



We are
**1st Sunningdale
Scout Group**



We've been helping young people in our community for **over 113 years!**

Why we love Scouting!

We get exhausted because our brain is full of stuff we have learnt and we do non-stop activity and the fun!

**Ariana Williamson
(Beavers)**

Improves my confidence

**Harry Targett
(Scouts)**

It's a chance for me to do things I wouldn't normally do while hanging out with a nice group of people

Edith Abell (Explorers)

Lots of fun ... very welcoming when you join ... meet lots of new people and a wide range of activities for everyone

Zara Williamson (Scouts)

A New Hut—do more, share more, be more

More activities, more skills, for more young people & adults, to **be more** in their lives

- **126** young people (ages 4–18)
- **2** young leaders (ages 14–18)
- **3** Duke of Edinburgh volunteers
- **16** adult leaders
- **30** adult volunteers
- **c.220** alumni and extended family involved in events/activity
- **c.30** alumni who continue to support the group
- **14** young people, leaders, young leaders of Sunningdale Brownies



A new hut means
we increase
these **numbers**



Aiming for: **228 young people** (81% more) • 30 leaders, 6 young leaders (100% increase)

Community support



... **helps our students develop into well-rounded individuals** who are proud to be part of the wider community.

Charters School would value any help ... so that many more of our students have the opportunity to develop their creativity, resilience and leadership skills ...

*John Fletcher, Headteacher,
Charters School*



‘...the development of our children...is a **shared responsibility within the community** ...

Scouts extends and builds on the experiences and life skills that we work on in schools.

...**better facilities for the Scouts** will **increase the opportunities** and experiences for a lot of the children in our school and community.

*Jo Griffith, Headteacher,
Holy Trinity School*

Community supporters also include: **St Michael's School, Holy Trinity Church**

What we do — empowering young people

**Skills
for life**

**Strong
community**

**Enjoy
outdoors**

**Active
& healthy**

Climate change

Mountains

Community
events

Camping

Confidence

Debates

Cooking

Parliament Week

Fundraising

Bike repair

Home safety

First aid

Social responsibility

Wildlife

Remembrance Sunday

Jamboree on the Air

Lakes

Night hikes

Creative skills

Social skills



Teamwork • Leadership • Resilience

How we inspire our young... 1st Sunningdale Scout Group:

- **Provide strong role models** who model community spirited behaviour
- **Provide a safe atmosphere** to develop, away from digital devices, and in the outdoors
- **Provide FUN activities that encourage our Scouts:**
 - Increase resilience
 - Skills: Problem solving, knowledge, interpersonal, practical & hands-on
 - Undertake personal challenges
 - Build friendships away from / in addition to school and across different age groups
 - Work with the local community
 - Raise money for charity



We do all of this with **integrity, respect, care, belief and co-operation** – our Scout Laws.

Improving well-being throughout life

Scouting is making our world a better place, improving well-being and life chances

Just a few examples ... Scouts are:

- 6% higher on **happiness**
- 6% more likely to have increased **perseverance** and **grit**
- 6% more likely to play an **active role** in their **community**
- 10% higher scoring in getting along well with people of **different races, cultures, & religions**
- 12% more likely to show **leadership** by taking **initiative** and acting as a **role model** to help others make a positive difference
- 17% more likely to **value the outdoors**
- 19% more **independent**

Source: National Scout survey 2019 (compared to control group not in Scouts)

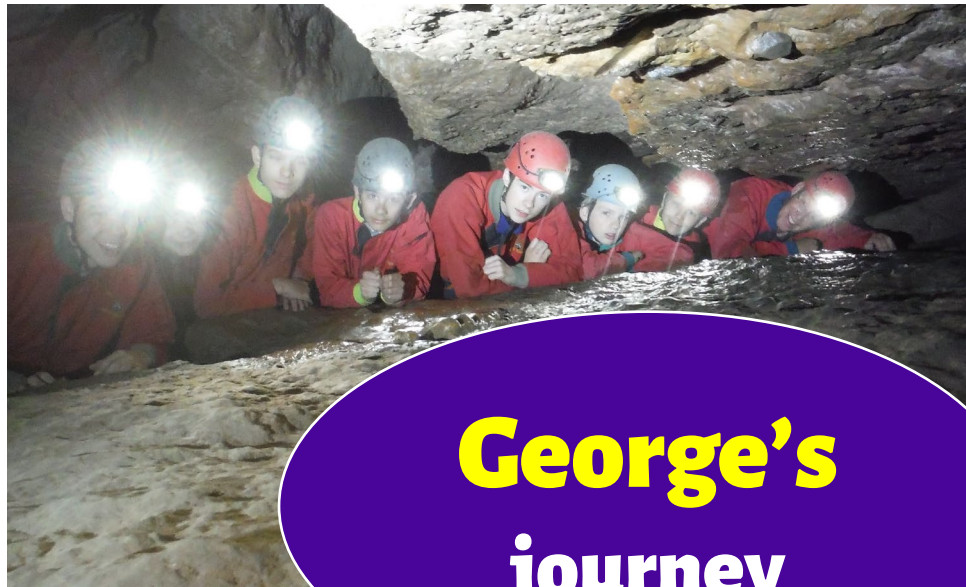
Scouts have on average **1.1 more active days** each **week**

By the age of **50** Scouts are **15% less likely** to suffer from mood disorders, depression, or anxiety

Scouts have a focus **beyond their online life**



PS: adults involved with Scouting improve their well-being too!



