

## Parish Council Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### 14th Vale of Aylesbury Sea Scouts - Fundraising

We are currently in the process of raising enough money to be able to rebuild our scout hut that has been our home since 1970 in the same building that was built in the 1940s.

We have so far managed to raise £250,000 but still need approximately another £100,000 to be able to completely rebuild.

We have a Facebook page and have been posting updates on the local Facebook pages to raise awareness to the local community, but I was wondering if there was anything else the parish might be able to support us with to try and raise awareness and support through the local community we as a scout group serve each week to the young people.

#### The information as requested for the building and the young people:

The building itself is based behind the Pace Centre on the Wendover Road, which was formerly, before the group took over the building, The Old Hostel that was being used for students of Hamden Hall mainly used for sleeping accommodation. Since we moved into the building in November 1970 the building has had the same main frame with a major adjustment in the layout in 1994. The building itself has no nails or screws in as was built originally in 1940 so is held together by wooden joints. Unfortunately, now it is becoming more costly to maintain and needs a full rebuild to be able to withstand its current and future use each week for the young people of the local communities.

The new building, we are raising money for will be better access for disabled children, more environmentally friendly, more secure and more importantly be able to be used for future generations including those moving into the area as part of the housing expansion that will be ongoing over the next few years.

Each week we host 140 young people from the local community ages 6 - 18, with 31 young people signed up either in an active role or on the waiting list to be able to join us when space allows, we also host the Stoke Mandeville Brownies each week with another 22 young people coming from Stoke Mandeville Parish.

I have attached our history book as an additional piece of information if you want to know more about the Group.



History Book.pdf

Oliver Inkley – Fundraising Committee