

1st Balsham Scout Group

Group Headquarters: Woodhall Lane, Balsham, Cambs



Hut Replacement Project: Fundraising Update April 2015

The target

The total cost of rebuilding the Scout Hut is now expected to be about £75,000.

This breaks down as follows:

- £8,000 for the clearance of the existing building and base;
- £5,000 for a new concrete base
- £52,000 for the new building
- £10,000 for the internal fittings and fixtures

How are we doing?

We have to raise **£35,000** in order to apply for matching grants.

As of the end of March 2015 we had achieved the following:

£23,888 - total money raised

£2,500 - additional monies promised from commercial supporters

£5,500 - target from fundraising during 2015/16

£26,388 - Total to date. Just £8,612 to go!

Big thanks for your support

We have received large personal donations, contributions from a number of commercial companies and a significant donation from the Balsham Ploughmen over the past year. All these have increased the money raised significantly. A big thank you to you all!

Does your company make contributions to local charities - would they support us? Every little helps!!

Fundraisers coming up

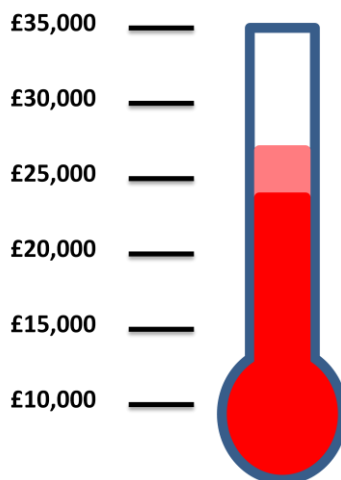
24th April Bingo Night

16th May Mile of Coins/ Car Wash (save us your spare cash!)

30th Oct Halloween Family Night at the Black Bull - meal, dressing up, games and prizes (with the Bull donating 50% of all income to the fund)

May - Oct Scout Hut Raffle with prizes including a trip to Paris, a flight over Cambridgeshire and a behind the scenes visit to Wembley

Fund raising progress



Extra help

We have had several offers of non financial help, including materials from Ridgeons, such as sanitary ware, and professional services from electricians and builders within the village.

We are expecting to re-use the existing kitchen cupboards and other fittings, which were only replaced in 2011.

But we can always do with extra help, especially in the fit out stage.

Applying for grants

The Scout Group will apply for grants to meet the outstanding target.

The most likely sources are those run through the Cambridge Community Fund, especially the Amey Cespa grant for the capital cost of the building and the Wadlow Wind Farm grants as a contribution to the internal fittings.

Timeframes

The plan is to submit grant applications September 2015/March 2016.

If we are successful, the hut will be removed Easter next year, with the new build taking place in the summer.

Want more information or would like to contribute to the project?

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