

Application for Rent Discount for the Scout HQ Central Cross Drive.



The Scout Group is a registered charity - Reg. No. 1021252 ; so is eligible for a 20% discount as a charity under CBC Corporate Strategy.

There are grounds under the criteria set by CBC, for additional discounts, under the objectives identified in the council's Corporate Strategy, or the every child matters outcomes. Below is the evidence upon which we believe that this judgement should be based:-

1. Enhancing and Protecting our Environment.

The 10th Cheltenham (All Saints') Scout Group (and associated Explorer Unit 'Bob's Dinosaurs') - like all Scouting Groups engages with environmental issues. In developing camp skills, and in various outdoor activities we encourage a responsible attitude to the environment; we particularly encourage low environmental impact camping - encouraging recycling and best environmental practise. We have raised money in the past for Water Aid, and regularly explore environmental issues as part of our programmes we are looking to working towards the group Environmental Award.

2. Strengthening our Economy.

In developing individual's skills, we hopefully help their long term Economic well being; we use local suppliers where ever possible, when carrying out building work, or when purchasing supplies.

3. Strengthening Communities.

The Group and Unit - caters for young people aged from 6 - 18 years. A number of children within the Group come from disadvantaged communities - such as Whaddon, and St Paul's, a few coming from single parent homes. Children within the Group belong to eight different primary schools, and within the scout Troops and Explorer Unit belong to nine secondary schools - some being in the independent sector. One of the strengths of the Group and Unit is the blend of young people from different social backgrounds working together as a team.

Both Group and Unit, have also been involved in actively supporting community projects (6 Days given over to this in 2013), contributing to the Time Capsule at Pittville Park Gates; and in raising money for charities - later this year will see £1,500 presented to Help for Heroes which has been raised over the last 18 months; previously we have raised money for St Vincent's, and Water Aid.

4. Enhancing the provision of Arts and Culture.

Creative activities are part of our programme, and we have run Gang Shows, and members of our sections have sung together as a choir at Church Parades and other events, but we are not an arts provider in any wider sense.

5. A focus on improving the life chances of Children & Young People.

The Group and Unit, improve life chances by helping individuals develop their sense of self worth and confidence - a number of members have learning issues, and their progress in scouting has been a major factor in encouraging them to believe in their ability to overcome obstacles. Scouting with its emphasis on team work, and on outdoor activity enhances young people's choice of healthy life styles - one of the Explorer Leaders is the County Water Adviser - and the unit has a focus on D of E, and Kayaking activities (and the associated aspects of service); the Scout Group's programme prepares the ground for these activities. As a church sponsored Group we also take the development of individual's spiritual and ethical well being seriously.

6. Financial and Business Management.

The Group celebrated its Centenary in 2010, and is one of only two local Scout Groups to have run continuously without break since 1910. Attached are the accounts for 2012, the last official set of audited accounts (the accounting year runs Jan - Dec, and accounts are presented and agreed at the Group AGM in May each year - the 2013 accounts are in preparation at present. The Group has provision in place to provide financial support to young members who cannot meet the cost of activities, or their subscription to the movement (includes insurance) - in 'Richard's Fund'; with the agreement of the Trustees, on the recommendation of the GSL and Treasurer.

Dr. Tim Winder (Group Scout Leader).