



The Endeavour Building Project 2021

September Newsletter and Update



The Endeavour (The Tudor style building which fronts the Green) home to Godstone's Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, was built by the parents and older scouts in 1937/8

The Group is very fortunate that a photographic record of the construction was made at the time and over the last few months the Group has shared a number of these photographs on social media.



Like many of us, as we get older things start to creak and bend and need some care and attention. The Endeavour is no different, needing major rebuilding of rear wall panels, new rear windows and frames and rebuilding the main front section as well.



Back in March 2020 the expected project cost was £52,000, so the Group started to apply for grants as well as initiating a local fundraising campaign which kicked off in March 2021. We were pleasantly surprised by how many people remember going to Cubs and Scouts or sending their children along and how well loved the building is.



Through the generosity of all, the Group was able to start work on the required repairs at the beginning of August 2021, having raised some £35,000 from charitable grants, £10,000 from businesses and organisations and £7,000 from individuals.



Good progress has been made during August and September, with the new window frames being installed and the brick infill panels being rebuilt. The project goals are to reuse as much material as possible with little new timber, glass and bricks being needed.



However the work has uncovered several other problems, and of course we are victim to the rising cost of building materials, steel and glass in particular, which has not only used the money we had raised when the work started in August but to need even more. Our current shortfall is about £10,000. It is particularly galling that we have to pay all the VAT on this project which is in the region of £11,000 alone.

Anyone can fundraise of our behalf and we encourage people to walk, run or raise money for us in whatever inventive or creative way they can. What can YOU do for us?

You can still donate either by cheque or cash to 1st Godstone Scout Group c/o 17, Bell Meadow or by using our Just Giving page @ www.justgiving.com/campaign/GodstoneEndeavour

It is the Group's intention to hold an Open Day once the work is complete, and to put together a photographic record of these works, so that future generations will be able to see how we have looked after this loved building.

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