

NEW SCOUT COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Winter 2023/24



Total raised to date: **£286k**

Target: **£400k+**



Breaking news!

After ten years of fundraising for a new scout community centre we have raised over £286,000. We are now on a final push to achieve our total target of £400,000+. It's been a mammoth effort by so many people. Thank you to each and every supporter.

However, we need your help to get us over the line!

With your donations, we can build a much needed replacement for the hut which will serve our community and children for generations to come.

Please donate by scanning the QR code

This is why we need a new Scout Community Centre...



The existing hut is over 65 years old and has reached the end of its life with the current facilities becoming dilapidated and in a state of disrepair.

To ensure the future of the Scout Group there is a desperate need for new facilities to be provided. The existing building is lacking in basic necessities such as central heating, a hot water system, insulation and disabled access.



With your help we can build a legacy for our children and the community!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Building a welcoming community space for all to use that is fit for purpose

The new facility will...

...allow the **Beavers, Cubs and Scouts** to have a safe space to meet which will enable them to continue to learn new life skills which will stay with them forever.

The new facility will...

...be accessible and become a centre-piece for **our community** which will enable many different types of local groups to meet.

The new facility will...

...last for many generations as the new building will be a **low carbon design** and so be **sustainable** for now and the future.

For our children and our community

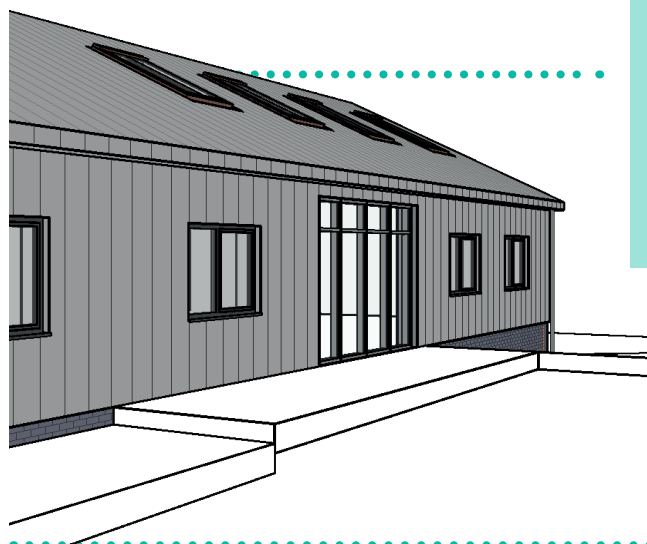
Imagine being able to provide the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with a purpose-built centre that will help them with their development into adulthood.

Imagine being able to provide our community with a space where they can meet, as currently they struggle to do this.

We have planning permission to do all of this and more – and with your help, we can achieve this together.

Please donate. Scan the QR code.

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The history of the current hut

The 43rd Bristol (St Mary Magdalene) Scout Group was originally formed shortly after Lord Baden Powell's Scouting movement started and has existed since before the First World War.

The hut is built on part of the site of the old Stoke Bishop school, which started as a church school in 1841. In 1860 the land was given to the Trustees of St Mary's church by the Harford family of Stoke House (now Trinity College on Stoke Hill).

The council acquired the site as church schools were transferred into public control over the first half of the 20th century.

The main school building was all but destroyed during the German Blitz bombing raids in December 1940, and the school eventually moved up to the current Cedar Park site in 1951.



A long building was transported from Bishop Road and used as temporary classrooms for the school from July 1941. This formed the basis of our current U-shaped Scout hut, with two further additions being added over time – a second-hand wooden structure, probably ex-military, was brought up from Avonmouth after World War II, with another section being added in the late 1970s.

Thank You!