

Update on 1st Heathfield Community Scout Headquarters Project

I am delighted to report that our planning application for our new accessible, environmentally compassionate, sustainable community scout headquarters was approved by Wealden District Council yesterday. This is fantastic news for us and I must thank our District Councillors Dick Angel and Nikki Oakes for their support as we presented our case to the planning committee so that the application could be considered favourably.

This now means that we have secured our favoured site on a long term lease and got permission to build our headquarters so we can now concentrate on raising the funds necessary to progress the detailed design and building regulations approval necessary to start to build the new home for the scout group.

We will be looking to raise our profile over the coming weeks and months and a couple of events that I would like to draw your attention to are: -

1. The Group AGM to which you are cordially invited on Friday 16th May.
2. Our Fun Dog Show on Saturday 14th June at Sheepsetting Lane Community Centre from 1400hrs which will be a really fun community event with competitions for both dogs and owners together with stalls and shows throughout the afternoon, again you will be most welcome to attend.

I would like to end by thanking you all for your continued support for the Scout Group which now helps to develop over 100 children every week and still has a growing waiting list, this is a trend that is being mirrored nationally with the Scout Association this week reporting that last year saw the biggest increase in membership at child and adult leader levels for over 20 years. There are now over 375,00 children within the scout movement and 100,00 leaders which again demonstrates why this building is so important.

Kind regards

Dave