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**EVERY CHILD HAS THE
RIGHT TO AN ADVENTURE.**
Bear Grylls: our new Chief Scout



Item	Detail
Charity Name	6 th Bromsgrove Scout Group (Charity #: 508261)
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Project Title	<u>Proposal for Scout Hut Replacement</u>
Organisation Start Date:	Pre 1979
Group Aims & Objectives:	<p>The aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potentials, as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local, national and international communities. Membership is open to all.</p> <p>Scouting achieves this by offering challenge and adventure to 400,000 young people aged 6-25 in the UK. We help our Members fulfil their potential by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves. Through the adventure of Scouting, young people get to take risks in a safe environment, and have their first taste of responsibility. We give young people experiences they'll never forget by participating in a diverse range of activities from abseiling to zorbing as well as many more traditional Scouting skills like knots/pioneering and first aid. While each Group will undertake different activities, the main programme areas are: outdoor and adventure; global; community; fit for life; creative; and beliefs and attitudes.</p> <p>Scouts develop skills including teamwork, time management, leadership, initiative, planning, communication, self-motivation, cultural awareness and commitment. We help young people to get jobs, save lives and even change the world. It's a great way to have fun, make friends, get outdoors, express creativity and experience the wider world. Scouting also provides skills and award winning training to the various volunteers who support the Scout group in order to enable the various activities and opportunities to be offered, which benefit them in their work or personal lives.</p>
Community Benefit / Needs:	<p>Catshill has one of the top 10 claimant counts for unemployment benefit by 18-24 year olds in the County of Worcestershire's more than 110 wards (Source Worcestershire County Economic Summary December 2013). This has been a persistent problem over the past few years, as other documents refer to this being the case back in 2011 (source: NOMIS, County economic summary July 2011). This issue of youth unemployment has been a consistent area of focus for Worcestershire in the Council's Economic summary, and will become more important supporting the engagement of more 16-19 year olds as part of raising the participation age and reducing the numbers of those young people at risk of being classified as NEET. Catshill also has an outreach programme of The Trunk - a community interest company established by Bromsgrove Partnership Area's for the areas of highest needs project which commenced in 2009. From the 2011 census data young people under 24 represent almost 30% of Catshill's population and so this issue needs addressing with more youth engagement, and activities.</p> <p>After suffering decreasing membership numbers over a number of years coupled with a lack of volunteers the 6th Bromsgrove (Catshill) Scout Group was at severe risk of closure before a new executive committee was appointed late 2012. Whilst the immediate risk has passed, we desperately need to increase our profile in the community so we can engage the community and young people to help provide the activities to develop the skills for Catshill's younger generation to take into their lives as young adults in the community.</p>

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	Statistics from the Scout Association include; 92% of youth members say Scouting has helped them build relationships, 88% of youth members say Scouting has helped them develop key skills, 80% of companies and charities polled say that Scouting has benefitted their organisation and 41% of employers say that a Scouting background makes people more employable (source - Scouting in 2012: How we rate).																																				
Beneficiaries:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Young People (Male & Female) • Older People through Community support schemes: Do 1 Thing Community Week • Scouting is open to all and so can provide people from all sections of society. Non-discrimination and all-embracing is one of the core beliefs of Scouting 																																				
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Current Hut Usage:	Scouts: Thursdays Cubs: Mondays Beavers: Tuesdays – proposed from September Music Club: Occasion Wednesdays																																				
Potential Hut Usage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Music Club have expressed concern over the current location and negative impact as a result of local youths. They are interested in additional use if the location was more secure. • Increasing numbers of both Cub and Scout contingent is likely to result in additional group meetings being established. 																																				
Catchment Area:	Primarily Catshill & Marlbrook, but also including outlying areas. A catchment of more than 1300 young people under 24 (2011 census, representing almost 30% of the Casthill population),																																				
Current Activities supported:	Community Week Catshill fun Day Catshill Bonfire Night Community Litter Pick Community Care Home volunteer support Annual Group Camps Annual Patrol Leader and Sixer Camps Environmental Support of the Lickey Hills and green areas in and around Catshill Night Hikes Etc																																				

Local Issues being addressed:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arts & Culture • Health & Wellbeing • Social Inclusion • Community support & Development • Sport & Recreation • Racial & Cultural Integration • Education & Training • Employment & Labour • Religion • Volunteering
New Hut SWOT Analysis:	<p>Strengths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less Scout funds spent on maintenance on an aging hut – these costs are getting worse, year-on-year • Safer facility. • Current Hut has poor lighting, ceiling tiles missing or collapsing etc • New build = adherence to new regulations ensuring our Youngsters are in a safe environment • Improved security with storage of expensive kit • Improved profile of the Group within the community • Hygienic kitchen facility • Improved access –very poor in current location • Fit for purpose – not having to make-do <p>Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More activity opportunities available to Beavers, Cubs and Scouts with funds saved from reduced maintenance costs • Hot water – something the current hut doesn't have • Efficient heating – current situation is two old, inefficient gas heaters • LED lighting for more efficiencies <p>Weaknesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disconnected from park (but this may be a good thing as it will limit to 'interaction' with some of the less favourable youths who hang about there • Questionable move with some residents <p>Threats:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rental costs need to remain the same • Landowners future change of usage requirements

For any further information please contact me directly,

Regards



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