

Tidworth Area Board- Youth Initiatives Project Funding Application Form 2013/14

1. What is your Project? (Describe what your project is about and the number of people who will be involved)

This project aims to provide improved resources for 1st Collingbournes Air Scout Group to update and enhance the resources available to all the sections, and particularly the recently re-opened scout troop (ages 10½ to 14 years), in the Collingbournes.

The Group is aiming by Q3 2014 to have 10 young people (both boys and girls) in each of the three sections (Beavers, age 6 and 7; Cubs, age 8 to 10½; Scouts, age 10½ to 14). The U.K. national census of 2011 shows the likely total numbers of young people now in the Collingbournes as: Beaver age – 43; Cub age - 34; Scout age - 78.

The Group is part of the Scout Association which has its H.Q. at Gilwell Park and is managed by its Trustees - a small committee of uniformed leaders along with non-uniformed chairman, secretary, treasurer and elected parents/supporters.

2. Where is the project taking place?

In the Collingbournes. The Group sections each meet at the Collingbourne Kingston Village Hall once a week.

3. When will the project take place?

Equipment will be purchased in spring 2014 for continuing use.

4. How did you come up with your project idea and who have you involved? (e.g. youth worker, teacher, parish council, other young people).

The young people in the scout group have themselves asked for some improvements to the Group's resources (see below) and more activities such as camps and nights away. Also, Leaders want to improve the range of the resource base to introduce new skills such as bushcraft and axemanship.

In addition, both the Collingbournes Parish Councils have recently supported the Group in terms of helping with the costs of hiring the meeting place, insurance and safeguarding services to a total of £900.

5. What will be the benefits of your project for the young people involved? (What will they learn? What new skills will they develop? How will it make their lives better?)

The scouts themselves have requested improvements to their existing archery equipment so they can progress to a higher level than currently possible. From cub age, the young people have been instructed in using bare-bow and point-of-aim technique but the older scouts want to move on to Olympic style with sights etc. The scouts have also asked that left-handed people are better catered for by buying another left-hand bow.

The scouts have pointed out that some of the camp cooking equipment is decidedly tired and old-hat, commenting that some old metal billy-cans seem to date back to Lord Baden-Powell himself. They would like to move these into the 21st century to be more practical for camping and outdoor use – and for practicing summer BBQing skills.

Geo-caching is a recent outdoor innovation and there are some simple routes already on-line for the Collingbournes area ideal for both scouts and the general public. Outdoor activities such as geo-caching need both good maps and simple GPS receivers suitable for walking and hiking – the group have some good recent maps but one or two extra would be useful, and a couple of modern but simple GPS receivers will be necessary too. The scouts can both follow existing routes as an ideal outdoor activity and plot and upload new ones for others (including the general public) to follow.

Traditional scout skills include the safe use of knives and axes along with fire lighting and other survival skills.

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Currently the Group has no knives and so cannot teach their safe and responsible use for bushcraft, whittling etc. or using axes for firewood when camping.

The Scout Association has strict mandatory requirements for leader training – these include first aid, permits to take other people’s children away overnight and current recognised national certification for activities such as archery, mountain biking, hill walking etc. All the Group’s young people have asked for and are keen to have nights way with the Group and to take part in adventurous activities. While some of these training courses are free, many are fee paying.

6. Who will Project Manage this project? (tell us if you will be getting any help from your youth worker, parents, teachers, parish council or others)

The seven uniformed leaders and potential leader (more leaders always needed) along with the other Trustees will manage the project, aided as necessary by parents and the scouts themselves.

7. Tell us how much your project will cost. (List all the things you need to buy or pay for to run your project). List any money you have raised yourself or have had donated to the project and tell us how much you are applying to the area board for.

Over the past years, the Group has raised funds and procured archery equipment to the value of about £1,250. Similarly, that camp cooking equipment which does not need replacing is probably worth a similar amount. This project seeks to upgrade the Group’s resource base as above with the following:

Archery sights (8)	£153	Extra arrows (12)	£ 72	Left hand bow	£ 80
Target butt	£ 33				
Stowaway pan sets (3)	£ 76	Ghillie kettles (2)	£ 76	Hand axes (2)	£ 40
Bushcraft knives (6)	£122				
Explorer maps	£ 34	Basic G.P.S.s (2)	£160	Firesteels (3)	£ 24
Training courses	£160				

Total requested from Tidworth Area Board: £ 791.00

8. How will you know your project has been successful? (What ideas have you got for finding out how people liked the project, how they enjoyed it and if they have developed any new skills?).

The new resources will be incorporated into the weekly programme of activities. The expected take up of the more advanced archery and G.P.S. navigation equipment will demonstrate its popularity.

Similarly, outdoor activities using the new camp cooking and bushcraft kit will provoke feedback from both the young people and the Leaders.

Hopefully, all the scout group members will want to use all the equipment more as they learn about it and enjoy widening their horizons using it.

Signed: Michael E Cox
Chair of Trustees.

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