George's journey



George joined 1st Sunningdale Beavers as a **6-year old** and is now an **adult leader**

A New Hut — what we need and why

Help us build a legacy for the next 113 years and beyond... including:

Safety and environment	Learning	Community	Financial
Be free of asbestos, damp and roof leaks, with safe storage, improved security	Expand range of activities and skills we can offer to meet needs of today/future	More places for more children in a growing population	Increase membership and keep Scouting affordable for the many
Be fully accessible: entrances, toilets, facilities	More usable spaces that comply with safeguarding	Increased recruitment of leaders and volunteers	Fix problems for the long-term not short-term
Be light , welcoming, sheltered outdoor space Sustainable, green	Spaces that are flexible and multi-purpose	More parents become involved	Sustainable maintenance, meeting future regulations, efficient to run .

Our current waiting list is 52— even BEFORE new housing is complete

The options we researched:

**A facility at the
Berkshire Scout
site at
Earleywood**

**A refurbishment
plan for the
existing hut**

**A shared facility
at the Broomhall
Recreation
Ground**

**A new building on
our current site**

The needs for a long-term future are best met by a **new hut on the existing site**

A New Hut — benefits we will **see** in the building

for people,
and the
environment



- **Sustainable features:** solar panels, insulation, ventilation, double glazing, air source heat pump
- **Energy efficient: light, heat & hot water**
- **Water efficient:** taps, toilets, flow, water meter
- **High standards of accessibility** inside and out: step-free, toilet
- **More attractive, improved street scene**
- **More natural daylight**
- **Improved equipment storage**
- **Maximised, flexible indoor and outdoor space**
- **Outdoor canopy for shelter**
- **Larger, double kitchen**
- **Outside sink**
- **Increased interior height for physical activities**

106.5% significant reduction in carbon footprint to **CARBON ZERO**

Benefits we will **feel** from the building

for people,
and the
environment



- Wider activity **opportunities** for all age groups
- Increased **capacity** = greater provision for young people in Sunningdale & environs at an **affordable** cost
- More leaders & volunteers = greater **supervision** levels for more purposeful sessions
- Leaders and volunteers feel **purposeful** and **valued**
- Inclusivity and accessibility **for all**
- Increased **engagement** with parents and alumni
- Greater sense of **pride** and **ownership**
- Greater **well-being** in the youth of the community
- Setting a high standard for **carbon reduction** for buildings in our area
- Increased **financial stability** in the long-term
- Spending time in a **pleasant** space

Money... what we have done

Fundraising

Golf day

Barbeques

Raffles Hope
Trust

Donations

Bike Art night
sales

Coconut shys

Spotlight

Musical Silent Dinner
Theatre auction dance

Sports auction

Quiz nights

300 Club

Benefits-in-kind

Town planning
consultant Surveyor

Architect
Building Sustainability
engineer consultant

Tree survey

Materials Solicitor

Electrician

Financial management

Group savings
built up over time

Reduced overheads

Long-term stability
for financial planning

Planning for
contingencies

£94,784 by March 2024. This takes some way, but **only so far ...**



We need
your help

A **new hut** would mean so much for our young people, our leaders, and our volunteers

Q&A Summary

Following our presentation to Parish councillors on 5th March 2023, the tour of the building and discussion of the plans raised a number of points which were clarified.

Storage & safeguarding

While larger, more efficient, safer storage has clear practical benefits, it goes far beyond a 'nice to have'. Leader Christian Leigh explained an example of the problems of accessing the current storage during a session. You can't go to the external storage and leave one leader alone with young people. You can't take young people with you to help because you will be out of sight of the other leader and be alone with young people. The only solution is to have everything you need ready before a session which is stressful and difficult to achieve, inhibits the young people getting involving in helping, and prevents adaptation to the needs or interests of the young people as a session unfolds. The reconfiguration includes access from inside the building which solves these problems.

Reconfigured windows, folding doors and inside/outside space

These features benefit the light and space of the building, but they have very significant benefits for the safety of young people and for the ease of running successful sessions. Currently, it is impossible to observe anyone or anything outside through the high-level windows. Activity must be indoors or out, and it is difficult to switch between the two because of supervision and safeguarding issues. The folding doors will mean that the outdoor and indoor space can be combined for a variety of activity so that sessions can maximise the use of the available space while maintaining the highest levels of supervision and safeguarding standards.

Use of the hut by other community organisations

A question was raised as to whether the Hut would be open for rental by other community organisations. We would welcome requests from the community to book the Hut for ad hoc needs, however regular rental is incompatible with our use. It was explained that other than the time spent in sessions with the young people, the Hut is also regularly needed in the daytime by volunteers for a wide variety of tasks.

Examples of this include:

- Volunteers preparing for a camp or activity means laying out, checking and servicing equipment - e.g. sorting and labelling tent poles.
- After a camp tents must be hung out to dry from ropes that span the hut.
- Preparing for bike sales mean the hut is full of bikes during days in which volunteers are servicing, organising, photographing and listing bikes for sale.