

# Gimmer Crag Shed: A project diary

*(Compiled by the Resident Project Manager; a mosaic of notes, missives, marginalia, pocket-dictations and the odd confession)*

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## Month 1 — “The First Crack in the Rock”

**Kick-off Email** | Land-Owner (Sir A.) →

Project Team

*Subject: Hut or Eyesore?*

*“Happy to bankroll the shelter if, and only if, the Park chaps swear it won’t look like a phone mast.”*

*Site Diary (27 Jan):* Mist drapes Gimmer like wet gauze; first traverse with Mountain Rescue. They call the ledge “the kitchen shelf.” No path wide enough for a mule, let alone panels. Sheep watch, chewing laconically; their hooves leave cleaner data trails than our GPS.

**Teams Chat — QS ↔ Me**

*“How do you price a helicopter hour when the weather behaves like a poet on laudanum?”*  
*“Add 50 % uplift and call it contingency.”*

**Board Memo 1/1 — Finance Director**

*“Risk reserve is the project’s seat-belt; don’t show photos of the seat-belt.”*

**Audio Note (dictated while driving):** “Find supplier for lichen-tone powder-coat; pray RAL has a code. Ask marketing if ‘lichen’ offends moss lobby.”

**NPA Tweet** @NPAuthority: *“Precaution is the price of stewardship.”* — 37 likes, two sarcastic gifs.

*Personal aside:* Scribble in Moleskine: *Every project begins with certainty — another word for ignorance.* Sketch crude section through crag; label voids **here be lawyers**. Underline twice. Add sticky-note: *“Buy more sticky notes.”*

*Budget Ledger:* Zero spent. Morale 8/10. Graph trending inevitably downward. Colour it Lakeland Green—temporary optimism.

**Evening Voice Memo — Shepherd Ben**

*“Lambing due in April; your chopper spooks ewes. Factor in miscarriages.”*  
(Action: no line item for ovine trauma.)

