

# Garden bars growing in popularity due to cost of living crisis.

With the huge cost of living crisis more and more homeowners are adding their own pub in their gardens. With the average cost of a pint now over £4 across the whole of the UK and over £5 in London it's no surprise that Britons are looking for ways to save on the cost of their entertainment. By having your own garden pub you save on the cost of the booze with a pint from the local supermarket costing just £1.38 its easy to see how much is saved by having your favourite tipple at home, then there's no expensive taxis or waiting at a bus stop.

During the pandemic the popularity of having your own pub in your garden exploded, estimates put the number more than 2 million back garden pubs and bars are now in operation. Many of these bars are DIY built featuring fully functioning bars with sound systems, pool tables, darts boards, real fires, and a huge variety of drinks for friends and family. The owners even name their bars with many owners having a bar sign featuring their bar name and a tongue in cheek design.

To recognise the best of the best Pubshedradio.uk, Twofatblokes.co.uk & the Facebook group Garden Shed Pubs & Nightclubs run a competition for back garden publicans to enter their bar for the converted title Pub Shed of The Year 2022 plus various other prizes for first, second and third places. With 1066 entries this year the judges selected their top three which go to a public vote via our voting platform <https://pubshedoftheyear.co.uk/> Each bar is shown on the site for visitors from across the UK to vote for their favourite between 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The final winner of PSOTY2022 will be broadcast live on

Pubshedradio.uk the partner of Twofatblokes.co.uk.

None of the finalist will know if they are the winners until live on air, Ashley Turner the owner of twofatblokes.co.uk, DJ Tommy Funka the owner of Pub Shed Radio & Nick St.John from Garden Shed Pubs & Nightclubs will knock on the door of the winners Pub Shed Of The Year on the night of 12<sup>th</sup> November complete with a DJ rig to broadcast live to the nation.

The three finalist for the public vote are

**The Dog & Ball – Portsmouth**

**The Stagger Inn – Manchester**

**The Tiger – Minehead**

**Two Fat Blokes Bar Sign Emporium** Ran by Ashley Turner is a small company of two rotund men who following redundancy in February 2021 started their own company to make and sell bar signs to fellow back garden publicans. All profits made from selling Pub Shed Radio merchandise is gifted to Pub Shed Radio to help keep the radio station free and on air.

<https://twofb.com/>

**Pub Shed Radio** is a not-for-profit ad free radio station running for the last three years by DJ MRJ and DJ Tommy Funka, it broadcasts on the internet at <http://pubshedradio.uk/> and via Alexa every evening and all weekend with DJs broadcasting from their own garden pubs. All the shows are hugely interactive via the groups Shoutbox on Facebook, The DJs are all semi-professional's who have daytime jobs and then run a typical two hour show in the evening. Music styles to suit all. The DJ's all pay to play to keep the station on air for free.

**Garden Shed Pubs & Nightclubs Facebook Group.** The group started 4 years ago with the aim of getting like minded people

help and advise on how to build and obtain everything they needed to build their own garden bar. Fast-forward 4 years and the group has 286,000 active members with help and advice from experts in building, electrics, beer pups etc. The group has inspired many many people to build their own with ideas picked up from the group.