

LA Scout HQ – update

A wholehearted thank you to everyone who supported the Scouts' proposal for a new HQ. The community's backing together with the commitment of our parish and ward councillors, contributed to a unanimous decision from North Somerset Council (NSC) planning committee to support the proposal.

Having reached a significant milestone in achieving a 'resolution to grant planning permission', the new scout HQ team is focused on the next exciting stages of the project.

Firstly, we need to work up and agree key aspects of the development with NSC. We need to agree designs for a safe vehicle and pedestrian access and put plans in place to protect ecology before we can take the planning permission further.

We also need to purchase and fence-off the site. People may notice wooden posts and stone being delivered and installed. Don't mistake this for the start of construction; we need to raise some money first!

We're growing our Scout HQ team to include two fundraisers. We'll need all their skills and the support of the community to get the building out of the ground – more on this in the coming weeks.

We're turning our attention to finalising the detailed design for the building and how to go about tendering the work. We're committed to creating a building that's right for the site, sympathetic to its location and benefits the whole community. We're looking for like-minded people and businesses that can support the build.

When might the new HQ open? Well, assuming we fundraise successfully through 2022 and we have a good 12-month run at construction, we should be opening the doors in time for Santa in 2023.

There will be lots of opportunities to help out. Please check out the Scout HQ Facebook page for latest updates on fundraising and how you can get involved.

In the meantime, please read our recruitment article and get in touch if you're able to help give young people the opportunity to benefit from Scouting. Thanks again to everyone for your continued support.