'

But I have become better over the years and luckily my pal Bruce (roadtester on sister title MSL) is a bit of a DIY whizz, so when Asgard said it would deliver me one of its sheds in 'flat pack' style so I could construct it, he was roped in; bacon sandwiches, biscuits and endless tea were the tempters.

First off, I'd had a concrete base put down by local builder Andrew Belton, to the dimensions supplied by Asgard's Andy Heath. It took best part of a day for the base to be in situ, as I'd left them to do the whole job, including digging out and disposing of the excess. But it did mean I

had a flat, solid base on which to build – always a good start.

Asgard's delivery guy then dropped off all the bits and pieces on the Thursday, which were placed near to the build site...

Sunday next, Bruce was scheduled to come round for 9am; the bacon was cooking, the tea was brewing... 9.30 he phoned to say he'd broken his tooth and was running late. Anyhow, he arrived soon after and we were ready to start at 10am.

First problem – ice everywhere. After trying to scrape it off with a spade, we decided to pour hot water down, then brush it off, simply for want of any better ideas. We then managed to lay the shed's metal base flat on the concrete, and begin some form of assembly.

Instruction one said to start building at the end, with the back right and right rear panels, which we attached together, then

1: Delivery.

2: Laid out in the garden – note the nice base.

3: Brrr! Icy galvanised steel sheets.



secured to the floor. Next it was back left, then the roof – things were going remarkably smoothly... the roof dropped on next and we decided to firmly fix down the floor, to give us something to fix solidly to.

Next, the two middle side panels went on, then the middle bit of roof – a few times, it seemed that things were a bit flimsy and occasionally it looked as if nothing was lining up. Every time, though, we found that as bits were bolted on rigidity improved massively, and while screws went in, so things pulled into line.

The two front sides were next on, followed by the fascia board, which was the most 'reluctant' of all to line up... so far. We managed to get the front in order, then had

quite a job getting the final bit of roof to line up and drop into place – eventually, though, it did. Finally, we bolted on the doors, with no drama whatsoever, then dropped in the floorboards. An extra channel over the top was last on, while we realised we had missed out a couple of 'cover panels' inside and while we siliconed up the majority of joints as instructed, I'm sure we forgot one or two – all things that may need to be rectified.

Still, by the time the sun was dipping and it was beginning to get even colder – so, about 3.30pm – we'd finished to an acceptable standard and it was time to retire inside – to warmth, tea and biscuits.

What did we learn? Well, the shed went together easier than expected really,

4: Start of the process – bribery of a helper with bacon.

5: Trying to scrape the ice off the base...

6: Front two sides on as well.

7: Bruce puts the floor down.



The Asgard Motorcycle storage shed is 5ft (1524mm) by 9ft 1in (2771mm), has a five-point locking system on the door and is made of thick, heavy gauge galvanised steel, which is all pre-drilled. The shed costs £999; details are available at [www.asgardsss.co.uk](http://www.asgardsss.co.uk) or 08456 580730.