



1st Heathfield Scout Group
Charity No. 268118

Community Scout Headquarters Project

Project Update – June 2008

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

What have we achieved so far: -

1. Thank you very much to all those that came along to the site open afternoon on 30th March and helped with the ground clearance work which will allow the children to use the site this spring and summer.
2. Our planning application has been approved by Wealden District Council. This means that our destiny is now in our hands because we have: -
 - Secured the site on a long term lease
 - Got permission to build our headquarters
3. Following the AGM we have now established two separate funding streams: -
 - The Project Funding Group which will be managed by Karen Pengelly and will be seeking out the major grant applications and sponsorship opportunities
 - The Fundraising Committee which will be managed by Danny Tye and will be seeking to secure the internal fundraising commitment from the Group.
4. Our funding bid to Veolia (£85,000) has been approved by their local committee and is now being considered as their regional bid.
5. The Project Funding Group would like to know if any parent works for an organisation that offers a community grant scheme. Very often these schemes offer enhanced incentives if applied for by an employee, we will be happy to complete the application form which you could then sign on our behalf. If you do please contact either myself or Karen (kpengelly@tiscali.co.uk).
6. Don't forget the **Fun Dog Show on 14th June** at the Sheepsetting Lane Community Centre so please come along and support this fantastic event that is raising money for your new headquarters.
7. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the next site clearance day on **Sunday 22nd June**.

Please see new question & answer section overleaf

Questions & answers

If you have any questions about the new Scout HQ project please feel free to send them to me (davidsheppard@hotmail.com) as there may be others out there with the same thoughts/concerns/questions: -

Following the AGM

Why is the new building costing so much money?

There are three elements to the build which we are required to include: -

- The **building** which is 282m² with a predicted build cost of £340,000
- The **car park** which covers an area of 500m² with a predicted build cost of £43,000
- The **access road** which covers 750m² with a predicted build cost of £66,000

These figures are based on: -

- Royal Chartered Institute of Surveyors building cost survey
- The local distribution of rates for equivalent projects in South East England
- A cost profile provided by an established regional construction company

In addition we are required to employ key professional services for the construction phase which will cost approx 15% of the contract price (£70,000).

What environmentally compassionate features will the new building have?

- a timber framed structure with lime render coating
- straw bale walls from local providers for superb heat and sound insulation
- timber double glazed windows
- a dual pitch green roof (Sedum or similar)
- the open roof structure will allow adequate natural light and ventilation to the main activity areas thereby negating the need for mechanical ventilation
- photovoltaic panels to provide most of the electricity requirement for the building with excess provision sold back to an energy provider
- low energy lighting
- ground source heat pumps to provide heating in the colder periods and cooling in the hotter periods
- rainwater harvesting