



1<sup>st</sup> Heathfield Scout Group

Charity No. 268118

## Community Scout Headquarters Project

### Project Update – January 2008

*'an accessible, environmentally compassionate  
and sustainable community resource'*

#### What have we achieved so far: -

1. The lease has now been ratified by Wealden District Council and the Scout Association Trust Corporation so the land will very soon belong to the Scout Group.
2. The ecological survey has been completed and made the following recommendations: -
  - That a reptile survey be undertaken prior to construction
  - A bat survey is not considered necessary
  - No further survey work is recommended in regard to badgers
  - As much of the grassy area should be retained and managed with conservation in mind
  - For the time being a minimum intervention policy be followed
  - Invasive non-native plants should be destroyed.
3. We have received feedback form Sussex Police with recommendations designed to enhance the security of the building which have been incorporated within the design.
4. We have met planners on site who have given advice to support our planning application specifically in regard to access and lighting.
5. We have met with the Friends of Geers Wood (our closest neighbours) and discussed our proposals to which they have expressed their conditional support.
6. We intend to submit our planning application in early 2008.
7. Funding bids have been submitted to the following grant providers: -
  - Wealden District Council
  - Cooperative Society
  - Big Lottery Fund – Reaching Communities

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**The amount of work required to complete the project is increasing so if any parents would like to support what we are doing please feel free to contact me.**

**We really need people to help with the following: -**

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**Priority 1**

**We need a group of parents to volunteer** to start securing other groups in the local community looking to share the spare capacity in our new hq.

**Priority 2**

**We need a group of parents to volunteer** to raise more money so that we can demonstrate our commitment to the grant providers.

**Priority 3**

**We need some parents to volunteer** to support a management team to administer the new hq once it is completed.