

1st Connah's Quay Scout HQ

Community Grant Programme



Organisation:
1st Connah's Quay
Scout HQ

Project:
Replacement of the
Scout HQ roof

Beneficiaries: Over
200 boys and girls

Location: Flintshire

Region: Wales

£15,000k

awarded to help
towards the cost of
a new roof



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Community Grant Case Study

1st Connah's Quay Scout HQ is the oldest scout group in Wales and has been running for over 100 years. Beaver, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer sections have over 200 boys and girls (aged between 6 and 18) who take part in activities every week.

The scout hut is not directly impacted by National Grid works however, it is located about half a mile from Connah's Quay power station in Flintshire, North Wales.

Replacement of the scout HQ roof

Over the past five years the scout group has been slowly carrying out a much needed refurbishment on their hut. To date they have installed double glazed windows, insulated walls, carried out kitchen and toilet upgrades and added new furniture. However, the old corrugated roof dating back to 1959 is no longer fit for purpose, as it constantly needs patching up and loses a lot of heat.

A new roof would be the final part of the makeover, helping to increase the life of the building for the benefit of the community.

The scout group applied for a National Grid Community Grant and were successfully awarded a grant for £15,000 to help towards the cost of a new roof. This was on the basis that the new roof will help make the hut more energy efficient and helps to provide some long-term security for local community activities.

Commenting on the impact of the grant David Rowland, Group Chairman said: 'We are extremely grateful for the support received from National Grid through a Community Grant.'

'The building can now continue to provide scouting activities in the community of Connah's Quay for at least the next 50 years. Our building is also loaned to other scout and guide groups and members of the community that we know well.'

'The refurbishment has certainly helped to boost the numbers of people who now use the facilities. We could not have finished our project without the support from the Community Grant Programme.'

After visits to the project area by local schools and community groups their feedback made it clear that improved access to the site should be a priority to encourage repeat visits.