



1st Catisfield Rebuild Project Newsletter 1

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Welcome to 1st Catisfield Rebuild Project newsletter number 1.

As you are probably aware, members of 1st Catisfield Executive committee, and some of the section leaders, have been holding meetings for over a year to try to replace both Scout huts on the site.

The plans have been drawn up and Planning Approval has been given.

Now the hard part begins - we have to raise a large sum of money to make this a reality.

We are hoping to gain funding through various grants from County and Borough Councils, and are exploring other avenues to help towards our grand total. Lottery funding was applied for, but we were unsuccessful in our bid.

By applying to various companies for donations of goods we hope to further bring the cash price down, along with hoping for willing volunteers to put their heads above the parapet and help on the labour front – even if it's just to make the tea and coffee.

Reasons to Rebuild

The Scout headquarters were established at Blackbrook Road in the 1950s and our buildings were erected many years ago and have seen long and useful service.

They are now expensive to run and maintain and need further work to extend their life and improve their accessibility to less able bodied members of the community.

A complete rebuild would also provide modern facilities for a wider range of people in the community and provide an improved layout and greater levels of comfort, accessibility and acoustic deadening.

Project Costings

In total the project will cost approximately £571,000 if we had to pay cash for everything.

If we obtain labour and materials via donation then we can reduce the cash cost to £200,000. This will cover work we cannot do ourselves.

The breakdown of the labour and materials we need can be found below under '**How to Donate Labour or Materials**'.

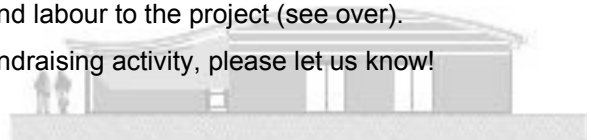
Funding the Project

We aim to raise cash through initiatives such as

- 'Buy a Brick' appeal
- Bag Packing at local supermarkets
- Grants from County and Borough Councils
- Grants and donations from local businesses
- easyfundraising and easysearch
- Sponsored events
- Raffle
- Race nights

We also need people and companies to donate materials and labour to the project (see over).

If you have a fundraising idea or would like to organise a fundraising activity, please let us know!



Funding Progress

Coming soon to a wall in the Scout Hut will be three thermometers to show our progress in raising Cash, donated materials and donated labour.

How you can help

- You can buy a brick, or 2 or 3! We'll even put your name on our 'Brick Wall of Fame' on our website (opt-out available)
- Donate cash – all cash donations gratefully received. We'll even put your name on a roll of honour on our website (opt-out available)
- Donate materials or labour to the project – see below
- Register for easyfundraising and use easysearch - full details are on our website

How to Donate Labour or Materials

We need to assemble the materials to build the new HQ building either free of charge (ideal) or at discounted prices. If you can supply any materials or if you know someone who may be willing to help please speak to us.

We need volunteers to help us build the HQ. If you have any building skills or if you are prepared to volunteer some of your time to help with the labouring and unskilled tasks (eg. Labouring, digging, fetching and carrying, etc) please let us know.

A copy of the materials and labour list can be found on the wall in the main hut as well as on our website.

If you want to know more or wish to volunteer please speak to the GSL Kim Rennison on 01329 236648 OR speak to a Leader OR email us at rebuild@1stcatisfieldscoutgroup.org.uk

Progress Updates

We have an area of wallspace in the main hut dedicated to the Rebuild Project where copies of the plans, materials lists and funding progress can be found. Updates on the project will be posted here and also given to section leaders.

We will also be producing periodic newsletters in order to keep members, parents and neighbours up to date on project progress.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us (see above).

More details on the project and a copy of the plans are available on our website:
<http://www.1stcatisfieldscoutgroup.org.uk>

