

Project Alpha – 1st Dursley Scout Group Head Quarters

Project Alpha aims to secure a long term, financially viable Headquarters to meet the growing needs of the 1st Dursley Scout Group for the next 100 years. This may be achieved through the continued use of the existing Goodymeade Scout Hut, building a new Scout Hut or sharing an existing building with other organisations.

In order to achieve this aim, we will undertake a programme of work to:

1. Understand what the 1st Dursley Scout Group meeting space and storage requirements are for the foreseeable future;
2. Develop assessment criteria;
3. Evaluate the Goodymeade Scout Hut;
4. Identify and evaluate shared spaces in Dursley;
5. Identify and evaluate options for a new 1st Dursley Scout Hut, including costs for building a new Scout Hut;
6. Identify funding options for the repair of Goodymeade Scout Hut or building of a new Scout Hut;
7. Analyse and evaluate all options;
8. Undertaken consultation with the Group and District.

Project Alpha will make a recommendation to the 1st Dursley Scout Group as to the best option for a long term, financially viable Headquarters. In order to achieve this we will undertake a number of tasks as shown below.

We need your help to take 1st Dursley into the next 100 year. Can you help?

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Tasks 1: Identify Requirements

We undertake research to understand the physical and access requirements that the Group has, taking account of current and future needs. This will include:

- Availability - what nights of the week do we need access?
- What ad-hoc access is need? Daytime, weekends, committee meetings.
- What hall is needed?
 - Length, width, height
 - Floor type
- What outdoor space is needed?
 - Length, width
 - Floor type (grass, gravel, tarmac)/ level
- Is a kitchen required?
- Are side rooms required?
- What storage space (volume) is needed for weekly Meetings?
- What storage space is needed for camping and outdoor equipment?
 - Length, width, height
 - Floor type/level
 - Security
 - Humidly control, drying tents?

Task 2: Develop Assessment criteria

We will develop an assessment criteria for evaluation of all identified options. This will be based on requirements identified in task 1 and long term and financially viability of the option.

Really not sure how this will work yet!

Need to understand that the site meets the requirements.

Is it shared site? Does it have a financial future?

Do we need to invest?

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Task 3: Evaluate Goodymeade Scout Hut

We undertake a thorough evaluation of the Goodymeade Scout Hut using the assessment criteria developed under task 2. To support this we will:

- Review 2010 building survey report;
- Confirm what work was done on the building since the report;
- Evaluate the current material state of the building and understand associated costs if repair work is needed. Do we need a new building survey?;
- Review the 2009 valuation report;
- Commission a new valuation of the plot;
- Understand the strength/weakness/opportunities/risks of the Goodymeade Scout Hut.

Task 4: Identify and evaluate shared spaces in Dursley

We will undertake an activity to identify existing buildings and meeting spaces in Dursley that the Group could use.

We will engage with the Dursley Town Council to identify options. We will seek ideas and views from the Group's membership.

We will undertake site visits to the options identified and make an evaluation based on the assessment criteria developed in task 2. Potential options identified to date include:

- Community Centre on Rednock Drive;
- Kingshill House;
- Tab Church Hall;
- St Dominic's Church Hall;
- Vibe Youth Centre;
- Chantry Centre;
- High Fields Primary School;
- Breakheart Quarry;
- Cam House;
- Fire station.

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Task 5: Identify and evaluate options for a new 1st Dursley Scout Hut

We will undertake an activity to identify sites in Dursley that the Group could use.

We will engage with the Dursley Town Council and the Stroud Council Asset Managers to identify options. We will seek ideas and views from the Group's membership.

We will research associated costs for building a new Scout Hut, including:

- Building designs;
- Land costs;
- Building costs.

Task 6: Identify funding options

We will research and document funding options, for the repair of Goodymeade Scout Hut or building of a new Scout Hut. This will include time-scales associated with achieving the required funding levels.

Options for funding include:

- Sale of the Goodymeade Scout Hut plot;
- Cotswold Vale District – The Forge Funding support;
- Shanlee building futures competition <https://fundraising.scouts.org.uk/shanly-foundation>;
- Fund raising options:
 - Dursley United Charities;
 - S106
 - Rotary Club;
 - Lions;
 - Sainsbury's;
 - Tesco.

Task 7: Analyse, Evaluate and Report options

We will undertake an analyses and evaluation of all options identified, taking account of short and long-term needs, the ability for the option to meet the requirements and the financial impact to the Group. We will document our findings and make a recommendation as to the best option or options to take forward.

Task 8: Consultation

We will undertake consultation with the Group and the Cotswold Vale District to gain their approval.

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