

43rd

Bristol (St Mary Magdalene Stoke Bishop) Scout Group

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**Please
help us to
replace our
dilapidated
hut with a
new Scout
Community
Centre**

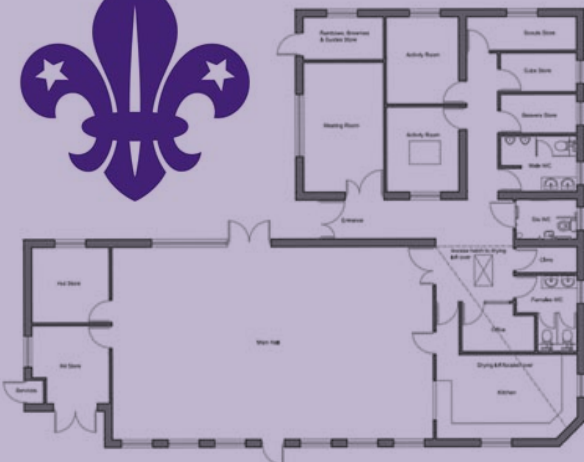


The 43rd Bristol Scout Group has been based at its current site just off Kewstoke Road (down a lane between No.'s 15 & 17) for over 60 years. In that time it has seen many hundreds, if not thousands, of local Stoke Bishop and Sneyd Park children come through its doors... maybe you were even one of them!

For many, Scouting changed their lives, giving them the tools and confidence to face the challenges of the world.

Our aim has always been to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

The Group is run by a dedicated team of local volunteers who give up their precious free time week in and week out. We now have over 100 registered Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and volunteer helpers using the hut over four different evenings each week with an ever growing waiting list.



What we do

We run a full activity programme across the three sections. Recent examples include:

- Kenyan night... food and playing Kenyan games
- Competing in the District Cub Swimming Gala
- Home Help, DIY and other badge work
- Scout and Cub Camps
- Digital Citizen Stage 1 badge
- Caving at Goatschurch
- New moon night hike
- Whittling, knife safety and knots
- Aero engineer visit & glider making
- First Aid training and Fire Safety badge
- Rifle range shooting
- Completing a 20km cycle challenge
- Climbing Fan y Big and Pen y Fan
- Orienteering at Blaise Castle
- Visiting a Sikh Temple... Faith badge
- Worked with the Avon Wildlife Trust



Our problem

Sadly, after over 60 years of use our wooden hut has been professionally assessed as being beyond repair, not fit for purpose and has reached the end of its operational life.

With no other suitable venues available locally, the Group has decided to take action or we could face closure. We are keen to prevent this by the creation of a new modern building that not only meets the needs of the Group but also serves as a facility to be used by the local community.

Our challenge

To raise £250,000 to build and equip a new sustainable Scout Community Centre on our existing site off Kewstoke Road in Stoke Bishop for use by the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers plus other local groups and organisations.





Target
£250,000



Project benefits

- 1.** The creation of more space with the provision of modern facilities including proper heating, insulation and disability access, and a far safer environment for children.
- 2.** Allow us to further expand the Group with new additional Sections to enable us to take on more children aged between 6 and 14.
- 3.** Be able to provide a far wider range of scouting activities.
- 4.** To provide a building which would be available for use by other local charitable, educational and community groups.
- 5.** A new and improved community facility which will be an asset to Stoke Bishop and the children of the area.

Funding

We have already raised £51,000 from numerous sources and ongoing including:

Group Events: Christmas Tree Sale, Quiz & Curry Night, Manure Sale, Beer Festival, 24hr Bikeathon, Barn Dance, Cubaccino Café, Summer Tea Party

Individual Challenges: 50 mile hike, Bristol-Bath Marathon, Swimathon, etc

Grant Making Bodies: Neighbourhood Partnership, Waitrose, Rolls Royce

Local Businesses: Richard Harding Estate Agents, BE Serviced Offices

Community Groups: BS9 Arts Trail, Stoke Bishop Garden Society, Cabot Scouts

Local Residents: Individuals, former Scouts and general supporters

Our fundraising plan comprises numerous future events and approaches to the larger funders and foundations. However, we need your help and support in order to reach our £250,000 target.

How can you help?

Were you a former Scout or parent of a child who attended the 43rd Scout Group? Do you know more about the Group's history?

Maybe you run a local business and can offer some sponsorship?

Perhaps you know of a charitable fund at work we could tap into?

Would you make us a legacy?

Could you help us to raise some money through a sponsored event?

If you are able to offer us any sponsorship, funding, advice or your time we would love to hear from you.



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