

Your Involvement

We now ask for your support. The Youth Hall will be an asset for our community for many decades to come – but only through financial contributions from the core of the community – our business leaders – will the centre become a reality.

All donations will be used exclusively for the new Youth Hall and generations of current and future Scouts, as well as countless other organisations in our own community will benefit from your support.

The 7th Epsom Scouts are committed to keeping Epsom and Ewell a place in which we all want to live and work. Please take a minute to think about our community and then make a generous financial contribution which will help us provide our own young people with a safe and supervised environment in which to spend their time. They are, after all, our future leaders.

Cheques should be made out to: '7th Epsom (Methodist) Scout Group Building Appeal', and sent to:

Mrs Karolina Whitehorn,
Appeal Treasurer, 3B The Grove,
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If you would like more information on the project or to learn more about 7thEpsom Scouts, please see our web page www.7thepsom.org.uk

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**Celebrating 100 years of
Scouting!**

**Please help ensure
the continued
success of
scouting in Epsom!**



**7th Epsom is the
largest scout
group in the
country!**



Please help us financially to renew and expand the 'home' of 7th Epsom Scouts and provide a new Youth Hall for Epsom town centre.

The Background

7th Epsom Scout Group is a rare success in the modern world. It has succeeded in attracting so many young people to its activities that it has grown to become the largest Scout group in Britain. It regularly provides a fantastic range of activities for nearly 400 young boys and girls, irrespective of faith.

We now face the happy challenge of turning our Scout hut, which was built in 1964 and has reached the end of a long and hard life, into a new Youth Hall - and true community centre - to provide larger, more modern and energy efficient space to Epsom's young people. The new centre will be accessible to all organisations in our community and will provide much needed meeting facilities in central Epsom.

7th Epsom Scouts has existed for 80 years and currently consists of 4 Beaver colonies, 3 Cub packs, 2 Scout troops and 3 Explorer Scout units. As a Scout family, 7th Epsom is very proud of our shining track record. We have worked with the local community on many levels and have provided community service as an integral part of our programme. Larger accommodation will allow expansion of each Scout section and increase the number of young people to continue to benefit from activities aimed at helping them achieve their full intellectual, social, physical and spiritual potential, as individuals and responsible citizens.

A new Youth Hall will increase the range of activities that can be run safely for both Scout and non-scout use, e.g., archery, amateur radio, amateur dramatics/performing arts and rock climbing all of which could be accommodated on the new premises. We know that there is a desire for both Scouts and outside organizations to use these services and we have qualified adults able and willing to provide the services if the accommodation is available. A new Youth Hall for Epsom will focus constructive activity during the evenings in a safe and secure location within the town centre.



The Building

The new centre will provide a facility to meet all the needs of the Scout group as well of those of many other groups who currently cannot afford to meet in central Epsom. It will be double the size of the existing Scout hut and will contain an activity hall, equipment storage rooms, meeting rooms, a hobby room and kitchen.

Building plans have been approved, planning permission has been granted and general layout drawings have been prepared. The estimated construction time is around 30 weeks.

The centre has been designed to use less energy, cause less pollution, create less waste and contribute less to climate change. Public transport can be used to reach the new centre. Environmental education and activities form a core feature of the scouting programme and these will be given a fresh focus in the new Youth Hall.

Finance

The total cost of the building is expected to be around £650,000. We have already worked hard to raise a portion of the money by our own efforts. We have held fund raising activities such as the Scout Fireworks Display in Hook Road Arena and the Christmas Post Scheme. We have organised fundraising socials, quiz nights and jumble sales. We have applied for partial lottery funding. Scouts of all ages and their families are actively working on community focused projects to raise money for the new centre. So far, we have raised over 20% of the required sum.

We will continue to raise funds, but it is clear that we need the full support of the Epsom and Ewell community, especially the business community, if we are to start to build the centre in 2008.

